

# St. John of the Cross

61030 Brier Lake Drive Lacombe, LA 70445

A Parish of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Deanery X



November 16, 2025

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND DEVOTIONS

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

## WEEKDAYS

Monday, Communion Service 8:00 am  
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 am  
Wednesday 6:00 pm (Novena)

## Adoration Wednesdays

8:00 am to 6:00pm

## Holy Day of Obligation Masses

Vigil 5:00 pm and Holy Day 8am & 6pm

## NEW PARISHIONERS

The Pastor and people of St. John of the Cross welcome you. Please sign the red registration book if you are new to the parish. Those who are eighteen (18) years and older are to be registered in their own name. We ask all parishioners and visitors to register in order to help better serve you.

St. John of the Cross is totally dependent on the generosity of its parishioners for support. The use of envelopes, regardless of the amount of the contribution makes possible our parish activities and services. Support envelopes are mailed to your home upon request or sign-up for online giving on our website, [www.stjohnofthecrosslacombe.org](http://www.stjohnofthecrosslacombe.org)

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Both parents of children and Godparents are required to attend the Seminar. Please call the parish office to set up an appointment.

## CONFESSIONS

One half hour prior to all Masses and by appointment.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples should be attending mass regularly. Contact with the parish priest or deacon within 8 months of anticipated wedding date is mandatory.

## FUNERALS

Date, day and time must be agreed upon with the priest or deacon who will perform the ceremony before plans are finalized with the funeral director.

*Come Lord Jesus* Bible Study - Meet weekly exploring, the message that God has for us in weekly readings; a true blessing! You can even start your own group. Contact Andy Norton at 788-2977, meets Thursdays at 7:00 pm; David Cook at 504-812-9630, meets Wednesdays at 9:00 am; Bonnie Cannon 707-8238, meets Thursdays at 9:15 am.

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

The Parish Office requires the information no later than noon, Friday, 8 days prior to the weekend when announcement is to appear. Holidays or other issues may require earlier deadlines.

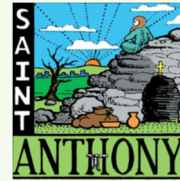
## Christian Giving



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Weekly Collections	Nov 1 & 2	\$	4,933.00
Online		\$	1,360.00
Total		\$	6,293.00
Weekly Goal		\$	7,000.00
<b>Ahead/ Behind</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>707.00</b>
Poor Box	Nov. 1 & 2	\$	396.00
Special Collection /Other Income			1,010.00
Loan Balance	October 9, 2025	\$	400,000.00

*Thank you for sharing your treasure, time, and talent generously with our community of faith.*



Friends of St. Anthony uses money from the Poor Box to help parishioners of St. John of the Cross and others living in our boundaries who are in need.

We will be using all donated food items toward filling Thanksgiving food baskets. We anticipate feeding 80 families again this year.

Please consider donating items always used in the Thanksgiving food baskets such as these

### NOTE UPDATED LIST

**flour, cooking oil, instant potatoes, Jiffy corn bread mix, stuffing mix**

Thank you for helping us feed those in need.

Anyone needing assistance should call the "Friends of St. Anthony" duty phone 328-1107.

When Jesus rose from the dead, he showed his disciples that even death will be overcome by God. In today's Gospel, he expands that to include most of the bad things that can happen to both non-believers and disciples alike.

Starting with the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem, Jesus mentions most of the scary things that people thought would bring the end of the world. He gives two pieces of advice. First, don't be fooled by anyone who says this is the end or who claims to be Jesus. When Jesus comes again, there will be no doubt about who it is. Then, don't be terrified by natural disasters or wars.

As disciples, we hope we would respond to disasters not with fear, but with love. Believers can voluntarily help those affected, comfort the survivors, or help rebuild their homes or schools. People have welcomed strangers into their homes after a flood or hurricane has destroyed a neighborhood.

There is a saying that "no good deed goes unpunished." Jesus never says that his disciples would be given awards for their acts of charity. In the second half of the Gospel, he says that his disciples would be persecuted, hated, and even betrayed by their own families. Jesus has advice for that situation, too. He tells us "not to prepare your defense," but to let him give us the words. I suspect that he means not to worry about what you might say, lest you become scared speechless. If you let him, Jesus will "prepare" you with the scripture readings, your pastor's homilies, and your own prayer life. All of these can help open us to the gifts of the Spirit, who helps us proclaim our faith without fear. Tom Schmidt



The SJC Pastoral Council has a few vacancies and is in need of your talents. The 12-member council assists the pastor in assessing the needs of the parish. Also, it assists in planning, guiding, and fostering pastoral activities.

The Pastoral Council will be accepting nominations of parishioners registered in the parish for a minimum of 3 years, in good standing, and 18 years or older.

Please nominate someone or yourself by placing the form, below, in the PC Ballot Box found in the lobby area of the church. Nominations will close on Friday, November 23, 2025 after 10:30am Mass.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

All registered parishioners 18 years and older may nominate a parishioner. Eligible nominees must be registered in the parish for a minimum of 3 years, in good standing, and 18 years or older.

Nominee:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_



*Meet Our Blessed Mother:  
Mary's Apparitions  
on the Earth!*

**PLEASE JOIN US!!!  
ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025  
1:30-4:30 PM IN COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Deacon Gene: Opening Prayer**

**Lisa: Intro -What is an apparition of Our Lady? How many are there? \*A little info about the First Apparition to St James in 40 AD; and Medjugorje the current one!**

**1<sup>st</sup> up- Sue- Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**2<sup>nd</sup> up- Cathe-Our Lady of LaSalette**

**3<sup>rd</sup> up- Deacon Gene- Akita**

**4<sup>th</sup> up- Roianne- The Flame of Love & Our Lady of the Cape**

**Ending Prayer: Deacon Gene**

**\*\*FYI- Vigil Mass at 5:00p.m. if you would like to attend!**



*Sanctuary Light Burns for the  
Templet and Lonadier Families*



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|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Carol Capella                | JauDawn Navarre            | Isaiah Bradley Fowler | Mikayla Touchet         |
| Lucas Taylor                 | Tuy Nguen-Maria and Family | Darrel Bruce Jr.      | Sophie Finch            |
| Mariellen and L.S. Boudreaux | Anita Paez Johns           | Al Kurtz              | Carolyn Capella         |
| Lynn Wilkinson               | Nancye Dumestre            | Tracy Morgan          | Angelina Armato         |
| Roy Grant                    | Carol Vicknair             | Debbie Saladino       | Ronald Grice and Family |
| George Grant                 | Emily Quatrevingt          | Dorothy Troulliet     | Travis Meyers           |
| Alvin Roberts, Sr.           | Brandy Moss                | Jeanette Herbez       | Cooper Person           |
|                              | Joshua Pinner              | Pamela Bardin         | Gwen Parfait            |
|                              | Addie Jensen               | Paula Powell          | Simone Boell            |
|                              | Virginia Barthel           | Debbie Bolnar         | Tony Jurich             |
|                              | Elliot Diodene             | Beverly Bordelon      | Will Person             |
|                              | Emily Koziol               | David Duhon           | Silvia Perez            |
|                              |                            | Elijah Baumbusch      |                         |

*If you wish to have your name included, please call 882-3779. Names will remain on list for 6 weeks. You may also call the Church Office if you would like to receive Holy Communion.*

Mass Intentions	
<b>Saturday 5:00 pm</b>	<i>Nov 15, 2025</i> Cary Eleser; Katie Hattier; Rosemary Favaloro; Danny Laurent; Audrey Lex; Valerie Gerarve; Ted Mason; Carol & Lionel Vicknair; Rebecca Taylor; Grace Karins; Carl Cosby
<b>Sunday 8:30 am</b>	<i>Nov 16, 2025</i> Joe Ford; Janet Cervini; Mark & Dirreen Arnold; Carl Cosby; Rachel Taylor; Abby Clopton; Ted Mason; Jackie Borchgrevink; Terry Pettit Jr.
<b>10:30 am</b>	Our Parish Family
<b>Monday 8:00 am</b>	<i>Nov 17, 2025</i> Communion Service
<b>Tuesday 8:00 am</b>	<i>Nov 18, 2025</i> Gwen Kurtz
<b>Wednesday 6:00 pm</b>	<i>Nov 19, 2025</i> Alfred P. Jirovec Sr.
<b>Thursday 8:00 am</b>	<i>Nov 20, 2025</i> Bill Foster
<b>Friday 8:00 am</b>	<i>Nov 21, 2025</i> Ward Blakeman
<b>Saturday 5:00 pm</b>	<i>Nov 22, 2025</i> Our Parish Family
<b>Sunday 8:30 am</b>	<i>Nov 23, 2025</i> Cary Eleser Family; Katie Hattier; Carl Cosby; Wilson Navarre III; Wehrin & Lucas Families; Abby Clopton; Ted Mason; Jackie Borchgrevink
<b>10:30 am</b>	Frank Armato; Lu Pflueger; Larry Mathews; Ricky Mathews; Dora Berns; Ernie & Mary Kinkaid; Carl Cosby; Terry Pettit Jr.

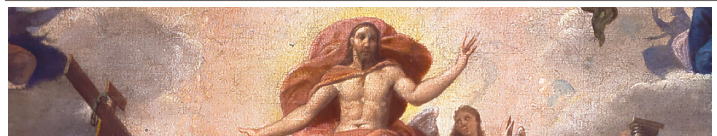
	EMHC	Lectors
5:00 pm Nov 15	<i>Butch &amp; Mary O'Neil, Tony &amp; Lynel Vidrine</i>	<i>Mary O'Neil</i>
8:30 am Nov 16	<i>Karen Gibbs, Richard Roberts, Cecil &amp; Lori Vidrine</i>	<i>Dale Chimento</i>
10:30 am Nov 16	<i>Mike Bardin, Andrew Norton, Brian Yochim</i>	<i>Andrew Norton</i>
5:00 pm Nov 22	<i>Judi Camhout, Charlotte Grant, Ester Smith, Lynn Suprean</i>	<i>Ester Smith</i>
8:30 am Nov 23	<i>Elton Aucoin, Ken Roberts, Tony &amp; Charlene Jurich</i>	<i>Ken Roberts</i>
10:30 am Nov 23	<i>Mike Bardin, Angela Johnsen, Andrew Norton, Dave Stoehr</i>	<i>Kathy Mikovich</i>

**Altar Society Cleaning Crew**

The 4th team will clean the Church at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday 11/20  
Please contact Julie Bacon if you can help. (985) 630-7017.

**Weekly**

- Tuesdays 6—7pm Line dancing
- Tuesdays 6 –7 pm OCIA/Faith Formation
- Thursdays 6pm—7pm Exercise



Nov 18	6:00-7:30 pm O.C.I.A— Advent, Speaker -Deacon Donald St. Germain
Nov 19	7 pm Pastoral Council Meeting After 6 pm Mass-8 pm CYO Pizza and Penance
Nov 22	1:30 –4:30 pm Advent Day of Reflection in Community Center
Nov 22/23	Second Collection—Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Nov 27/28	Church Office Closed—Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov 30	8:00 am Healing Rosary with KC (5th Sunday)
Dec 1	6:30 pm Healing Rosary with Knights of Columbus (First Monday)
Dec 2	6:00-7:30 pm O.C.I.A— Sacramentals, Speaker –Charlene Jurich
Dec 3	7 pm Ladies Guild Meeting
Dec 7	After 10:30 Mass—Donuts and fellowship outside church
Dec 8	Church Office Closed—Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holiday Noon-1:00 pm Hour of Prayer at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine
Dec 9	6:00-7:30 pm O.C.I.A— Saints, Speaker –Jim Burris
Dec 13/14	Second Collection—Retirement Fund for Religious
Dec 16	6:00-7:30 pm O.C.I.A— Christmas Season, Speaker –Deacon Ricky Suprean
Dec 17	After 6 pm Mass—8 pm CYO Pizza, Penance & Party
Dec 19- Jan 1	Church Office Closed—Feast of Christmas and Solemnity of Mary Holidays
Jan 7	7 pm Ladies Guild Meeting
Jan 5	6:30 pm Healing Rosary with Knights of Columbus (First Monday)
Jan 6	6:00-7:30 pm O.C.I.A— Sacred Objects –Church Visit, Speaker –Deacon Gene Templet
Jan 13	6:00-7:30 pm O.C.I.A— Sacrament of the Mass Speaker –Deacon Ricky Suprean
Jan 20	6:00-7:30 pm O.C.I.A— Liturgy of the Word Speaker –Deacon Ricky Suprean
Jan 24/25	Second Collection— Catholic Schools Collection

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January 17 from 9- 11 am

St. Catherine of Siena | 105 Bonnavel Blvd



Space is Limited, register at [scschurch.com/frmike](http://scschurch.com/frmike)

**OUR LADY OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE  
November 19**

Devotion to Our Lady of Divine Providence originated in Italy in the thirteenth century, and was carried to Puerto Rico in the 1850s by Bishop Gil Esteve Tomás. The original statue at the cathedral there was eventually replaced by a wooden carving in 1920 that has become the most familiar image of the patroness of Puerto Rico.



**PRAYER IN HONOR OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE**

God, our Father, we give you thanks as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, **Mother of Divine Providence.**

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, She became the mother of the Savior. As queen sitting at the right hand of her Son, she aids the **Church** in her needs and with materna! care provides for the personal needs of her children who were entrusted to her at the Cross by Jesus, our Lord.

We implore you **Father**, through the prayers of our Lady, Mother of **Divine Providence**, to remove from us whatever is harmful, and to bestow on us only that which will be helpful.

We ask you this through **Christ our Lord.**

*Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.* Matthew 25:40



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