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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

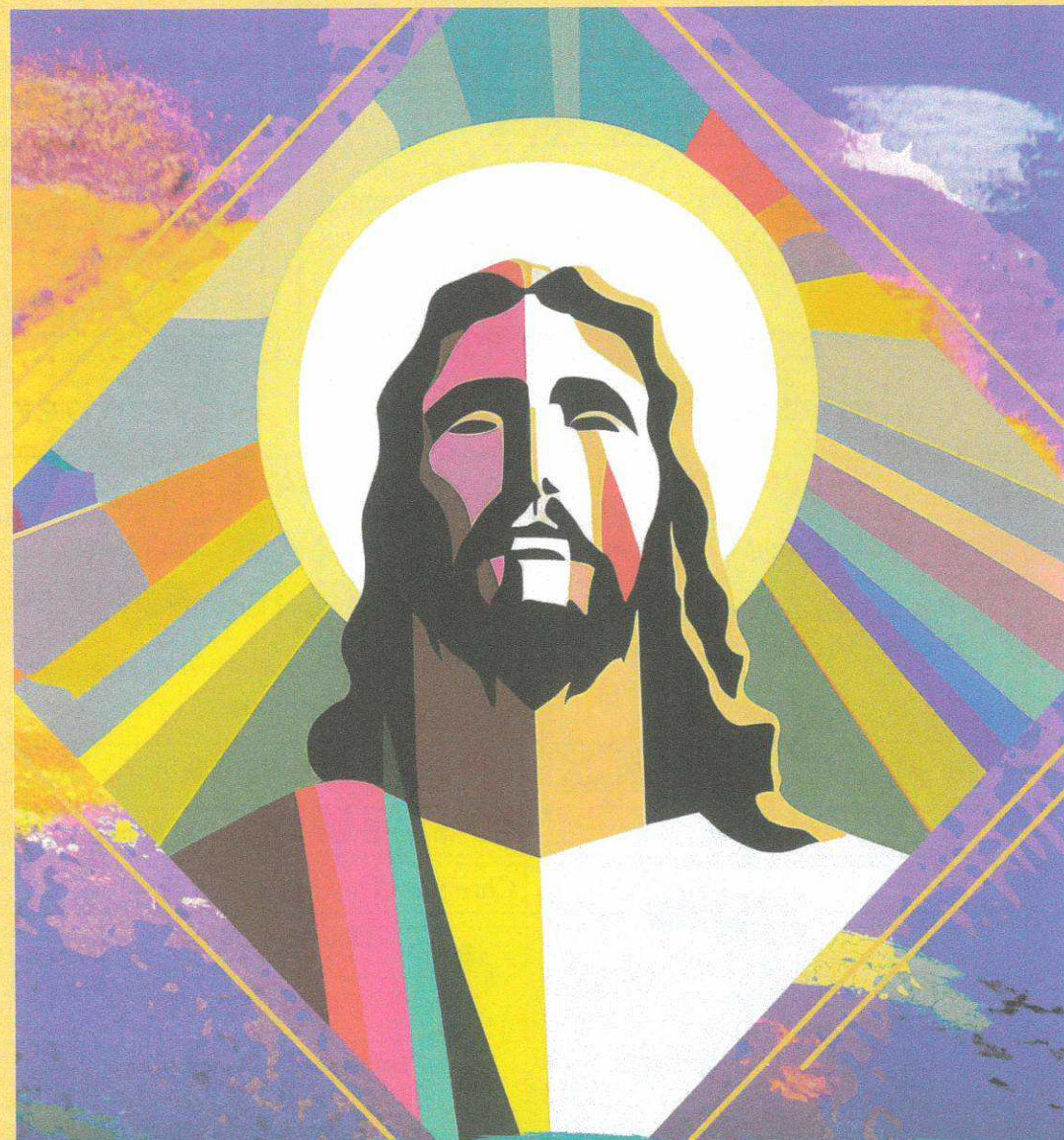
9:00 AM: Healing Mass

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November 19, 2023



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more." - Mt 25:20

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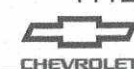
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Welcome to St. John the Evangelist!

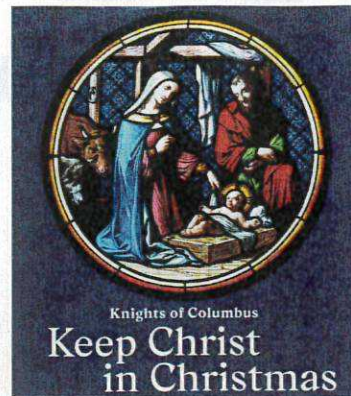
Whether you're just visiting for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we are happy you're here! To learn more about St. John, please visit stjohngulfport.org.

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



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a 'Keep Christ in Christmas' poster contest for children ages 5-14. The children are asked to draw or color a picture of what it means to them to keep Christ in Christmas. Applications and supplies will be handed out Nov 26 and Dec 3. Please return no later than Dec 17. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners in 3 age groups (5-7, 8-10, 11-14). We look forward to seeing all of your beautiful artwork!!

Calendar of Activities for November and December

ACTIVITY	DATE	LOCATION
Thanksgiving Day Mass	Nov 23rd 9AM (no 7am Mass)	Church
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day	Vigil Mass Dec 7th 6pm Dec 8th Masses are 7am and 1200noon	Church
Our Lady of Guadalupe	December 12th 3:00AM	
Christmas	Christmas Eve Mass (24th) 4pm only Christmas Day Mass 9am only	Church
Posadas	Dec 15 7:00pm	Presentation Hall
REGULAR EVENTS		
Knights of Columbus	1st & 3rd Wednesday	KC Hall
Legion of Mary	Every Thursday at 10:30 am	Church dining room
OCIA classes	Every Thursday at 6pm	
Grief & Loss Support Group	Tuesday January 2, 2024	Church dining room
Young at Heart	Thursday Dec 7, 11:00am	Presentation Hall

Happy Birthday blessings this week are extended to:

Suzanne Bowles, Melissa Michelli, Nov 18
Tanya Fayard, Quinn Frommeyer, Nov 19
Julio Cartagena, Josephine Six, Nov 20
Olivia Daho, Nov 21
David Crane, Nov 23
Mike Mensi, Nov 24
Kurt Ladner, Nov 255

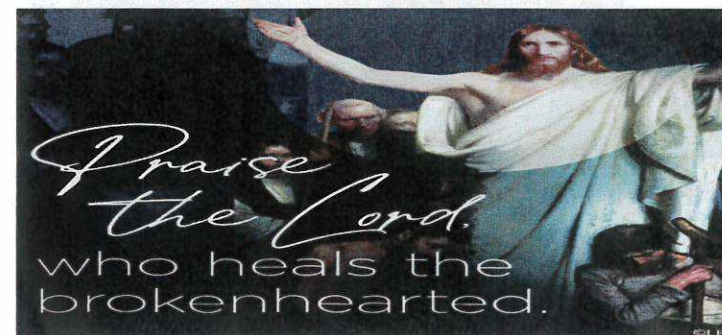
May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

✠ We pray for all the sick, especially: ✠

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	4:00 PM	✠ Skip Ryland
Sunday	8:00 AM	✠ Anthony Verin Davis
		✠ John Windham
		✠ Theodore Autin
		✠ Vincent & Helen Dauro
		✠ Charles Underwood
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish Anyone with birthdays, anniversaries
	5:00 PM	✠ Kris Allen
Monday:	7:00 AM	✠ Shawn Dubuisson
Tuesday:	7:00 AM	✠ Mackie & Carolyn Fayard
Wednesday:	7:00 AM	✠ Bea Miller
Thursday:	9:00 AM	✠ Bill Norton
Friday:	7:00 AM	NO MASS



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Spanish Collection: \$859.00

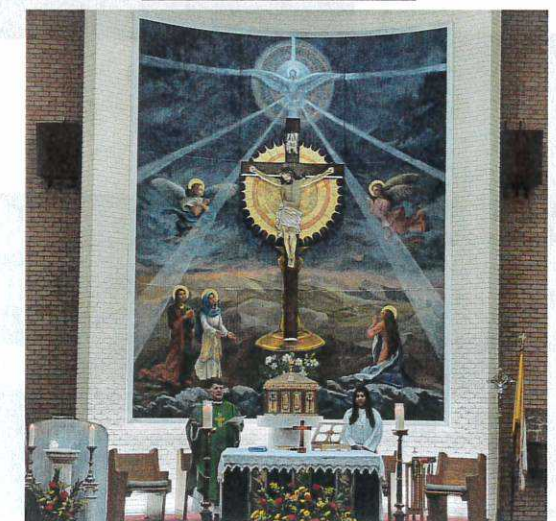
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2nd Collection:

Dec 2-3 Church Renovations
Dec 9-10 Retired Religious

PARISH LIFE



33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday November 19

Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
Ps 128:1-5
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30

Monday November 20

1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63
Ps 119:53,61,134,150,155,158
Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday November 21

2 Macabees 6:18-31
Ps 3:2-7
Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday November 22

St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr
2 Macabees 7:1,20-31
Ps 17:1bcd,5-6,8b,15
Luke 19:11-28

Thursday November 23

Thanksgiving Day
Sirach 50:22-24
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Luke 17:11-19

Friday November 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest,
and Companions, Martyrs
1 Macabees 4:36-37,52-59
1 Chr 29:10b-12d
Luke 19:45-48

Saturday November 25

1 Macabees 6:1-13
Ps 9:2-4,6,16,19
Luke 20:27-40

kingdom of God? Now is the time to open wide your potential and release your talents into God's plans!

We are all gifted "enough" to make a difference for God's kingdom, because our abilities come from him. We're his servants, and it's up to him, not us, to decide what we're capable of doing. Even the homebound and the bedridden have a divine purpose that can be accomplished in their

This Sunday's Gospel reading reminds us not to bury the gifts that God has given us. To do so is to be a "wicked, lazy servant!"

Ouch.

We all have at least one buried talent. There's more we could be doing for the kingdom of God, but we think: "Not me. I'm not gifted enough" or "Someone else can do it better" or "God can't be telling me to do *that*" or "I don't have the time, the financial resources, the know-how, or good enough health".

There's no holy excuse for wasting anything good that God has given us, but sadly it happens quite often, because we don't realize how necessary our talents are for the Church and our joint mission of spreading Christ's influence upon the world.

What's pushing your gifts and talents aside? What's interfering with your usefulness to the

circumstances and sufferings. Often, these precious people are very powerful prayer warriors and have some of the soundest wisdom on earth.



Have you wondered: "If God is so good, why does he allow evil?" The answer is: It's we who allow it! We are the Body of Christ on earth. We are his hands and feet and vocal chords. Jesus wants to make our world more

heavenly; he does it through us.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † What good have you done? Hear God assuring you: "Well done, my good and faithful servant! Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you greater responsibilities. Come, share your Master's joy!"
- † What "greater responsibilities" can you say yes to using the gifts that he's provided? What's stopping you from saying yes?
- † How would you recommend, based on your experiences, that Christians invest the gifts of God?
- † How do you identify (a) your giftedness and (b) God's purpose for it?

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

November 19, 2023

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win. But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I'd hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it.

How do we see what we possess? Jesus' parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the investability of everything he entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the fable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment. The only one who doesn't is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus' success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, *get it out of our possession*. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.

You and I have precious gifts. We have valuable things to invest — time, talents, treasure. The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you're holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won't double if you hold on to it.

— Father John Muir

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Anointing of the Sick

If it isn't only for people who are dying, when should someone receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?

Answer:

One of the unfortunate realities in the Church today is that so few people understand the meaning and value of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, largely because so many people still mistakenly think of this sacrament as "Last Rites" or "Extreme Unction."

In his life and ministry, Jesus healed the sick. In this sacrament, the Church continues the healing mission of Jesus and, in hope, prays that God will grant healing to the person who is suffering. But even if there is no physical healing, the sacrament offers spiritual healing through the Holy Spirit's gifts of peace and courage. And so, anyone who is living with serious illness (including emotional or psychological illness) and the elderly are encouraged to celebrate this sacrament when it is needed.

The ritual for Anointing of the Sick does also include special prayers and blessings for those who are facing death, including viaticum (communion given to the dying, trusting that the Lord Jesus will be their companion along the way, as they make their final journey). ©LPi

SECTION TWO THE PROFESSION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH THE CREEDS

...Among all the creeds, two occupy a special place in the Church's life: #193

The Apostle's Creed is so called because it is rightly considered to be a faithful summary of the apostles' faith. It is the ancient baptismal symbol of the Church of Rome. Its great authority arises from this fact: it is "the Creed of the Roman Church, the See of Peter, the first of the apostles, to which he brought the common faith." #194

The Niceno-Constantinopolitan or Nicene Creed draws its great authority from the fact that it stems from the first two ecumenical Councils (in 325 and 381). It remains common to all the great Churches of both East and West to this day. #195