

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 29, 2023



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

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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.

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

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.



First Friday Adoration

First Friday is November 3rd from 7:30am until 5:00pm. A sign up sheet is in the back of the church outside of the Memorial Room. Please consider spending an hour with Jesus! He loves you so very much!

First Saturday Devotion 8:00am November 4th. (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, & Confession)

Healing Mass will begin at 9:00am.



The flowers were placed on the altar this weekend by Ben & Susie Mamaril in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.

Happy Birthday blessings this week are extended to:

Preston Dedeaux, Lonnie Myer, Peg Saxon, Oct 28

Larry Dedeaux Sr., James Smith, Oct 30

Sandra Cooper, Oct 31

Sarah Davis, Charles Smith, Nov 2

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

✠ We pray for all the sick, especially: ✠

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

Congratulations to Our Parishioners

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

James & Mary Ann Smith, 54 yrs on Nov 2nd

Gene & Marcella Janus, 54 yrs on Nov 8th

May God bless them with many more happy years together!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Saturday | 4:00 PM | ✠Cathy Miller |
| Sunday | 8:00 AM | ✠People of the Parish Anyone with birthdays, anniversaries |
| | 10:30 AM | ✠ Kendall Dedeaux ✠Curt Arleth (Special intention Julia Langford) |
| | 5:00 PM | ✠Kris Allen |
| Monday: | 7:00 AM | ✠ Mackie & Carolyn Fayard |
| Tuesday: | 7:00 AM | ✠Cecil & Margaret Dubuisson |
| | 6:00 PM | ✠James Allen |
| Wednesday: | 7:00 AM | ✠ Nellie & Leon Papania |
| | 12:00 NOON | ✠Alex North |
| Thursday: | 7:00 AM | ✠ All Souls |
| Friday: | 7:00 AM | ✠ All Souls |

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Last Week's Collection:

Identified: (checks): \$ 2085.00 (cash): \$186.00

Loose: (checks): \$1475.00 (cash): \$1014.00

ACH Direct Debit: \$110.00 Egiving: \$996.70

Spanish Collection: \$585.00

Total: \$6451.00

Christmas Flowers: \$1163.00

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH LIFE



Congratulations To Mary Repp for receiving the Lumen Christi. Thanks to Mary for all of her dedication, devotion and love to and for our Dear Lord and her kind service to others.

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday October 29

Ex 22:20-26

Ps 18:2-4,47,51

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Matthew 22:34-40

Monday October 30

Romans 8:12-17

Ps 68:2,4,6-7b,20-21

Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday October 31

Romans 8:18-25

Ps 126:1b-6

Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday November 1

Solemnity of All Saints

Revelation 7:2-4,9-14

Ps 24:1b-4b,5-6

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12a

Thursday November 2

All Souls Day

Wis 3:1-9

Psalm 23:1-6

Rom 6:3-9

John 6:37-40

Friday November 3

Romans 9:1-5

Ps 147:12-15,19-20

Luke 14:1-6

Saturday November 4

St. Charles Borromeo, Bp

Romans 11:1-2a,11-12,

25-29

Ps 94:12-13a,14-15,17-18

Luke 14:1,7-11

Today's Gospel reading reminds us that we cannot love God without loving ourselves and others, but God must always come first.

When we have difficulty loving God with all our heart, mind and soul all the time, every day, every moment, no matter what's going on, it's because we're spending too much time focused on other people and/or on our own plans and wishes.

Yes, we must focus on others in order to love them. And yes we must focus on our own needs so that we can love others as *much* as we love ourselves. Our own needs are important and we are responsible for seeing that our needs get met; otherwise we don't have enough to share with others – enough energy or enthusiasm or kindness or patience. Likewise, we shouldn't focus so much on ourselves that we neglect the needs of others.

So the question then becomes: What are the priorities? In other words: How much time should we spend alone with God? How much time should we spend nurturing ourselves? How much of our time and needs and wants should be

sacrificed for the sake of others?

Interestingly, we find the right balance only after we put God first and make our relationship with him our highest priority.



This divine friendship is what heals us in our unmet needs. It's what empowers us to love others even when they are difficult to love. And we don't have to be alone with God all day to have intimacy with him.

We love him first and foremost simply by relying on him for success in loving others

and ourselves. If we keep turning to him for guidance, healing and strength, we are loving him with all our heart, mind and soul all the time, every day, every moment, no matter what's going on.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † How good are you at setting priorities and keeping God at the top?
- † What puts your priorities out of order?
- † What can you do to increase God's role in your everyday life?
- † Describe some of the techniques you've used to increase God's priority in your everyday life.
- † How has focusing on your relationship with God helped you to be more loving to yourself and kinder toward others?

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 29, 2023

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our secularized culture, we all struggle with belief in God, at least to some degree. An atheist man named Robert Bridges once wrote to his friend, the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, asking how he could possibly learn to believe in God. Hopkins pithily responded: "Give alms." Would that help someone tempted by atheism today, like you and me?

I think so, and here's why. This week Jesus speaks of love for God and neighbor. These dual commands were nothing new when Jesus used them to sum up the Jewish law. What is new is the way he links them together in mutual dependency. In Jesus, God and man have become one. Human-love and God-love are now inseparably married forever.

The newness of the God-man means that there is now a permanently counter-intuitive way into the knowledge and love of God: love of our neighbor. To experience charity is to know God. That's what Hopkins was getting at for his friend. How we treat our fellow human beings is inseparable from faith in God. Do you want to have a stronger sense of God's loving presence and goodness? Commit to serving someone today and this week. Love him or her. Don't wait for love for God to appear in your heart before loving others. Jesus has united divine and human love. If you want to believe more in God, give alms.

— Father John Muir

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SECTION TWO THE PROFESSION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH THE CREEDS

And so the Creed is divided into three parts: "the first part speaks of the first divine Person and the wonderful work of creation; the next speaks of the second divine Person and the mystery of his redemption of men; the final part speaks of the third divine Person, the origin and source of our sanctification." These are "the three chapters of our [baptismal] seal." 190

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH (SECOND EDITION)

Coming Back to Church

Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be. ©LPi

SILVER ROSE

Bishop Gunn Council 1583 Knights of Columbus hosted the Silver Rose prayer service on October 25th.

