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August 6, 2023 Transfiguration of the Lord

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MASS OF ANTICIPATION (VIGIL)

SATURDAY: 4:30 PM

SUNDAY:

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, AND 5:00 PM MONDAY, WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY:

8:15 AM

TUESDAY: 6:00 PM

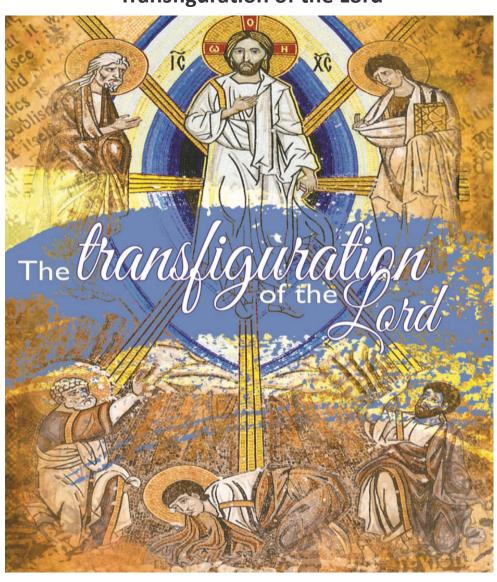
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THE MISSION OF ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

is to bestow Christ's love through worship, education, outreach and stewardship that will provide an avenue for salvation to our parishioners.



THIS BULLETIN IS FOR
OUR MILITARY & THEIR FAMILIES



PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH MONDAY, AUGUST 7TH

Men's ACTS Retreat Team Meeting at 6:30 PM at AOL

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8TH

- Tuesday Morning Disciples (Men's Prayer Group) at 6:00 AM in FLC
- Cleaning Angels at 9:00 AM in church
- Adoration from 3:00 PM—5:30 PM in the church
- KC Bingo at 7:00 PM at 346 Fir St

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9TH

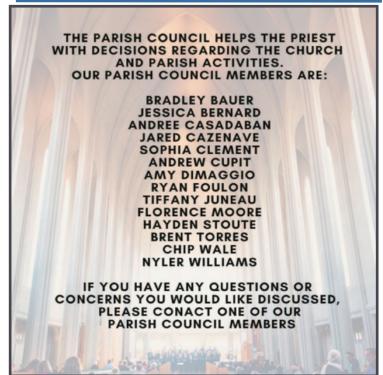
- Confessions at 8:45 AM in the church
- Women's Holy Hour at 7:00 PM in church

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10TH

- Legion of Mary at 9:15 AM in FLC
- Choir at 6:30 PM in church
- SoulCore at 6:30 PM at 578 W 5th St

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11TH SATURDAY AUGUST 12TH

Blood Drive from 10:0 AM—3:00 PM in FLC





Registration for the
2023-2024 Parish School of
Religion (PSR) is open for
students in Grades K—12 not
attending a Catholic School.
Please contact Linda at the
parish office to register.
985-652-9100 or
dre@siachurch.com

PARISH EVENTS

We love our Altar Servers, whose dedication to their ministry make our liturgies special. Fr. David treated them to a day of zip lining at ZIPNOLA and a pizza party to show our appreciation.





Join us for exercise and praying the Rosary August 10th at 6:30 pm 578 W 5th Street





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SACRAMENTS

CONFESSIONS: Before the Vigil Mass & all Sunday Masses and at 8:45 AM on Wednesdays and First Saturdays. **BAPTISMS:** First Sunday of the month following the 10 AM Mass. To begin the preparation process, call the

WEDDINGS: Arrangements must be made at least 8 months prior to the wedding. Call the Parish Office to schedule a meeting with a priest and to book the church.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office or 504-584-6079 (evenings).

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Men's Retreat 8/24/23-8/27/23

Registration forms are on the website www.sjachurch.com and at the church office.





There are times in our lives that we get the chance to see a glimpse of heaven. It may be through the love of another, loved one or stranger. Sometimes it may even be an event that seems unexplainable, perhaps even supernatural. These occurrences may be the answer to prayer or they may surprise us by coming out of nowhere. But no matter their nature or origin, they give us hope and strength to carry on through life.

When we journey on a pathway of stewardship, we are bound to experience moments of grace where we see even the smallest seeds we planted grow into something amazing. At these moments, we are reminded that God is real and that our stewardship is not in vain. The giving of our gifts and talents is not just a response to God's calling. The giving is one way that God breaks through into the lives of others. As we use what God has given us for his glory, he uses us as instruments of grace to be truly present to others.

The greatest example of this occurs at the Mass. Through the hands of an ordained priest taking the gifts of bread and wine, God is really present with us. When we then take Christ into our bodies, we accept the offer to take him into the world to others. The world cannot see Jesus in us with human eyes, but through our works of stewardship, they can see Jesus in us. One could say they even have a chance to see a glimpse of heaven.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Save a life - Give Blood SJA Blood Drive Saturday, August 12, 2023 10 AM - 3 PM in the Family Life Center Appointments preferred 800-862-5669 or www.thebloodcenter.org

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| Capital Improvement | \$ 10.00 | \$ 1,424.00 |
| Black & Indian Mission | \$ 25.00 | \$ 36.00 |



End of Mass/Farewell

After communion has been distributed, the Blessed Sacrament is reposed in the tabernacle and the clergy wash or purify the vessels which were used during Mass. After a brief silence, the celebrant prays the closing prayer and imparts the blessing, biding us to go in peace, usually with a charge to proclaim the gospel by the way we live our lives. The celebrant and servers then recess out of church the same way they processed in, usually while a closing hymn is sung. Once Mass is over, we are sent forth, having been strengthened by our participation in the mass, our primary encounter with God.

As my time here at SJA ends and I prepare to be "sent forth" back to Notre Dame, I thank God for my encounter with Him while at this parish. Both in my interactions with all of you as well as in those quiet moments at night in Fr. David's chapel in the rectory, I know Almighty God spoke to my heart and helped me grow in my understanding of the faith and of Him, primarily by helping me grow in my capacity to love.

While here this summer, I've had the pleasure of being with you during parish liturgies, ministry meetings, and social functions. I've been blessed to be a part of several family celebrations, such as baptisms, weddings, marriage convalidations, special anniversaries, marriage preparation meetings, and other functions. Then, I had fun at the parish Vacation Bible School and going zip lining with the altar servers. I've also enjoyed the bible studies we were able to do. I would say, though, that one of the most profound experiences I've had this summer is visiting the home bound. To me, those families are the true indication of what the fruit of this parish looks like. They are suffering in significant ways, but they are clinging to what they know stands the test of time: Love for God and love for one another. They are a true inspiration for me. If I may ask one favor of you as I take my leave from you, it is to continue to take care of the sick in this parish, both in the nursing home and in their individual residents. Ministry is always a mutually beneficial endeavor and so I promise you, ministering to them will be a worthwhile experience.

Of course, I would be remiss if I didn't publicly thank the staff here at the parish. The ladies in the parish office, the gentlemen who keep the campus up, the liturgical ministers and sacristans, and so many more who help here truly see their service as part of their vocation. In a special way, I want to thank Mrs. Theresa Fisse, who SPOILED me this summer with her motherly care as she cooked for Fr. David and I and kept the rectory clean and comfortable. Secondly, I want to thank Fr. David for his leadership and his support. He is a pure priest, diligent in his duties and unwavering in his commitment to conform himself to Christ daily. He truly holds his people in the depths of his selfless heart. We would all do well to give thanks to Almighty God for the gift He gave us in His priest. Lastly, I thank all of you for your warm hospitality this summer. I ask forgiveness of anyone whom I may have offended either by my words, actions, or omissions as I am indeed a fallen man. I ask you to keep my brother seminarians and I in prayer and I promise we'll do the same for you. May God continue to bless you abundantly and may we all work to bring about God's kingdom by being faithful in our own vocations.

—Christian Guilbeau







August 8 — Ready Set Go Night August 10 —1st day of school 1st -7th Grade 12 PM dismissal 1st—6th Grade

No bus service 7th Grade retreat

Orientation **by appointment** for PS2—TOTS, PS3 & PK 4

August 11—1st Full Day Grades 1—7

Orientation by appointment for PS2—TOŤS, PS3 & PK 4

Orientation for Kindergarten at 11:00 AM

August 14 —1st full day of school for boys in PS2—TOŤS, PS3, PK4,

August 15 —1st full day of school for girls in PS2—TOTS, PS3, PK4, and K

August 16 —First full day of school with ALL students

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gerald Bercegeay, Bryan Bourgeois, Elizabeth Bourgeois, Marlene Bourgeois, Wallace Bourgeois, Brynleigh Bowers, Jamie Brady, Mary Breaud, Melanie Deslatte Brown, Zachary Brown, Hayden Cashio, Felix Cerami, Mary Cooper, Stephen Cupit, Edward Demley, Lorraine & Kernis Dugas, Mavis Dumas, Tommy Dupuy, Kenny Jo Edmonds, Jr., Austin Falgout, Brantley & Oakley Falgout, Lisa Falgout, Ryan Falgout, Lakin Felder, Caleb Gary, Reyna Gary, Linda & Warren Gaudin, Joan George, Rowena Guillot, Eddie Harris, Sandy Haydel, Larry Hebert, Mary Hebert, Lorraine Hebert, Elexia Henderson, Dustin Hopkins, F.J. Keller, Brother Benedict Kelley, Jonathan L., Geraldine Labat, Acadia LaBranche, Randy Lambert, Carson Landry, Megan Landry, Meredith Landry, Shirley Lawrence, Sue LeBlanc, Wanda Lee, Rebecca Vicknair Lewis, Bryan Madere, Luce Marks (the barber), Dale McClain, Faith McNeely, Godfrey McNeely, Casey McKee, Lawrence Michele, Jill Montz, Steven Montz, Millicent A. Mullen, Deanna Normand, Brenda Ola, James Oubre, Janice Parquette, Lee Perilloux, Charlee Grace Petit, Dillan Pope, Bill Provence, Mary Punch, Jennifer Redlin, Joel Rivera, Carmen Rivere, Clyde & Mable Rixner, Michael & Brenda Romain, Nick Rose, Ceothile Roy, Michael Scallan, Althea Schaefer, Special intention, Stephanie Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Smith & family, Andrea Tamplain, Frankie Tarullo, Leslie Terry, Ty Triche, Ron Troxler, Brayden Turner, Marie Turner, Steven Turner, Kathy Tuson, Dawn Wactor, Glenda Wactor, Darlene Wempren, Hayden White, Shelly Bourg, Vivienne Rettinger, Martha Menard, Wilbert Ocmond, Louis Prejean, Lacey Weber, Toby Weber,

Linda Feucht, Ray Laviolette, Sr, Adam Pete Pitre
To add someone to the prayer list, contact the church office at
985-652-9100

AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS:

Aug 6— Rev. Msgr. Bruce Miller, J.C.L.
Aug 7— Rev. Daniel Howard Green
Aug 8— Rev. Eduardo J. Gabriel O.P.
Aug 9— Rev. Etido Jerome, S.S.J
Aug 10— Rev. Paul Rodrigue
Aug 11— Rev. Andy Gil Gonzalez
Aug 12— Rev. Gilbert Enderie, C.Ss.R.



ST. JOAN OF ARC PATRON OF SOLDIERS, PRAY FOR US

May God keep special watch over these men and women in the United States Military.

Wesley Triche

Monica Bourg
2nd Lt. Gregory Boyle
Casey Williams Deen
Raymond Gendron, III
Cpt. Thomas Gray
LCpl Jonathan Grenier
PFC Michael Hanley
Cpt. Alex Hernandez
Cpt. Ashley Hernandez
Heidi Mayeux Hymel
SPC Chase Ingram

LCpl Matthew Johnson

Edwin Preston Johnston
Sgt. SPC Dylan L. Mabile
PO3 Alexander J. Norris
SFC Paul J. Pena
2nd Lt. James Perilloux
James Poulin
Vanessa Poulin
Cadet Christopher Purnell
Brett Rosa
Lt. Cdr. Mark Zachary Roussel
1st Lt. Matthew Suarez
Cpt. Nick Sutton

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PARISH INFORMATION



MEN'S EMMAUS RETREAT

Put aside the "hustle and bustle" of daily life and attend the Men's
Emmaus Retreat the weekend of August 11-13, 2023. The retreat is held
at the William J. Kelley Retreat Center in beautiful, peaceful Bay St.
Louis, Mississippi. The retreat is based on the scripture passage
"The appearance on the road to Emmaus" (Luke 24: 13-35) and is an
uplifting experience that has a profound effect on men's lives. The retreat
begins at 4:00 PM Friday and ends after the 5:30 PM mass on
Sunday. Round trip transportation is provided from St. Dominic
Church, New Orleans. Please don't ignore this opportunity but pray on
it instead. Something very special awaits you in Bay St. Louis!

Please contact the following men for additional information: Norm Madere @ 504-481-0411 or Steve Schulkens @ 504-401-6990 or Colin Taulis @ 504-494-4511

Or you can email us for a registration form at sdMensEmmaus@gmail.com

KIDS' CORNER



Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.







St. Joan of Arc Parish

Mon, August 7, 2023—St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

8:15 AM: Juanita Jacob

Tues, August 8, 2023 - St. Dominic, Priest

6:00 PM: Therese & Robert Cazenave

Wed, August 9, 2023—St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr

8:15 AM: Jim Riley

Thurs, August 10, 2023—St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

8:15 AM: Leroy Gravois

Fri, August 11, 2023—St. Clare, Virgin

8:15 AM: Lloyd Simoneaux

Sat, August 12, 2023—St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious, BVM

8:15 AM: Laurence Clarke

Sat, August 12, 2023 – Anticipatory, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM: Clair Yambre

Sun, August 13, 2023 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM: Evangeline Grace Ory; Marie Ory Dupont; Mark Chapman; Jean Fuselier; Westley & Vivian St. Pierre; Eva Ory; Kathleen Rodrigue; Norman & Kirk Zeringue; Nomie B. Tastet; Norris & "Butch" Millet, Sr.; Daniel Guidry; Eddie Jouty, Jr.; All Priests in the New Orleans Archdiocese; Father Jeffrey Montz; Archbishop Ocmond; Peggy Spencer; Alan Gravois;; David Snyder; Mr. & Mrs. Sadie & Thomas Giroir; Anna Duong; Joseph Trinh; Ann Vu; Peter Tran; Anphongso Tring; All Souls; Living & Deceased Members of Trinh & Tran Families; Therese' & Foster Cambre; Melanie Deslatte Brown; Herman, Jr. & Karen Deslatte; Herman, Sr. & Marie Deslatte; Pete Brown; Sarah Brown

10:00 AM: Mass for the People

5:00 PM: James Cupit; Deceased Members of the Oubre & Vilemont Families; Sandra Oubre; Guy Clement; Ferrol "CoCo" Keating; Michael Brouwer; Hazel L. Dealey; Dolly Ocmond; Angietta Keen; Glen McDonald; Angie Roussel; David Snyder; Ethel Mae Trosclair; David Faucheux; Foster & Therese' Cambre;; Malcolm Cambre; Grace Pierson; The Deceased Members of the Olidy & Elise Hymel Family; The Douglas Cambre Family

Candles will burn week of 8/7—8/13 For:

SANCTUARY LIGHT
Daniel Guidry

CONVENT LIGHT
Military & Their Families

SACRED HEART CHAPEL LIGHT Father Jeffrey Montz



GOSPEL REFLECTION

What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stronger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on — we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

— Father John Muir

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