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Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am

9:00 am
11:00 am

Monday (Liturgy of the Word) 7:00 am

Wed., Thurs., Fri. (Mass) 7:00 am

First Tuesday of the Month 6:00 pm

(Mass, Novena, Benediction and Anointing of the Sick)

All other Tuesdays - Confessions 5:30 pm

(Mass and Novena) 6:00 pm

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office

Marriage: Please contact the pastor a minimum of six months before the wedding

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:00 pm

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

The Profit's Profit

Old Testament prophets were not very popular. Most were killed or exiled because they challenged people to follow God's commands. John the Baptist suffered the same way. So what kept the prophets going?

First of all, the prophets had faith in God. They believed that God spoke through them, that God would protect them and support them. Second, they had patience. They kept going when people rejected their preaching. Some prophets had to be patient with their own weaknesses.

The third gift of the prophets was hope, hope that by keeping God's commands, God's people would be renewed, along with all of creation. Our first reading is an example of such hope, with its descriptions of deserts becoming gardens and the sick and disabled being healed and strengthened.

So what do we learn from those prophets? First, we need to keep our faith in God strong. If you go to church once a week, the bare minimum, it would be like exercising only once a week and thinking that will keep you in shape. Second, we need patience, and not just with our kids. We need to be patient with ourselves and with God. Some people stop going to church because they don't see any spiritual growth in themselves. So be patient; don't expect to become a saint right away. Finally, the reading from Isaiah gives us hope that God will open our eyes of faith, clear our ears to hear God's word (Isaiah 35:5), and "meet him with joy and gladness" (Isaiah 35:10).

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Christmas Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

4pm Mass (Children's Liturgy)

6pm Mass

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

9am Mass

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday, December 28, 2019

4pm — Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 29, 2019

7:30am, 9am, 11am Masses

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

9am Mass

In Loving Memory...

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the following persons who donated a memorial gift in loving memory of:

Colby Gomez

Donated by:

"Buzz" & Kelly Alberado



Epiphany Concert

Join us at St. John Church as Fr. Greg Daigle crowns the Christmas season with songs of faith and other music on Epiphany Sunday, January 5 from 4pm-5:30pm.

Tickets (\$25) are available for purchase through St. John School (225.687.3056) and the St. John church office (225.687.2402). These tickets make wonderful Christmas gifts.

Make plans now to celebrate Christmas with your loved ones and help St. John School at the same time.

Advent Giving Tree



Sorting of the Giving Tree gifts will take place Sunday, December 15 in the Parish Hall at 9am if anyone would like to help. This will be a great opportunity for students to receive service hours.



Holiday Visits to Homebound

We will be visiting the homebound, the sick and elderly parishioners during the holidays beginning Sunday, December 15.

If anyone would like to join us in spreading Christmas cheer, please call JoAnn Landry at 225.776.0782.

Nativity Scene in Church

Our beautiful crèche with life-size Fontanini figures will be available for viewing for anyone who would like an opportunity to make a prayerful visit to our Lord and Savior.



The church will be open and the lights will be on daily from 7am-3:30pm beginning Friday, December 20, 2019 until Sunday, January 12, 2020.



The 8th Annual Cool Winter Nights, Hot Jazz

Tuesday & Wednesday, December 17 & 18 — 7:30pm
Shaw Center of the Arts Manship Theatre
100 Lafayette Street in Baton Rouge

Cool Winter Nights and Hot Jazz will feature Fr. Greg Daigle and others in a program of new arrangements and holiday favorites.

For more information and tickets, contact 225.344.0334,
www.manshiptheatre.org/events.



Knights of Columbus Fireworks Sale

The Knights of Columbus will be selling fireworks at the K.C. Home, 58715 Price Street in Plaquemine.

Fireworks will be sold on the following dates & times:

Sunday, December 22 — 2-8:30pm
Monday, December 23 — 6-8:30pm
Thursday, December 26 — 6-8:30pm
Friday, December 27 — 6-8:30pm
Saturday, December 28 — 2-8:30pm
Sunday, December 29 — 2-8:30pm
Monday, December 30 — 6-8:30pm
Tuesday, December 31 — 12-8:30pm

Please support the Knights of Columbus in all the good works they do for our church and community.

Our Hymn Selections this weekend:

(Subject to change)

Entrance: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Today's Missal 50

Preparation: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Today's Missal 65

Communion: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Today's Missal 20

Sending Forth: **Instrumental**



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: *"So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?"* (Matthew 26:40)

Available hours for scheduled visitation to the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel are:

- Sunday: 4pm-5pm
- Thursday: 4pm-5pm
- Thursday: 10pm-11pm
- Saturday: 10am-11am

To volunteer as a scheduled adorer or substitute, please contact JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

Daily Scripture Readings — December 16-22, 2019

Monday, December 16:

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 17:

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday, December 18:

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Thursday, December 19:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-6, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Friday, December 20:

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday, December 21:

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21;

Lk 1:39-45

Sunday, December 22:

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm

Church Office Third Floor

Monday, January 6, 2020

Monday, February 3, 2020



Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, December 28, 2019

Saturday, January 25, 2020

Saturday, February 22, 2020

Dates are subject to change. Please call the church office at 225.687.2402 during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.



Knights of Columbus Calendars

The Knights of Columbus Charity Calendar Sales Drive is in progress.

Over \$15,000.00 in cash prizes!! Buy a calendar for \$20.00 and participate in 365 drawings REGARDLESS OF HOW OFTEN YOU WIN!! 2020 drawings begin the first week of February. Calendars can be purchased by contacting Ruel Seneca at 225.385.0930.

Please support the KCs and all the good works they do for our church and community.



Sanctuary Candle

December 22, 2019

St. John the Evangelist Church
Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux,
Schexnaildre & Nicolosi Families

St. Clement of Rome Church
M/M Archie Callais, Sr. & Albert Lee Callais

Stewardship

December 7 & 8, 2019



Identified.....\$ 7,589.00

Number — 254

Unidentified.....\$ 1,794.00

Other Collections.....\$ 1,393.00

Number — 52

ONLINE GIVING — November 2019

Stewardship.....\$ 5,728.00

Other Collections.....\$ 1,063.00

Join the parishioners who are using ONLINE GIVING for automated giving to St. John. It is secure and convenient. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish.

To sign up for ONLINE GIVING,
visit www.stjohnchurchplaq.org.

Christmas Flower Envelopes



The envelope for Christmas flowers has been placed in the December packet of envelopes. The names of loved ones remembered with Christmas flowers will be published in future bulletins.

Weekly Ministries

Altar Society



The Altar Society will be giving the church a general cleaning for Christmas on Tuesday, December 17 at 8am followed by a brunch meeting.

Volunteers are welcome!



Children's Liturgy

December 22, 2019

Mary Hamilton (9am Mass)

Coffee and Donuts

December 22, 2019



Pete & Bonnie Blanchard (7:30am Mass)

Ruel & Diana Seneca (9am Mass)



A grateful acknowledgement is made to the crew who decorated our beautiful church for Christmas. Most of the volunteers are shown above.



Catholic Daughters

The Catholic Daughters thanks everyone who bought baked goodies at their recent bake sale.

Our Brothers' Keeper Food Bank

Our Brothers' Keeper Food Bank is in need of non-perishable food items. Especially needed are such items as peanut butter, jelly, cereal, macaroni and cheese, tuna, soup and fruit juices.



Please place your contributions near the Baptistry in Church. We appreciate whatever you can give.

You are Covered in Prayer



*May you feel His presence-
Experience His Peace-
Draw from His strength-
Rest in His love-*

May God bless and keep you in His loving care.

If someone you know is having major surgery or has been diagnosed with cancer or any other grave illness, please let us bring you a prayer blanket to help get you through this tough time.

Contact Jane Gauthreaux at 225.413.7157.

St. John School News



The St. John School Family invites you to their Christmas Mass Friday, December 20 at 8am in St. Clement Church.

Alumni Association

"Graduate, awesome! Not a graduate - that's ok too! Think about joining the St John Alumni Association, the organization that supports the whole St. John community. In September 2019 the Alumni Association purchased 200 navy blue chairs for the cafeteria.

For more information, email torcino@stjohnschool.org or call 225.687.3056.

BINGO

Bingo is held five nights each week at the St. John Fathers' Club Bingo Hall, 24837 Hwy 1, South.



The following is the Bingo schedule:

- Sunday—7pm—Knights of Columbus Bingo
- Monday—7pm—Fathers' Club Bingo
- Tuesday—7pm—Fathers' Club Bingo
- Wednesday—7pm—Knights of Columbus Bingo
- Friday—7pm—Fathers' Club Bingo

Thank you for supporting St. John School.

MASS INTENTIONS — December 21-27, 2019

Saturday, December 21-4pm Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Michael Laurent, M/M Owen Miller, Sr.; Betty Mooney, Lyman Marchand, Sr., Sylvia & Bola Gascon; Adolph, Sr., Adolph, Jr. & Ida Mae Jumonville, Freddie Hebert, John, Sr., John, Jr., Madeline & James Roth; Kelly Dugas, Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; Vic & Dell Pollage; Dace K. & Earline Hahn, Sr., Kim Baggett, Luke Baggett; Betty & Earl Breaux, Sr., Alden & Pauline Hebert, John Bourg; Berthelot, Guillot, Schlatre & Cavet Families; Ashley Gueho, Catherine & Alex Gueho; Ione & Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Donald, Barbara & Dale David; Mayon, Callahan & Clement Families; M/M Lindon Rivet & Family, Joe Messina, Irene & Lo Gulotta; Angelo & Gloria Michelle, Brendon Joseph Landry, Ronald “Coop” Landry; In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony for a Favor Granted; For the Souls in Purgatory In Honor of St. Joseph

Sunday, December 22-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners



Sunday, December 22-9am Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; J. D. Dupre; Anthony & Margie Vitale, Hette Hebert, Cleora Couvillion; Douglas Bourgoyne; Harold, Barbara & Frances Himel; M/M Ernest Hernandez, Margaret Hernandez, Gary Hernandez, M/M Clay Hernandez, Rhodes Bourgoyne, M/M Frank Hernandez; Kathleen Anastasio; Connor Brown; Virginia Simon; A Special Intention

Sunday, December 22-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Harold & Hayes Sparks, Sisse Reinhardt, Chantal Choina; Benny & Annie Vaughn; Joseph & Lillian Crescienne, Peter & Rosalie Crescienne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; William Middleton, William Lewis, Middleton & Clouatre Families; Victor Canella; Ruth Ricard; Ann & John Ruiz, Daisy Palermo King, Jimmy Cashiola; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., M/M Sydney Hedges, Sr.

Tuesday, December 24-4pm Mass,

T. N. & Ray Patin; Fette Hebert; John Ruiz, Anthony & Frances Palermo, Daisy B. King; Alcee, Irene, J. C. & Fabian Hebert; Vincent A. Ferachi, Dr. Larry G. Ferachi; Tommy Griffon; May Berta & Robert Olano, Paul Joffrion, Sr.; Douglas Breaux Family, Salvador F. Spano & Family, Michael “Boo” Santangelo, Mike & Rita Santangelo, Clay & Julette Bourg; Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio, Pauline E. deVerges, Edward Engolio, Jr.; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; M/M Edward Clement, Sr., Alcide Clement, Laura C. & Annie Melancon; Herman, Sr., Marie, Cheryl & Rita Courtade Family, Barbara & Shelby Cedotal, Frank Grainer, Jr.; In Memory of Scott Jude Marino, Nera Rodriguez, Anthony & Mary Marino, Kids of St. Jude; Carlo, Andrew & Josephine Canova, Jerry & Cutsy Blanchard; Johnny Zito, Johnny Zito, Jr.; Carlo & Kurt Canova, Kenneth Ourso, Gina Ourso; Berthelot, Guillot, Schlatre & Cavet Families; Faye & Paul Troxclair, Alton & Jenny Boudreaux; Jim Gerace, Flor, Stella, & Sonny Rills, Kye Boudreaux; M/M Vincent M. Ferachi, Cadence & Cassidy Diamond, Stephanie Revere, Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Ferachi & Marino Families; Mack & Laura, Michael & Lawrence Lazzaro, Kolby Lorio, James “Butch” & Sadie Tullier; Bob & Leana Brady, Cleveland & Lucy Boudreaux, Robbie Brady; Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry, Sam & Agnes Coletti; Lance Blanchard, Himel & Blanchard Families; Oneil Favron, Sr., Oneil Favron, Jr., Randy Favron, Sr., Patricia Savoie Hebert; Kenneth W. “Klu” Brown; Dalfay Cavalier & Joseph C. LeBlanc Families, Nelia Simoneaux; Patricia A. LeBlanc; Sidney “Benny” Quatrevingt, Quatrevingt & Gulotta Families; Tim Himel, M/M Ozma Salvadras, M/M Joseph Salvadras, M/M Red Catlett; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Yvonne Curry; Winnie & Harry Gallagher; Frank Ragusa, Placito Mancuso Family, Mose Gibson Family, J. D. Collins Family, Philip Ragusa; Vincent Billings, Debra Billings; Clebert & Gomez Families, Pim & NuNu Clebert, Eddie & Virginia Clebert, Ulger & Nilda Daigle, Clebert & Daigle Families; Billy Wright, Louise & Edmund Bujol; Mary & Chuchie Flatau, Anthony & Camella Orcino, Orcino & Flatau Families; Brian “Paco” Ourso, Allen Ourso; Paul & Emily Bourgeois & Family; Caliste, Jr. & Kimberly Landry; M/M Anthony Orcino & Family; Lindon A. “Noonie” Rivet; Hollye A. Comeaux, E. Achee Family, D. Carrington Family; Tony Mancuso; Judy Lively Priestler; Kearney Thibodeaux, Sr., Sadie Thibodeaux, Kearney Thibodeaux, Jr., Vernon Suggs, Joe Suggs, Kyle Ourso, Freddie Ourso; Josie & Tony Palermo; Tarek Smart, Nick Mancuso Family, Roger Adams; Cecil Comeaux & Family; M/M Roy Ourso & Family; Joe Maggio, Jr., Bert & Ruth Clement, Schexnaildre Family, Clement Family, Latino Family & Maggio Family;

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MASS INTENTIONS — December 21-27, 2019 (continued)

Tuesday, December 24-6pm Mass

Frances Santangelo LeBlanc, Alcee & Pauline Becnel, Evans & Virgie Dugas, Marie Ragusa LeBlanc, Terry Landry, Sr., Terry Landry, Jr.; M/M Jules J. Noel, Jr.; Gasper Pizzolato, Sr., Family Members Alma, Carolyn, & Johnny Pizzolato, Sr.; J. Hubert Millet, Milda Millet, Louis Family, Harold Marionneaux; Orian Gulotta; Sam Pizzolato; Henry Vadnais, Jr.; Max, Leona, Gerald & John, Sr. Hoffman; M/M John R. Dugas, Gracie Roberts; Mary Jo Primeaux, Allen & Alberta Buquoi, Dwight Marix, Michael Clause, Carlisle & Lois Marix; Victor J. Canella; Frank, Josie & Anthony Canella; Mitchell Dufour, Boudreaux & Dufour Families; Kevin Mellieon; Leonard B. & Mary G. Savoie, James "Puddin" & Brenda L. Devillier; John Shelby Dupont, Olive Iledah Dupont, Tody Dupont, Charles Denis Dupont, Jimbo Jumonville, Myrle Barker Jumonville, Sallie Grass Dupont, Clarence Ory Dupont

Tuesday, December 24-Midnight Mass

M/M Guy LoBue, Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; Yves & Vera Ramirez, Jerry & Jane, Kirsch Kember; Samuel A. "Buttie" Distefano, Jr.; Jep Daigle, Eddie & Virginia Clebert, Ulger & Nelda Daigle, Clebert & Daigle Families; Lester E. Hebert, Gladys & Jannus Robertson, Ernestine Robertson; Kotchie Tullier, Jean Scarsone, Anthony "Cap" Scarsone, Rosie Z. Tullier, Alex J. Tullier, Jr., Randy Tullier; Ruth Ricard; M/M John Caffarel, M/M J. E. Marix Family

Wednesday, December 25-9am Mass

O. J. & Pearl Hidalgo Songy & Families, Jaynell Lopez, Cal Wilbert III, Joseph M. Cazes & Family, Calvin W. Wilbert, Sr. & Family, Herman & Joan Daigle, Roy & Vorina Gulotta; J. R. Boudreaux, Virgie Junot & Family; Robert Jude Grace; Roland "Dougie" Rivet, Hebert & Rivet Families; Vera & Burman Guidry, Mary & Clarence Berthelot; J. W. Bryant Family; Gladys "Butsy" Palermo, Peter A. Palermo, Patrick Burleigh; Gerald Berret Family; Ashton Neubig Family; Frank & Gladys Hidalgo; Betty Dugas, Lolly & Alvin Dugas; Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Agnes & Sam Coletti & Family; Adele & George Zeringue, Maude & Norman Schlatre; Clinton & Wendell Fournerat; Laurence & Winnie Miller, Paul & Myrtle Richard, Edward Miller; Adam H. Vercher, Emily Vercher, Donald R. Vercher, Lynn Buller; Harry "Bro" Simpson; Edward & Myrle Boudreaux; Kenneth W."Klu" Brown; Maggie & Joe Gullotto, Lola & A. J. Adams; Kelly, Cody & Clint Navarre; Brandon & Eddie Schouest, Jr., Josie & Eddie Vicknair, Jr., Philomena & Joseph Rosso; Claiborne & Lula T. LeBlanc, Sidney & Coralea Breaux, Catherine L. Gomez; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Lapeze & Ragusa Families; Paul, Doris & Charles Barbier, Claude Millet; Earlene LeBlanc; Janice Brown; André Dupont; Charlene Marix; Dominic Engolio, Joseph & Pauline Engolio, Mike & Frances Savariste, Frank Savariste; Sam & Lucy M. Canella, Frances C. Gilchrist, Cyril J. Gilchrist, M/M Frank Messina, M/M Thomas H. LeBlanc; Alvin Simoneaux Family; Mary Kay Marchand; Joshua Barker, M/M Harry Kember, Jr., Kirsch Kember; Anthony "Tony" Falcon; Virginia Simon; Boyce Sharon, Peter & Mary Palermo; Myrna Hargrove; Millard, Carol, Middy & Lindsey Bourgeois; Chase Vaughn, Violet & Eugene Vaughn, Jaynell, Jessica & Ryan Hebert, George Randazzo; Felix & Bernice Berthelot

Thursday, December 26-7am Mass

Henry, George & Emma Grass, Fred & Josephine Hamilton



Friday, December 27-7am Mass

Ronnie Palermo

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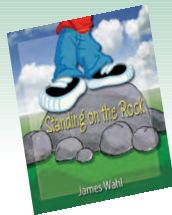
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