

# 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

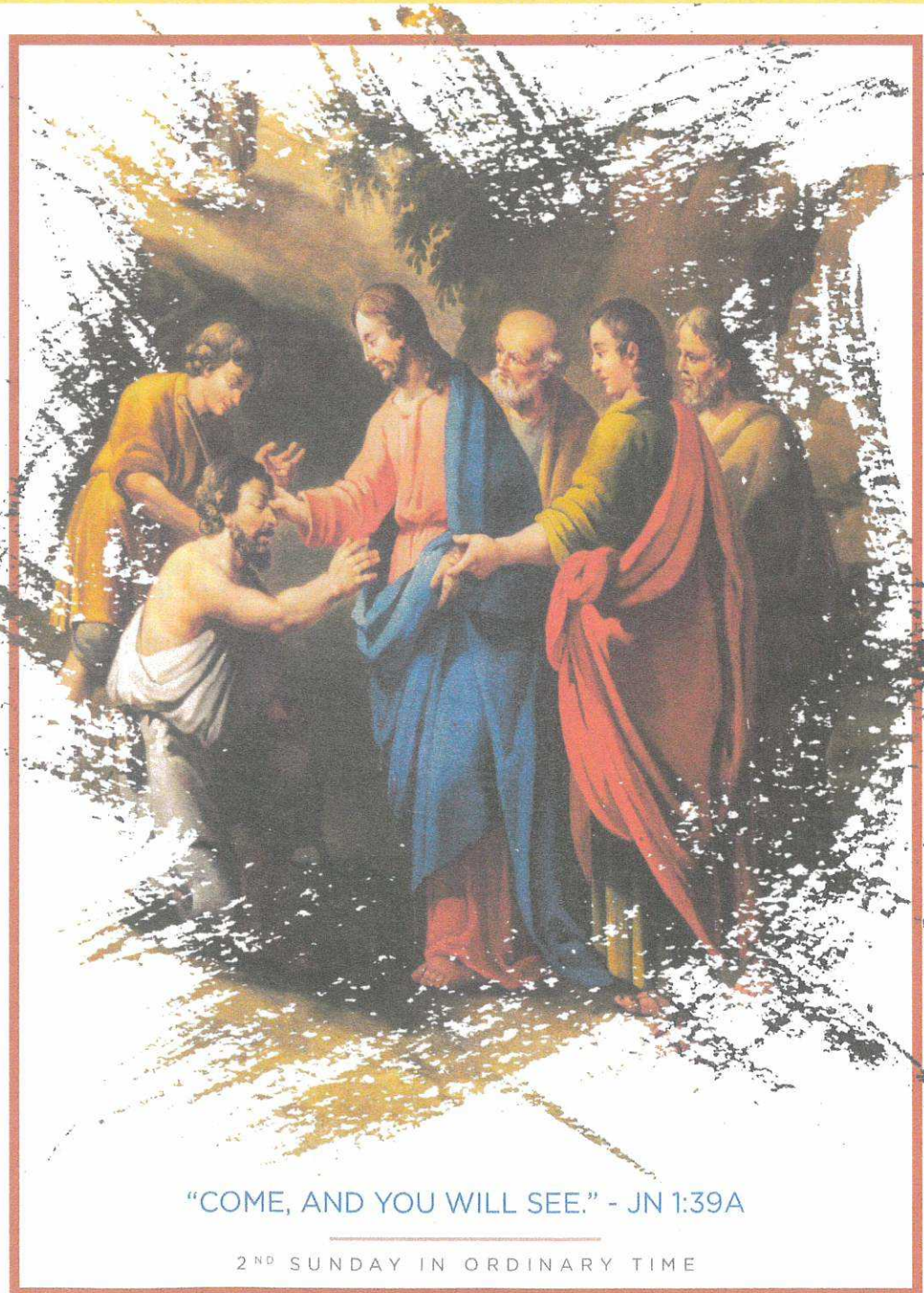
9:00 AM: Healing Mass

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## January 14, 2024



"COME, AND YOU WILL SEE." - JN 1:39A

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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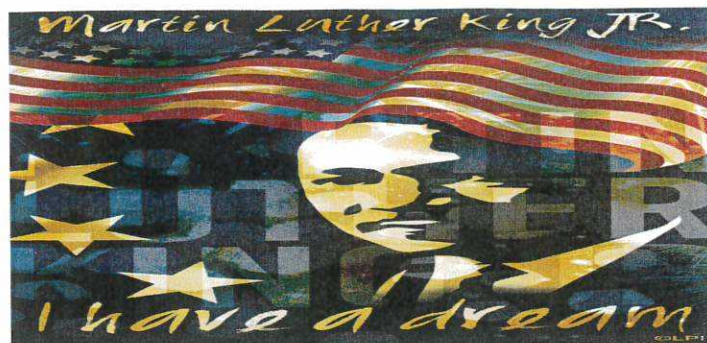


Whether you're just visiting for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we are happy you're here! To learn more about St. John, please visit [\*stjohnngulfport.org\*](http://stjohnngulfport.org).

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



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



We invite our senior parishioners to join us for our monthly luncheon starting January 18th 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. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us also!!



Jeanie McDermott, Victoria Meadows, Jan 13  
Karen Fink, Keaton Hill, Ruth Matthews, Jan 15  
Rosemary Gremillion, Jordan Healy, Jan 17  
Eileen Masterson, Jan 17  
Tommy Wittman, David Wyrwich, Jan 18  
Patti Padgett, Jan 19

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

In connection with Our Lady of Lourdes, which St. Pope John Paul II designated as World Day of the Sick and in the Spirit of Eucharistic Revival, we will have Hour of Grace on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of February (on the 15th) at 6:00 p.m. at Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Come, let us pray for healing for the sick from Jesus in the Eucharist.

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

Peggy Ryland	Harriett Bowles	Anita McKnight
Suzanne King	Dean Bowles	Hudson
John Cuevas	Carl Necaise	Alyssa Henderson
Joann Hoda	Alma Dedeaux	Al Allen
Naomi Patton	Julia Langford	Olivia Hood
Melanie Renée	Joe McCormick	
Amy Wheeler	Chris Papania	Parishioners of
Joyce McIntosh	Tom Graves	St. John the
Matt Hill	Billy Ruble	Evangelist

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	✠ Emily Webber
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	✠ People of the Parish
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	✠ Genevieve Verin & Anthony Grandis
		✠ Aarol Thibodeaux
		✠ George Schloegel
		✠ Mackie & Carolyn Fayard
		✠
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	✠ Emily Rorex
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	✠
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	✠ Kris Allen
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	✠ Mike & Hazel Mihm
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	✠ Leo Cooper
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	✠ Dickie Moran

We are so happy to be able to offer the Precious Blood of Christ during holy mass at St. John! However, there are a couple of things to know before receiving the Precious Blood of Christ.

During Communion, two (2) Extraordinary Ministers **(EMs)** will position themselves *back to back in the center isle* to offer the Precious Blood of Christ.

***We do not offer the option of receiving the sacrament by intinction.*** This is the method by which one dips the Eucharist (the Body of Christ) into the Blood of Christ and then consume. (This method presents too great of a chance of spillage of the Precious Blood.)

***EMs ...please meet with Father Mike outside the priest's sacristy just prior to mass for a special prayer and blessing.***

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**Total: \$8196.45**

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***Thank you for your generosity!***

**If you want an annual contribution statement, please contact the parish office at**

## PARISH LIFE

She is the winner of this year's **Keep Christ in Christmas** poster contest for 11 to 14 age-group sponsored by Bishop Gunn, Council 1583, Knights of Columbus.





## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Sunday, January 14

1 Sm 3:3b-10,19  
Ps 40:2,4,7-10  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20  
Jn 1:35-42

### Monday, January 15

1 Sm 15:16-23  
Ps 50:8-9,16b-17,21,23  
Mk 2:18-22

### Tuesday, January 16

1 Sm 16:1-13  
Ps 89:20-22,27-28  
Mk 2:23-28

### Wednesday, January 17

St. Anthony, Abbot  
1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51  
Ps 144:1b,2,9-10  
Mk 3:1-6

### Thursday, January 18

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7  
Ps 56:2-3,9-13  
Mk 3:7-12

### Friday, January 19

1 Sm 24:3-21  
Ps 57:2-4,6,11  
Mk 3:13-19

### Saturday, January 20

2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27  
Ps 80:2-3,5-7  
Mk 3:20-21

response to God's invitation. We proclaim it in the Responsorial: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

Peter was privileged to witness first-hand the wondrous miracles of Jesus. He personally experienced God's love through the gentle eyes of Jesus, the tone of kindness in his voice, and the forgiveness that was visible in his smile.

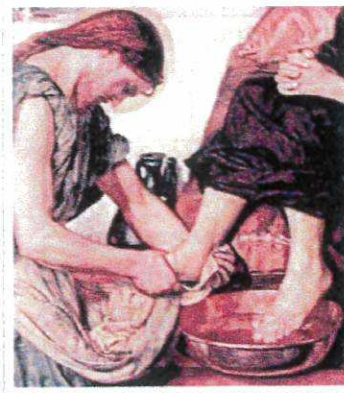
Yet with all of this, Peter did not really find all that he was

Like Jesus did to Simon Peter, he says to each of us: "What are you looking for?" When you pray, and when you look at a crucifix, or when you see a picture of Jesus, what exactly are you looking for?

Jesus says: "Come and see!" Come and see what? His love? His healing power? His supernatural ability to answer our prayers? Whatever we're looking for, the reason we're seeking it is because we don't yet have it.

Jesus is the fulfillment of every promise by God the Father. Jesus is the fullness of love, the provider of mercy, the divine healer, the perfect mediator of all our prayers and concerns, and everything else we truly need. So, why does it feel like something is still missing? Why do our lives feel incomplete? Why do our prayers seem unanswered?

The answer is revealed in what happened after Peter began to follow Jesus. We read about it in Samuel's



looking for (remember how easily he felt afraid or confused or uncertain) until he was on the giving end of it. He didn't discover the fullness of Jesus until Jesus was no longer present in the flesh and Peter accepted the call to continue Christ's earthly

ministry.

The same is true for us who have never seen Jesus' actual eyes or heard his actual voice. We find what we're seeking when we give it to others. Why? Because then we discover that we really had it all along! This is the miracle of "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † What do you need from Jesus that he doesn't seem to be providing yet? At the core, what is it you're really seeking?
- † How can you find it by doing the will of God? Figure out something to do, then do it and see what happens.
- † Describe a time when you gave away what you thought you did not have (money? time? patience? hope? love?) How were you doing the will of God?
- † What happened to your own needs afterward?

## Changes to Mass

### Question:

Why do we make changes in the Mass? Some seem so small and unimportant. Are they really necessary?

### Answer:

The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as Catholics. Our purpose as a Church community revolves around the Eucharist. Everything we are and everything we do is measured not only by how well we celebrate, but also by how well we live the sacrament. If that is so, then we as a community will always strive to celebrate the Mass as best we can. The reasons for some changes might seem more obvious than others, but there is a reason behind each one.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is the introduction to the Missal that contains all the prayers for the celebration of the Mass. The Order of Mass we use now was issued in 1975 and, as often happens over the course of years, some questions have come up about the proper way of doing some things and whether or not other practices are acceptable. These changes clarify some things and make the celebration of the Mass more meaningful for everyone.

The opportunity is presented to us to better learn and understand each part of the Mass, which in turn should help us deepen our appreciation for its beauty and meaning. We will be a better Church if we have a clearer understanding and knowledge of Who and what we celebrate. ©LPi

### Article 1

#### THE PROFESSION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

##### CHAPTER 1

"I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,  
CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH"

### II. GOD REVEALS HIS NAME

God revealed himself to his people Israel by making his name known to them. A name expresses a person's essence and identity and the meaning of this person's life. God has a name; he is not an anonymous force. To disclose one's name is to make oneself known to others; in a way it is to hand oneself over by becoming accessible, capable of being known more intimately and addressed personally.

#203CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH (SECOND EDITION)

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 14, 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all *real*.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, **"...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon."** Why does that tiny detail matter? Because *that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives*. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a *human* relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

— Father John Muir

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