

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST & ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

CATHOLIC CHURCHES -

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St. John the Evangelist

Saturday Anticipated Mass
Wednesday
1st Friday of every month 5:30 p.m.
Rosary every Monday afternoon
beginning at 5:30 pm led by St. John's
Ladies Altar Society.

HOLY HOUR

1st Friday of every month...... 4:30 p.m.

CONFESSION

30 minutes before weekday Masses, Saturdays 3:00–3:45 p.m., or by appointment.

ADORATION

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

St. Margaret of Scotland

Saturday Anticipated Mass	5:30 p.m.
Sunday	8:30 a.m.
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.
Thursday	6:30 a.m.
1st Saturday of every month	8:00 a.m.
Rosary beginning at 7:30 a.	.m. led by

St. Margaret's Ladies Altar Society before 1st Saturday Mass.

HOLY HOUR

1st Saturday of every month.....8:30 a.m.

CONFESSION

30 minutes before weekday Masses and the 1st Saturday Mass, Sundays 7:30-8:25 a.m., or by appointment.

ADORATION

Tuesdays 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 3, 2023



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; cf. Eph 1:17-18; Mt 16:21-27 Sunday:

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; See Lk

4:18; Lk 4:16-30

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 7:16; Lk Tuesday:

4:31-37

Wednesday: Col1:1-8; Ps 52:10, 11; Lk 4:18; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mt 4:19; Lk 5:1-

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, Friday:

Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8; Jn 14:6; Lk 6:1-5 Saturday:

BAPTISM

If you are expecting, please call the office as soon as possible after the baby is born to schedule the baptism.

SACRED HEART HOME **ENTHRONEMENTS**

Father has started Sacred Heart Home Enthronements. Please call the office to schedule your Home Enthronement.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Contact the pastor 8-12 months prior to the wedding.

MASS INTENTIONS

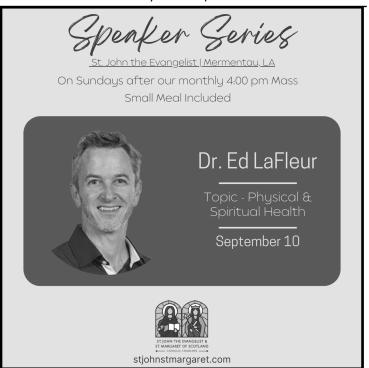
When you request Masses, please provide a phone number so we can call if we have questions or need clarification.



The first Catechism class of this school year is scheduled for **Sunday, September 10th.** All classes will report to St. John's Church.



Each month, class will begin with Mass at 4:00 p.m. Students are required to attend Mass. Families are invited to Mass as well. Following Mass, we will have a small meal and classes will begin. Parents are welcome to stay for the Speaker Series.



ROSARY GROUP

 St. John's Rosary Group will meet on Monday, September 4, 2023, at St. John's at 5:30 p.m.

SANCTUARY CANDLE — SEPT 2 - 15

- The sanctuary candle at **St. Margaret** will be burning for 14 days in memory of *Ernie & Ernest Istre*.
- The sanctuary candle at St. John will be burning for 14 days in memory of Yvonne Martin.

(The Sanctuary Candle can burn in memory/honor of someone for 14 days for \$10.00.)

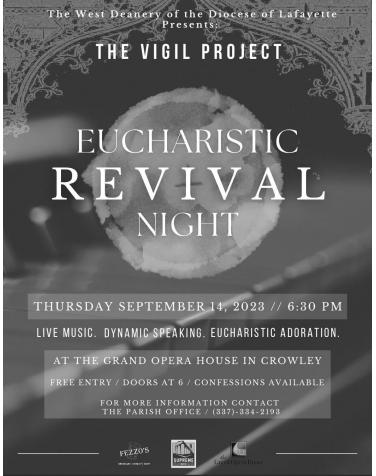
St. John the Evangelist & St. Margaret of Scotland Fall Bazaar

BINGO PRIZES & WORKERS NEEDED

We are accepting donations for **Bingo** prizes. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help defer the expense of purchasing prizes you can do that as well. Contact Melanie Chiasson if you would like to make a donation or volunteer to work. She can be reached at 329-2067.

SWEET SHOP DONATIONS NEEDED

If you would like to donate a baked item for the bazaar, please call Jennifer Myers at 250-0421. She asks that all food donations be individually packaged and delivered to the church hall on Saturday, October 7th, if possible. If you would like to make a monetary donation towards the cost of ingredients, please give your donation to Jennifer.





COLLECTION SCHEDULE

September 10—Catholic University of America September 17—Project Evangelization

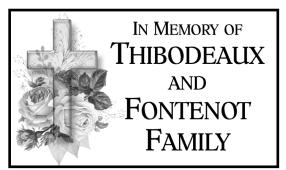
September 24 — BSA

COLLECTIONS

Weekend of August 27, 2023

St. John the Evangelist	
Collection	\$4,194.00
Project Evangelization	\$25.00
Weekly Total	\$4,219.00
Weekly Goal	
Second Collection	
BSA	\$387.00
St. Margaret of Scotland	
Collection	\$2,927.90
Weekly Total	\$2,927.90
Weekly Goal	
Second Collection	
BSA	\$166.00
Thank you!	

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTER OF THE WEEK!



MASS INTENTIONS

Nota Bene: If a name is not printed below due to human error, be assured that God has accepted the intention in Heaven. Code of Canon Law, 945

St. John the Evangelist

12:15 pm Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Charles & Carolyn Fruge

4:00 pm Saturday, September 9, 2023

LeGros, Dupuis, LeBlanc families; Linhart, Kibodeaux, Deshotel families; Rodger Whitehouse & family; Lucille Gautreaux; Dallas Blanchard Family; Wilson Breaux Family; Neville Crader Family; August Benoit Family; Elie Benoit Family, Felix Leger Family; Sheeney Gautreaux; Charles & Carolyn Fruge (WA); Maral, Margaret & Mark Damiens; Living & Deceased: members of the Mire & Leger family

10:00 am Sunday, September 10, 2023

MJ & Yvonne Martin; Brenda J. Thibodeaux; Charles W. Thibodeaux; Ruthy Thibodeaux; Living: Cathy Barbier; Colette Barbier; Carl Barbier

4:00 pm Sunday, September 10, 2023

Living & Deceased: members of the Myers family; Living: Kaitlynn Lovelady (BD 9/12); John Keith Henry (BD 9/14)

St. Margaret of Scotland

6:30 am Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Tina Pilcher; Rod Lafosse; Michael Chiasson

6:30 am Thursday, September 7, 2023

Paulite and Edmay Broussard & Family

5:30 pm Saturday, September 9, 2023

Laryman & Audrey Guidry & Family; Warren Hoffpauir; Paulite & Edmay Broussard; Theresa & Sonia Duclion; Gilbert & Bessie Guillory; Ernie Istre (DA 7 yrs); Ernest Istre; Francis Nugent; Living: Gabrielle LeJeune; Henri & Emily LeJeune

8:30 am Sunday, September 10, 2023

Pro Populo

Ali Hoof • Earl Breaux Ann Lopez • Bennett Harrington • Eveline Leger • Betty Breaux Betty Cormier • Hank Andrew Gautreaux Blaine Koch Bobby Perry • Brenda Guidry • Brock Sonnier • Carl Vincent • Cathy Leger Joe Bratton

- **Prayer List**
- Frances Miller • Frank Gray
- Harold Lachaussee
- Jason Pussigeur • leanette Landry
- Charles Benoit • Charlotte Suire
- Clayton McZeal • Cynthia Leger
- Dana Harrington David Ardoin
- Dalton Newman
- Kenneth Guidry Kevin Matthews
- Linda Gautreaux
- Loretta Gray • Dalin Davis • Madelyn Daigle
- Russell Myers Howard Breaux Sr. •Sally Courville •Stacy Latiolais •Steve Newman Tammy Spell • John Thomas Crouch • Timothy Broussard Joseph Leon LeJeune •Tonya Benoit • Wanda Linhart Wells Kevin Zaunbrecher • Wilma Sonnier

Pat Bratton

Poncho Fontenot

• Ridge Michael Benoit

• Red Campbell

Pat Cooley

Pat Mire

• Melanie Chiasson *If you know of someone on the sick list that can be removed, please let us know by calling the office or putting a note in the collection.

NOVENA IN HONOR OF SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

St. Leo the Great Roman Catholic Church 300 West Alexander St. Lafayette, LA 70501

Saturday & Sunday:

Novena & Rosary 12:30 p.m. | Mass 1 p.m.

All other days:

Novena & Rosary 5 p.m. | Mass 5:30 p.m.

Eighth Day: Jesus Made Himself the Bread of

Sunday, September 3 Life & the Hungry One

Father Andrew Schumacher

Ninth Day: Holiness is Jesus Living & Acting

Monday, September 4 in Me

Father Steve Pellessier

Mass Feast Day of St. Teresa of Calcutta

St. Leo the Great Roman Catholic Church Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Celebrant, Bishop-Emeritus Michael Jarrell "Jesus is my All in All"

Daily Novena Prayer to St. Teresa of Calcutta

St. Teresa of Calcutta, you allowed the thirsting love of Jesus on the Cross to become a living flame within you, and so became the light of His love to all. Obtain from the Heart of Jesus (here make your request). Teach me to allow Jesus to penetrate and possess my whole being so completely that my life, too, may radiate His light and love to others. Amen.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Cause of Our Joy, pray for me. St. Teresa of Calcutta, pray for me!

"Radiating Christ"

by Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman (1801-1890)

Dear Jesus, help me to spread Your fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Your Spirit and Life. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Yours. Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Your presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me, but only Jesus! Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as You. Shine, so to shine as to be a light to others. The light, O Jesus, will be all from You, none of it will be mine. It will be You shining on others through me. Let me thus praise You in the way You love best, by shining on those around me. Let me preach You without preaching, not by words, but by my example, by the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what I do, the evident fullness of the love my heart bears for You. Amen.

We are happy to announce that the JMJ Coalition Men's ACTS Retreat is January 11-14, 2024!

The name of our program is The JMJ Coalition ACTS Retreat. This name is a result of Fr. Andrew Schumacher and Fr. Brent Smith teaming up to provide ACTS retreats to parishioners of their parishes: St. John the Evangelist in Mermentau, LA, St. Margaret of Scotland in Estherwood, LA, and St. Joseph's in Rayne, LA.

ACTS is a parish-based retreat in which parishioners serve parishioners. The ACTS Retreat, an acronym for Adoration, Community, Theology and Service, began in the 1980's in San Antonio, Texas. The retreat's goals are to strengthen our faith and its application in our daily life, to renew ourselves spiritually, to build strong, lasting friendships, and to grow in our relationship with our Lord, our parish and one another. The ACTS weekend is presented by lay Catholics, with support provided by a Spiritual Director/companion or clergy. Parishioners who serve on ACTS retreats strive to provide the opportunity for our parish community to experience, become, and share the Body of Christ. Once parishioners attend a JMJ Coalition ACTS Retreat, they can help serve in future retreats. Please consider this wonderful gift for yourself or someone you love.

Are you interested in deepening your faith and finding a community of faith to help support you on your faith journey? If so, consider attending a JMJ Coalition ACTS Retreat. Typically held twice a year for both men and women, the retreats begin Thursday evenings with check-in at 5:15 p.m. Retreatants return on Sunday in time for Mass.

Registration for a retreat opens a few months before it is scheduled to take place, usually at noon on Sundays. Registration remains open until all spots have been filled. Those interested may register online by filling out an application. Registration links will be published in the bulletin, website and/or Facebook.

The cost is \$300.00 per person. Payment instructions are given to those who are accepted into the retreat. For more information, call the Parish Office at 337-824-2278.

The **JMJ Coalition Men's ACTS Retreat** will be held *January 11-14, 2024*. The retreat begins Thursday evening, January 11th. Retreatants will return to St. Joseph's in Rayne for Mass on Sunday, January 14, 2024 for Mass at 10:00 am. Registration will open Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 12:00 pm and will remain open until all spots have been filled. You may register online using the QR code below or visiting our website.

<u>REGISTRATION OPENS SUNDAY,</u> SEPTEMBER 10TH AT 12:00 PM!



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Interested in becoming **CATHOLIC?**

2023-2024 OCIA REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

CLASSES BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER!!

The Catholic Church welcomes new members and tries to provide appropriate spiritual formation according to each person's needs. Some who come to us have had little or no affiliation with, or religious training in, the Christian faith. Others have been baptized and have been active members of other Christian denominations. The process of formation is called the Ordier of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA).

If you are an adult, teen or have an older child (above seven years of age) who has never been baptized and would like to enter the OCIA process in order to begin the journey in preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist), please fill out the inquiry form on our website.







Week of September 03, 2023



The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary |

By studying Sacred Art, we fuel our prayer and contemplation. In this episode, Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Taylor Kemp to examine the theological nuances contained in Bartolome Murillo's depiction of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity torlay.



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In this episode, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Vocations Prayer Cros

Sign-up your family to host our parish's Vocations Prayer Cross for a week!

Our Vocation Prayer Cross kit comes with a prayer booklet to guide you and your family in praying for priests and for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



Sign-up sheets are currently located in the lobby of both churches. DIOCESE LAFAYETTE



COMPENDIUM-CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Q: What is the center of the liturgical season?

A: The center of the liturgical season is Sunday which is the foundation and kernel of the entire liturgical year and has its culmination in the annual celebration of Easter, the feast of feasts. (CCC 1163-67, 1193)

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Any men that are interested in joining a prayer group are invited to join us on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:45 pm for Adoration in St. John's Church and 6:45-7:30 pm for Small Group in St. John's Parish Hall.

> "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another". Proverbs 27:17

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St. John the Evangelist & St. Margaret of Scotland

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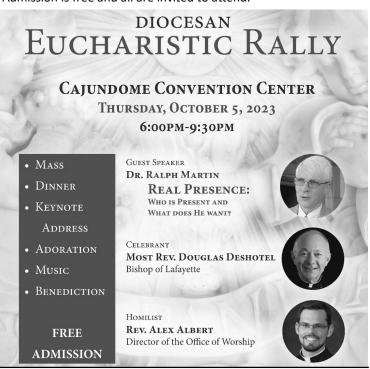
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DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC RALLY

The Diocese of Lafayette will host a Diocesan Eucharistic Rally from 6-9:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at the Cajundome Convention Center. The rally will begin with Holy Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Douglas Deshotel, Bishop of Lafayette, and Rev. Alex Albert, Director of the Diocesan Office of Worship, will serve as homilist.

Following Mass, keynote speaker Dr. Ralph Martin will discuss "Real Presence: Who is Present and What Does He Want?" The evening will conclude with Adoration, music and Benediction.

Admission is free and all are invited to attend.



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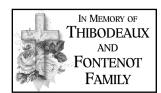
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MISSING SOMETHING,

We have items that were found in church or on the church grounds.

If you have lost an item at St. John's, simply call the parish office for verification and we can arrange to have such item(s) returned. If you lost an item at St. Margaret's, please speak to one of the sacristans to claim your item(s).



Below is a list of items currently in our possession:

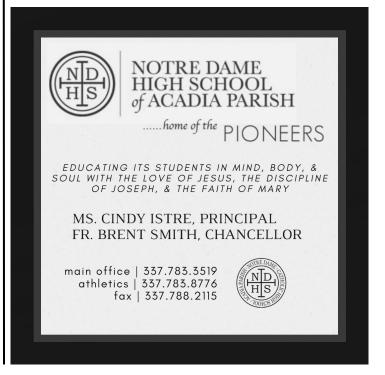
St. John:

- 1 Woman's Ring
- 1 Men's 2023 Ring
- 3 Rosaries
- 1 Sacred Heart Medallion
- 1 Fishing Lure Bracelet
- 2 Pairs Rx Evealasses
- 1 Woman's Nurse Bracelet
- 3 Earrings
- 3 Women's Necklaces
- 1 <u>Devotions to the Holy Spirit</u> Book
- Stanley Cup

St. Margaret:

- 3 Pairs of Eyeglasses
- 3 Pairs of Sunglasses
- 1 Magnificat Cover
- 5 Rosaries

- 1 Bracelet
- 1 Earring
- 1 Initial Charm



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James 5:7

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2 Timothy 2:24

"And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kindly to everyone, an apt teacher, forbearing, correcting his opponents with gentleness."



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