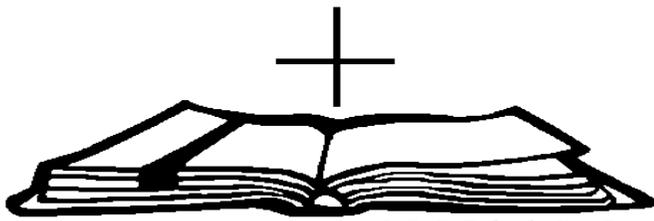


**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 15, 2023**

OUR STRATEGIC GOAL

As a Church, we now move into Ordinary Time. "Ordinary" comes from the Latin root for "order," which is why we line the Sundays up on the calendar and count them—with "ordinal" numbers—one by one. The orderly way we proceed through the liturgical year reminds us that our faith offers a strategic goal for our lives: eternal happiness with God, who is love. Today's readings share stories of believers who order their daily activities toward the goal of sharing God's love. Isaiah embraces his role as God's servant and works to bring glory not only to Israel, but to the entire world. In a similar way, Saint Paul identifies himself as Christ's witness in the world and reminds the Corinthians of their life goal: "to be holy." The Gospel shows us John the Baptist, servant and witness, attentive to God's loving orders, the divine plan for salvation.

Mass Intentions



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Sat., Jan. 14, 4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Nick Sita, Louis Perschall Sr., **and for the living:** Karge Family, Marion Ciulla, and special intention

Sun., Jan. 15, 7:30 a.m. Margaret Mary Mulé, Carol Pieri, Yolanda Bourgeois, Frank Minyard, Yvette Barbazon, **and for the Living:** Eliza Carlin, Christian and Amanda Carlin, Matthew Carlin, Robert and Paulette Carlin and Roger Bourgeois

Sun., Jan. 15, 8, 9:15 a.m. Hue Tran, Jon Craig, **and for the living:** Jennifer Moore Maggio, Michael Holoway and Sean Grimes

Sun., Jan. 15, 11:00 a.m. All Parishioners

Mon., Jan. 16, 8:00 a.m. Troy Chapetta (L)

Tues., Jan. 17, 8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Wed., Jan. 18, 8:00 a.m. Priscilla Stahel (L)

Thurs., Jan. 19, 8:00 a.m. M.J. Doucet (L)

Fri., Jan. 20, 8:00 a.m. Amanda and Christian Carlin (L)

PRAYER LIST

Chuck Armstrong	Rhonda Taylor
John DeSilva	Jess Ketchum
Chad Danenhower	Sarah Danenhower
Sean Garlick	Tuck Tucker
Terry Saux	Chico Mathes
Carol Tucker	Joe Billiot
Br. Ray Bulliard	Jennifer Moore Maggio
Roger Bourgeois	



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Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 290.00

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<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnfolsom>.

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary	Fr. Otis Young
Blessed Mother	Viola Bradford
St. Joseph	Alexander Bradford
St. Anne	Mary Anne Treuil

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle, please call 796-3806.

**The Sanctuary flowers are in memory of
*Bill and Mary Jane Mehaffey***

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Finally. The envelopes have arrived. Please take your envelopes from the credenzas in the back of church. As you enter church, they are in alphabetical order from left to right. Thank you for being patient.

We welcome all newcomers to St. John's Church and invite you to register as members of our parish family. Please complete a "New Parishioner form" located in the back of church and drop it in the collection basket. A member of St. John's Church will contact you to assist you with registration.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Please join us this Sunday, January 15th at 12:00 noon in Jonathan Hall for a luncheon to celebrate Fr. Vincent's Birthday. **Happy Birthday Fr. Vincent!**

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Perhaps you noticed that this year we didn't celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on the Sunday after Epiphany (today), but instead on last Monday, the day after Epiphany. Why the shift? It all has to do with regional calendars. Within certain general boundaries, every national conference of bishops is able to set its own liturgical calendar according to how it is felt to benefit the people in that region most. So, for example, the Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated January 6 on the Church's universal calendar. But the bishops of the United States decided that, for the benefit of the faithful, it would be better for Epiphany to be celebrated on a Sunday every year. So here in the States we see Epiphany's date vary from January 2 to January 8. The biggest problem this presents is that the Baptism of the Lord, which is normally celebrated on the Sunday after the Epiphany, would push back the whole liturgical calendar by a week on the years when the Sunday celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 7 or 8, putting the U.S. out of sync with the rest of the Catholic world at least until Lent. To avoid that scenario, the U. S. bishops decreed that in those years the Baptism of the Lord would fall on the Monday after Epiphany, leaving the rest of the calendar intact.

LOUISIANA MARCH FOR LIFE

Please join the Knights of Columbus and spread the word as we march together for life next Saturday in Baton Rouge. We will meet at St. John's in front of Odilo Hall at 8:00 a.m. and depart at 8:30 a.m. and caravan together. The event is from 10 a.m. to noon.

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed next Monday for Martin Luther King Day. We will reopen on Tuesday.

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

If you are a Eucharistic Minister and would like to bring communion to a homebound parishioner, please call the office at 796-3806.

REMINDERS

- First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- First Friday Adoration and Benediction, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- Men's Study Group, Jonathan Hall, Thursday's, 6:30 p.m.
- Knights of Columbus meeting, 2nd Thursdays., at 7 p.m. in Jonathan Hall
- Wednesday Evening Adoration, in Church from 6-8 p.m.
- PSR Classes, twice a month on Mondays, 6:15 p.m. in Jonathan Hall

Our 9th and 10th grade Parish School of Religion meets every Sunday at 12:15 p.m. after 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Our Church history class will meet on Monday, January 16th at 9:00 a.m. in Jonathan Hall. We will view and discuss Session One on the time period, the "Catholic Reformation."

Our Bible study group will not meet on Tuesday, January 17th. We will meet again on Tuesday, January 24th at 7:00 p.m. in Jonathan Hall. We will discuss the Book of Joshua.

On the second Sunday of every month, our youth Bible study meets at 5:00 p.m. in Jonathan Hall. Our next meeting is Sunday, February 12th. The assignment for the meeting is to read Joshua, the sixth book of the Bible.

On the last Sunday of every month, we have a youth Mass at 11:00 a.m. and our Catch Fire Youth Group meets at 5:00 p.m. in Jonathan Hall. Our next youth Mass and Catch Fire meeting is on January 29th.