

# St. John the Evangelist

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## Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses:

8:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM

Spanish Mass: 2:00 PM

Weekday Masses:

Monday—Friday 7 AM

Weekday Adoration:

Every Friday following Mass

7:30 AM-8:30 AM

Holy Days:

Vigil Mass: 6:00 PM

Holy Day: 7:00 AM and 12:00 PM

Confession:

30 minutes before Vigil Mass

And anytime by request

all the other Masses

First Friday Adoration

7 AM - 5 PM

Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

First Saturday Devotion:

8:00 AM: Confession, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary

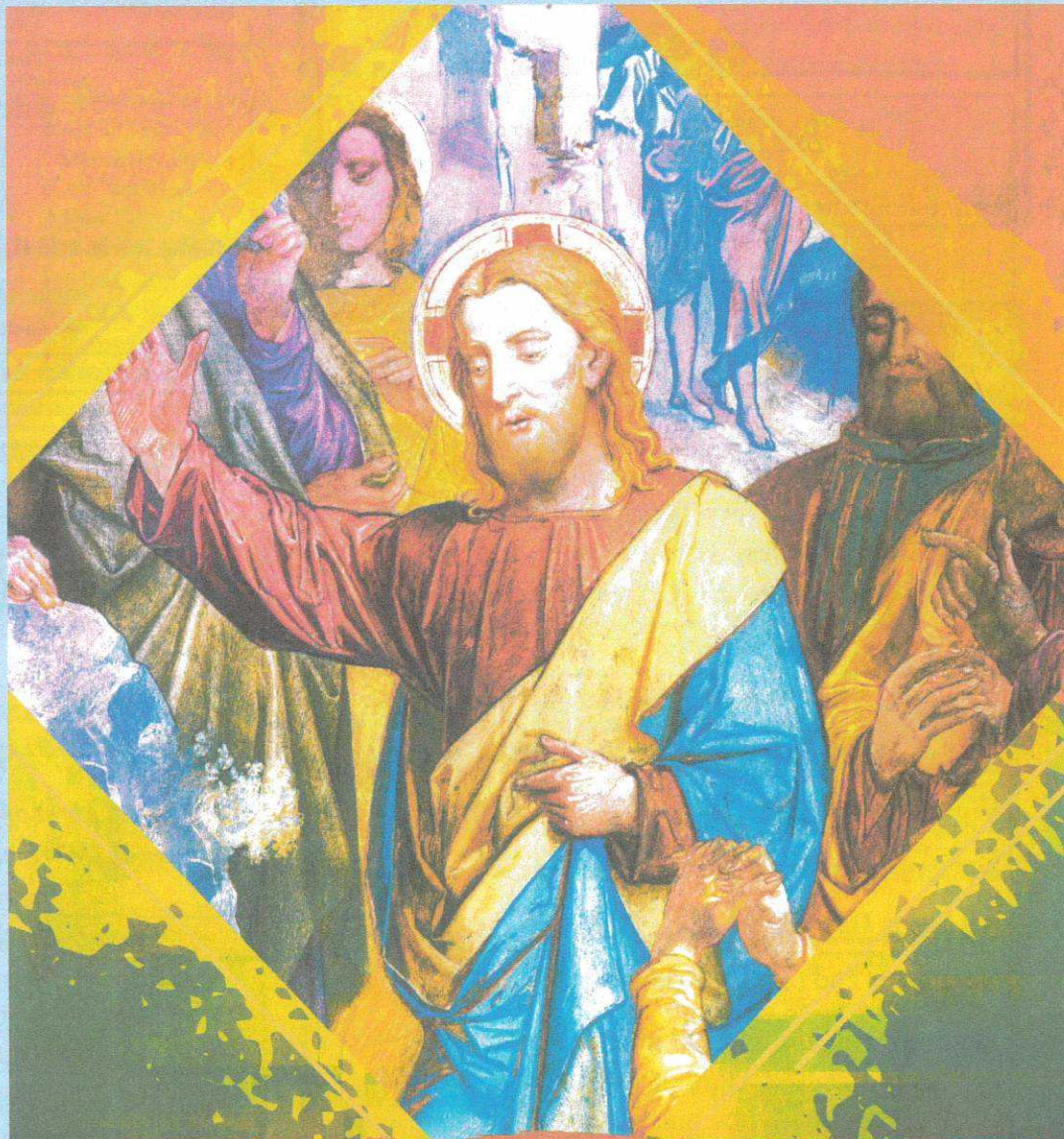
9:00 AM: Healing Mass

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## October 15, 2023



## 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find." - Mt 22:9

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For Peace

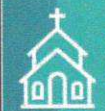


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## Welcome to St. John the Evangelist!

Whether you're just visiting for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we are happy you're here! To learn more about St. John, please visit [stjohngulfport.org](http://stjohngulfport.org).

If you are new to the parish, please go to our website and click on the "New Parishioner" tab.



## Parish Office Hours

Office hours are Monday thru Friday: 9 am to 3 pm.  
Office phone number: 228-864-2272  
Father Mike: 850-288-0155

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST EVENTS

Rescue project: Every Monday, 6 PM  
Knights of Columbus: 1st & 3rd Wednesday - 6:30 PM  
Grief & Loss Support Group Tuesday Jan 2, 2024 4 PM  
Legion of Mary: Every Thursday - 10:30 AM  
OCIA classes: Every Thursday 6pm  
Young at Heart: Oct 19 12:00 noon

## MASS SCHEDULE

### All Saints Day Masses( Holy Day of Obligation)

Vigil Mass: 6 PM October 31  
November 1st & 7 AM, 12 PM

### All Souls Day Masses

November 2nd (Thursday) 7 AM

November 2nd (Thurs) 7 PM (Remembrance Mass)

You may pick up your All Souls Day Remembrance envelope in the back of the church. Please list the deceased family members and friends that you want to be remembered and place the envelope in the collection basket. These envelopes will be placed on the Altar at the 7 PM All Souls Mass and they will remain on the altar through the month of November.

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
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# Thanksgiving Raffle



**Grand Prize \$10,000.00**  
**Ticket price: \$100**  
**Total tickets to be sold: 500**


**Additional Prizes**  
**(1) \$250.00**  
**(4) \$150.00**

**Drawing will be held at 5 PM on November 18th at Presentation Hall.**

(ONE TICKET ADMITS 2 FOR DINNER AND LIVE DRAWING)  
**You do not have to be present to win.**

**Tickets are available: see the ushers, Father, or get them from the office.**


## THE HEALING FACE OF JESUS



### HEALING MINISTRY OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BILOXI

*A night of Healing with Adoration,  
Prayers of Deliverance, Sacrament of Reconciliation,  
Anointing of the Sick and  
One-on-One Pastoral Counseling*

**Wednesday, October 25th 6:30 pm**  
**St Alphonsus Parish, 502 Jackson Ave**  
**Ocean Springs, MS**



The flowers were placed on the altar this weekend in memory of Helen Hackett by Helen Youngens.


**Happy Birthday blessings this week are extended to:**

Harry Bishop, Dawson Malley, Oct 16  
Ken Gervais, Kasandra Seymour, Oct 17  
Gerald Cooper, Marcella Janus, Oct 18  
Jonathan Papania, Oct 18  
Willaim Frommeyer, Charlotte Gannon, Oct 19  
Angela Papania, Oct 19  
Teresa Harrison, Thomas Papania, Oct 20

**May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!**

✠ *We pray for all the sick, especially:* ✠


Celeste Guy	Monica Manuel	Harriett Bowles
Peggy Ryland	Naomi Patton	Dean Bowles
Suzanne King	Melanie Renee	Carl Necaie
Ronnie Wade	Abe Kassiss	Alma Dedeaux
John Cuevas	Amy Wheeler	
David McGuffie	Catrin Bosch	Parishioners of
Cathy Bond	Justina Arnold	St. John the
Joann Hoda	Joyce McIntosh	Evangelist
Wade Shoemaker	Matt Hill	



**SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

### BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Fr Mike will be blessing animals at Presentation Hall on Saturday Oct 21st at 2pm. Bring your pets!!



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	✠ Glenn Carter
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	✠ Alex North
		✠ SJ Marengo
		✠ Kris Allen
		✠ Curt Arleth
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	People of the Parish Anyone with birthdays, anniversaries
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	✠ Emily Webber
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	✠ Mary Ann Bishop
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	✠ Mackie & Carolyn Fayard
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	✠ Joseph Romano
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	✠ Martin Crane
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	✠ Kendall Dedeaux

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### Last Week's Collection:

**Identified: (checks): \$1500.00 (cash): \$251.00**

**Loose: (checks): \$ 2205.00 (cash): \$816.00**

**ACH Direct Debit: \$110.00 Egiving: \$356.75**

**Spanish Collection: \$875.00**

**Total: \$6113.00**


*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Second Collections**  
**October 21, 22**      **Christmas Flowers**

## PARISH LIFE

### Young at Heart

We invite our senior parishioners to join us for our monthly luncheon starting October 19th at 12pm. A main dish will be provided and you are welcome to bring a side dish or desert. There will be bingo and fellowship in Presentation Hall. Call the office for more information. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us also!!



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## 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Sunday October 15

Isaiah 25:6-10a  
Ps 23:1-6  
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20  
Matthew 22:1-14

### Monday October 16

Romans 1:1-7  
Ps 98:1-4  
Luke 11:29-32

### Tuesday October 17

#### St. Ignatius of Antioch

Romans 1:16-25  
Ps 19:2-5  
Luke 11:37-41

### Wednesday October 18

#### St. Luke, Evangelist

2 Timothy 4:10-17b  
Ps 145:10-13, 17-18  
Luke 10:1-9

### Thursday October 19

#### Sts. Isaac Jogues & John de Brébeuf, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Romans 3:21-30  
Ps 130:1b-6b  
Luke 11:47-54

### Friday October 20

Romans 4:1-8  
Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11  
Luke 12:1-7

### Saturday October 21

Romans 4:13, 16-18  
Ps 105:6-9, 42-43  
Luke 12:8-12

In today's Gospel, Jesus addresses the problem of fakers: people who try to win his friendship by being religious and showing up for the banquet without entering into a genuine relationship with God.

You know the type: They are friendly as long as it works to their own advantage. They do good deeds but only when it's convenient. They perform Catholic rituals perfectly during Mass but at home they don't even take time to pray. Their faith is so shallow that distractions easily keep them away from Mass. When their relationship with you requires sacrifice or repentance, they abandon you.

Genuine Christians are identified by the presence of God's love within them radiating outward and blessing others, especially when it's not easy to love.

Jesus shows us in today's parable how to handle the fakers. The invitation to join the party is open to everyone, but when people want only the fun of being a friend of God and they ignore the hard work of sharing his love with others, God sets up

boundaries against them.

Think of the people you've invited to your banquet table, i.e., into a healthy, Godly relationship, but they've tried to reshape it according to their unhealthiness and immorality. We should



love them but not within harmful circumstances. We should do our own part to make the relationship healthy, but when others do not do their part, they've already abandoned the relationship.

God asks us to carry the cross of doing everything possible to invite them to repentance, conversion, and healing. However,

healthy boundaries need to remain in place, and when our efforts are fruitless, eventually God says it's time to let go and move on.

And always, we're to go back out into the byroads to find those who genuinely value Godly friendships.

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † How many Godly, healthy friendships do you really have?
- † Where can you go to find more people who want to be in a holy, Christ-centered, faith-building relationship with you?
- † What makes a friendship truly good?
- † How do you know when the time has come to say no to an unhealthy, unholy relationship? How have you handled it?
- † Where have you gone to find support and healing and growth?

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 15, 2023

### 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

I confess that I have a soft spot for the scary things Jesus says because they are usually ignored. But there's gold in them thar hills, if we have courage to look. This week Jesus gives us a terrifying warning in his parable about the king who gives a marriage feast for his son and promptly goes berserk when people don't respond. The point: those who do not properly respond to God's generous invitation will face totally devastating consequences. The invitees who don't show up get their city burned to the ground. The poor homeless man is tortured for not wearing the correct clothes. Scary indeed.

Is Jesus trying to intimidate or bully us into following him? No, because that is certainly not how he treats anyone in the Gospels. A better view is this: to Jesus, your life *matters*. The universe is not an empty wasteland where anything goes. It is a theater of love offered and either accepted or rejected. How easy it can be to glide through life thinking my life doesn't make a difference. But it does. It really does.

This should not only be sobering but exhilarating. The positive side of the negative in Jesus' scary parables is the thrill and joy that he is inviting us, therefore our lives matter a great deal. There is a reason to get up in the morning. God's generous love is relentlessly calling us. True, obstinately saying no through our indifference is a catastrophe for us and those around us. But how wonderful must the consequences of our 'yes' be?

— Father John Muir

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### Priests & Marriage Counseling

**Question:** How can a priest counsel people about marriage when he has never been married?

**Answer:** If a marriage counselor is in a bad marriage does that mean that he or she will be a bad counselor? If one's counseling ability depended upon first-hand experience, would that require counselors to be perfect before they can help others? Obviously not. Some of the skills necessary to help others do come out of personal life experience. But you don't need personal, first-hand experience in order to understand something. We would not think that a doctor, who is an oncologist, would not be able to treat cancer because he himself has never been sick. We also would not expect every doctor to treat cancer. It is the same with priests.

Essentially marriage is a relationship and we've all been involved in different kinds of relationships: in our family, with our friends, and with God. And so counseling people about marriage is really helping them to look at the issues that really are part of their relationship, finding ways to better understand themselves in relationship to one another and in relationship to God. In many ways a priest's training, background, and experience, as well as his personal knowledge of many different relationships in families and couples, gives him a broad background from which to draw upon. Most priests are quite capable of helping couples prepare for marriage and discussing the issues that are important as they begin their life together. And they do not do it alone. With the help of married couples and specially trained counselors, most parishes offer a very good preparation for the sacrament of marriage. ©LPi

### SECTION TWO THE PROFESSION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH THE CREEDS

Such syntheses are called 'professions of faith' since they summarize the faith that Christians profess. They are called 'creeds' on account of what is usually their first word in Latin: *credo* ("I believe"). They are also called "symbols of faith."<sup>187</sup> The Greek word *symbolon* meant half of a broken object, for example, a seal presented as a token of recognition. The broken parts were placed together to verify the bearer's identity. The symbol of faith is a summary of the principal truths of the faith and therefore serves as the first and fundamental point of references for catechesis. #188

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## Diocese of Biloxi

### CALLED BY NAME



October 15, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

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As you know, our diocese has a great need for "more workers for the harvest." I firmly believe that our future priests and sisters will come from our own parishes and schools, but we need the entire Church to identify them, so that we can offer support and encouragement as they discern their vocations.

Next weekend, as you reflect upon the vocation story shared by your priest, please consider the following:

#### 1) For Young People

For those of you discerning your life's vocation, be open to the priesthood or religious life. God's calling is a beautiful gift – be courageous and open to his call! Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the full. Do not be afraid. If God is calling you to the priesthood or religious life, then nothing less will satisfy.

#### 2) For All Parishioners

I invite you to think deeply about the youth & young adults in your parish who you believe might have a calling to the priesthood or religious life. While God is the one who calls, he often uses our voices. **Please write down at least one name using the envelope provided at Mass, or submit names online at [biloxivocations.org](https://biloxivocations.org).**

This initiative is near to my heart, and I ask you to please participate thoughtfully, so that it will be a great success throughout the diocese. And please join me in praying that the Lord will raise up many new leaders who are intentional disciples for the future of the Church!

May God bless you,  
Most Reverend Louis F. Kihneman, III

## 1st SATURDAY HEALING MASS

The first Saturday Mass will be a healing Mass. The Mass will begin at 9am the first Saturday of every month and will be a bi-lingual mass.



### Discipleship Quads

There is a signup sheet in the back of the church for those interested in becoming part of a Discipleship Quad.

Visit the link below for more information on what it is and how to form your quad:

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