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Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
 Sunday...7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am
 Tuesday..... 6:00 pm
 Followed by Benediction & Novena
 Wednesday 7:00 am
 Thursday 7:00 am
 Friday..... 7:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday.....5:30-5:45 pm
 First Friday.....6:30 am
 Saturday3:00-3:30 pm



Exultation of the Holy Cross

September 14, 2025

Bearing our Crosses with Joy

We may have any number of crosses throughout our lives. Some may be small, some may be big. Some may be heavy, some may be light. Some may be temporary, some may be long lasting. As Christians, we are called to bear those burdens, not begrudgingly but joyfully. Sometimes that seems downright impossible. How can I have joy in my life when every moment is filled with pain (whether that be physical or emotional)?

The answer is, it is not possible without a profound relationship with our Lord, that includes constant surrender to His will. In His great love for us, He often allows things to happen that we don't understand, but are for our good or for the good of others. After all, the goal for each of us is eternal salvation, not earthly comfort.

But whether we suffer rejection, loneliness, illness, pain, hunger, cold, or even torture and death, we know that He has experienced it all and knows exactly how it feels. We can ask Him to walk with us each step of the way and be our strength when our own fails.

We may get to the point where we are able to rejoice in our sufferings like St. Paul, or endure them without complaint or remember to offer them up. But above all, may our crosses be a constant reminder to us of today's powerful Gospel passage: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16). Tami Urcia



Eucharistic Adoration

An Invitation to Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament

"Let every knee bend before Thee, O greatness of my God, so supremely humbled in the Sacred Host. May every heart love Thee, every spirit adore Thee and every will be subject to Thee!" —St. Margaret Mary

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To schedule an hour as a committed adorer or a substitute, contact Susan at 225.687.2402, susanblandry@sj.brcocmail.com.

In Loving Memory...

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the following persons who donated a memorial gift to St. John the Evangelist Church 100 Year Capital Campaign in loving memory of:

Jaynel Nadler

Donated by:
Michael & Michele Wilson



Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm

Church Office Conference Room

Monday, October 6, 2025

Monday, November 3, 2025

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Saturday, November 22, 2025

During the early stages of pregnancy, please register online at www.stjohnchurchplaq.org under FORMATION or call the church office at 225.687.2402. Baptism preparation may be done at a seminar or online. For online information, email wandaashley681@gmail.com. Confirm with Lily Skidmore at the church office as dates are subject to change.

Ritualsong

Exaltation of the Holy Cross #1309

Entrance: Lift High the Cross #981

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #982

Sending Forth: Sing with All the Saints in Glory #609

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Fr. Greg Daigle
JoAnn Daigle
Floyd Hebert
Marilyn Mabile

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Lloyd & Betty Bouchereau

Scripture Readings

Week of September 14, 2025

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38;

Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Monday 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3b, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50

Friday 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

Children's Liturgy

A safe and nurturing environment for children to participate in the Mass at an age-appropriate level

Sunday	Mass	Teacher
September 14	11am	Alexis Schlatre
September 21	9am	Carrie Leonard
September 28	11am	Alexis Schlatre

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Mark Bird

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Beverly Fourroux**



**St. John School News
2025-2026 Distinguished
Graduate Nominations**

Each year St. John School recognizes an alumni member who has made a significant contribution to the community and serves as a living example of Gospel values learned while a student at St. John School. If you have someone you would like to nominate as our 2025-2026 St. John School's Distinguished Graduate, visit our school website to download the Distinguished Graduate form and send the completed form to sjeaglesmedia@gmail.com. All forms must be submitted by Tuesday, October 1. Nominees must have graduated from St. John at least five years before the nomination.

This year's recipient will be recognized at the Diocesan Distinguished graduates dinner during Catholic Schools Week in January.

Community Coffee "Cash for Schools" Program

Please continue saving UPC labels from all Community Coffee products. St. John is able to raise thousands of dollars for classroom supplies through the Community Coffee "Cash for Schools" fundraiser. You may bring your labels to the church office or put them in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket at any weekend Mass. We will see that the school receives them.

BINGO

Bingo is held three nights each week at 7pm at the St. John Fathers' Club Bingo Hall, 24837 Hwy 1, South in Plaquemine.

The following is the Bingo schedule:

Sunday — Knights of Columbus Bingo

Tuesday — Fathers' Club Bingo

Thursday — Fathers' Club Bingo

SAVE THE DATE!!

23rd Annual Alumni Softball Tournament

October 17-18, 2025

Bellevue Park, Plaquemine

**2025 International Acadian Festival
Miss Evangeline and Runners-Up**



Congratulations to the young ladies, all seniors at St. John High School, who were chosen as Miss Evangeline 2025 and the runners-up. Left to right are:

**Kendal Smith, 1st runner-up,
daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Steve Smith**

**Miss Evangeline 2025 Calise Landry,
daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Dustin Landry**

**Meredith Landry, 2nd runner-up,
daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Landry**

Photo credit Donna Kirkland

The 57th International Acadian Festival will be held October 24-26, 2025 at the Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park.

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet in church Sunday, September 14 from 4-6pm. Everyone is welcome!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 20-4pm Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Fr. Greg Daigle, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Yves & Vera Ramirez, Jerry, Jane & Kirsch; Catherine & Andrew Roucher, Ralph & Jodi Sonnier; Mary & Chuchie Flatau, Anthony & Carmella Orcino, Orcino & Flatau Families; Hahn, LeJeune & Hernandez Families; Kerne M. Coreil, Sr.; Bill Toups, Jr.; Myrle & Roy A. Hebert; Tina & Jake Loyacano, Joe & Lucy Ferachi & Family; Rose Marie Canella LeBlanc, Jamie Cedotal Landry; Ione & Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Amelia, Wheel & Gayle Badeaux; Lazzaro Family, Kolby Lorio, James "Butch" & Sadie Tullier, Michael Lazzaro; Lindon A. "Noonie" Rivet, Patricia Messina; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P. W. Albert, Jr.; Joshua "Josh" Landry, Harry & Vivian Banta, Gloria & Joe Landry; Lois & Baco Romero, Lonnie Michel; Benny Joe Carringone

Sunday, September 21-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, September 21-9am Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Fr. Greg Daigle, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Kristina Mellema; Irwin & Ione LeBlanc Wilbert; Harold Sr., Barbara & Frances Himel, Brenda Blank; Earle, Debbie & Cathie Blanchard; Paul & Emily Bourgeois, V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair; Lola & A. J. Adams, Maggie & Joe Gullotto; Dayna Elizabeth Hidalgo Lopez; Frank, Josie, Anthony & Victor Canella; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Jessie Billings, Debra Billings; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Rafflee

Sunday, September 21-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Nicole Miller, Ruth "Se Se" Becnel, Michael Shepherd; Milton Allen, Tommy & Tommy A. Mosley, Hawley Landry; William Middleton, Middleton & Clouatre Families; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Margaret Landry, Sidney Hedges, Jr.; Rodney & Betty LaBauve, Paul & Emily Bourgeois; Wayne & Colby Gomez, Pitre & Gomez Families; Randy Normand; S. J. "Blue" Guercio, Marian R. Guercio, Marian T. Guercio, Louis M. Zeringue

Tuesday, September 23-6pm Mass

Beverly & Fred Allain, Angela & J. E. Dupont

Wednesday, September 24-7am Mass

Myrle Rivault Hebert

Thursday, September 25-7am Mass

Ed Bahry

Friday, September 26-7am Mass

Rachael Engolio



September Devotion: The Seven Sorrows of Mary (September 15)

Mary's Immaculate Heart is often depicted as pierced by seven swords, representing the sorrows that she experienced with and alongside her Son. In perfect obedience to God and His will, Mary consented to her Son's passion and death, entering into his sorrow in a way only a mother can.



Sanctuary Candle

September 14, 2025

St. John the Evangelist

Hebert & Dupont Families

St. Clement of Rome

S. J. "Blue" Guercio III

Marian R. Guercio, Marian T. Guercio & Louis M. Zeringue

A Vocation View

Are You Being Called to a Church Vocation?



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself." Are you seeking a simplistic way of life? You may be called to take the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Discover that life as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225.336.8778 or via email: jjohnson@diobr.org.

St. John Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, September 17 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.



Coffee & Donuts

September 21, 2025

Lou Anna Canella & Lionel Schexnaildre

(7:30am Mass)

Ruel & Diana Seneca (9am Mass)

Kids Corner

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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