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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



When the Son of Man comes,
will he find faith on earth?

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 19, 2025

Perseverance

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives a clever example of why we are to persevere in praying, even if we think the prayer is not being heard. The crooked judge just wanted to get that widow off his back. So we can pray to God with even more confidence, because we know that God loves us and will answer our prayers. St. Paul carries that theme of perseverance even further. He is not just talking about prayer here; he encourages Timothy to persevere in proclaiming God's word as well. That command we may find more challenging than prayer. He tells Timothy (and us!) to "convince, reprimand and encourage through all patience and teaching" (2 Timothy 4:2). How can we do that?

"Convince" reminds me that our faith should be reasonable. Jesus' command to love one another, for instance, can be taught much more convincingly by giving examples of love. A mother who hugs her child when he is hurt and

encourages him when he feels lost is teaching that command in a way that will be remembered much longer than just telling him to love people.

Paul also talks about reprimanding each other. Most people find it difficult to reprimand someone they are in charge of, much less one who is equal in status. That's where patience comes in. A reprimand can be made patiently and gently, as a sign of concern rather than authority.

Paul lastly mentions teaching. Parents can do their part by teaching the stories from the Bible, helping children to see God in creation, teaching them to pray, and being good examples of God's love for them. If you send your children to religion classes or the parish school, do what you can to support the teachers so that what the children learn at school is practiced at home. Tom Schmidt

Fr. Martin Lawrence Installed as Administrator of St. John the Evangelist



Fr. Martin E. Lawrence was installed as Administrator of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church by Bishop Michael Duca on Sunday, October 5, 2025 at 11am Mass. We welcomed Fr. Martin following the Mass at the reception which followed in the parish hall hosted by the St. John Altar Society.

Welcome, Fr. Martin!

Ritualsong

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time #1280

Entrance: Gather Your People #940

Preparation: ****Instrumental****

Communion: God of Day and God of Darkness #899

Sending Forth: Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above #704



Eucharistic Adoration

An Invitation to Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament

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

All Saints' Day

Saturday, November 1, 2025 — 9am Mass

Sunday, November 2, 2025 — Blessing of Graves

St. John Cemetery — 12:30pm

Grace Memorial — 1:30pm

Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm

Church Office Conference Room

Monday, November 3, 2025

Monday, December 1, 2025

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Saturday, November 22, 2025

Saturday, December 20, 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.



*F*ear, O daughter,
and see,
and incline
thine ear;
for the King hath
desired thy beauty.



On Sunday, October 19th

Following the 11:00 a.m.

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

There will be a Rosary Procession

concluding with

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Saint John the Evangelist Church

57805 Main Street + Plaquemine, Louisiana

2026 Church Calendars

The 2026 church calendars are available to our parishioners at the entrances to the church. You may pick up your calendar after any weekend Mass. Special thanks to Wilbert Funeral Services.

57th Annual International Acadian Festival Mass of Thanksgiving



The Acadian Festival Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated at St. John the Evangelist Church Saturday, October 11, 2025 at 4pm. The 2025 Evangeline Court is shown, l to r, back row: Second Year Festival Chairman Fred Sanchez, Baileigh Barbay, Emma Herpin, Emma Grace Marcantel, Cinclare Landry, Charli Neumann, Caroline Schlatre, Aleigh McPhate and Grand Knight Edwin M. Reeves, Jr. Front row: Kate LeBlanc, Addyson Bunch, Danae Martinez, 2nd Runner Up Meredith Landry, Evangeline 2025 Calise Ann Landry, 1st Runner Up Kendal Smith, Carlie Schexnaildre, Emily Reeves and Father Martin Lawrence.

Congratulations to 2025 Acadian Festival Parade Grand Marshal **Medric Smith, Jr.!** He is a long-time member of the Knights of Columbus Council 970 and the Order of Alhambra and was selected as one of the Men of Iberville in 2019. Working as Business Manager of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and serving in his 51st year in his ministry of singing and playing the organ offers the opportunity to allow his life of service and self-sacrifice to his church and community. It is a grand understatement to say the service to God, Church and his fellow man is the true work of his life. Shown, at right, accepting the Grand Marshal Plaque are Medric with his godson, Nixon Anzaldua during the ceremonies following Mass held at the Carl F. Grant Civic Center.



57th International Acadian Festival ~ Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park

Friday, October 24: 4pm ~ Blessing of Grounds~Rides/Crafts/Highball/Food booths open
Saturday, October 25: 11am ~ Rides/Crafts/Food booths open
 6pm ~ Presentation of Evangeline & Princesses Water Ceremony on Bayou Plaquemine
Sunday, October 26: 10:30am ~ Festival Parade
 12 Noon ~ Rides/Crafts/Food booths open

Notice: There will be NO 11am Mass on Sunday, October 26 due to the Acadian Festival Parade at 10:30am. Sunday Masses will be at 7:30am & 9am.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 25-4pm 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; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; M/M Lawrence Landry, Sr., Carmen Landry; Bret Thompson; David Hebert, Roy A. Hebert, Myrle R. Hebert, Hebert, Rivault & Dupont Families; Faye & Harry Martinez; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Yvonne Curry; The Currier Families; Lois & Baco Romero; Lonnie Michel; Benny Joe Carringone; Sue Landry Dugas; Brennan Bujol

Sunday, October 26-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, October 26-9am 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; Dudley & Marie Ragusa LeBlanc, Terry Landry, Sr. & Terry Landry, Jr., Kynlee Bueche; Harold Sr., Barbara & Frances Himel, Brenda Blank; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; Henry "Tutie" Berthelot; Paul & Emily Bourgeois, V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair; Frank, Josie, Anthony & Victor Canella; Nolan "Country" Ruiz; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Allen, Flo & Paco Ourso; Cindy Dickerson; Michael Shepherd, Ruth "Se Se" Becnel, Ruth Keller; George & Sweet Wilbert; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Mary Belle D' Albor, Paul D' Albor, Sr., Dorothy Canova, Paul D' Albor, Jr., Lee Canova; Henry Vadnais, Jr.; Alice Nolan, Leon, Well & Pascal Graffeo, Jimmy Barbee; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Isaac Vaughn, Sr., Nilda Vaughn; Bobby & Janice Tullier

Sunday, October 26 - NO 11am Mass

Tuesday, October 28-6pm Mass

A. J. & Nera Rodriguez & Family; Rudy Cavalier

Wednesday, October 29-7am Mass

Ed Bahry

Thursday, October 30-7am Mass

Mary Ann Gregoire

Friday, October 31-7am Mass

Roland "Dogie" Rivet, Hebert & Rivet Families

St. John Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

Altar Society Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, October 22 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.



Sanctuary Candle

October 19, 2025

St. John the Evangelist

Ragusa, Mancuso, Collins, Morales, Bezet & Nola Families

St. Clement of Rome

Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim & NuNu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Johnny Clebert

Plaquemine Lions Club

Spaghetti Dinners

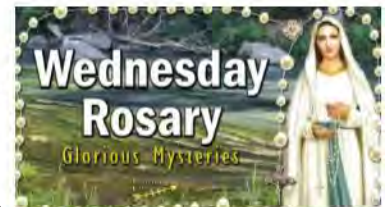
"World's Best Spaghetti Dinners"

The Plaquemine Lions Club will be selling spaghetti dinner tickets **October 18 & 19** outside the doors of the church. The dinners (\$12), consisting of meatballs, spaghetti, corn and a roll, may be picked up Sunday, November 2 from 10am-12:30pm from the Lion's Club drive-thru parking lot on Bayou Jacob Road.

The proceeds from the dinners will benefit the Louisiana Crippled Children's Fund as well as the less fortunate families in Plaquemine.

Contact Roy Kolder at 225.776.2172 for tickets.

October: Month of the Holy Rosary



Join us to pray the Rosary at the home of Betty Aucoin, 57765 Senator Gay Boulevard **Wednesday, October 22 at 6pm**. For more information, you may call Betty at 225.776.1685 or Derryl Comeaux at 225.687.3950.



Called By Name

Chosen for Consecrated Life

What do you wish for me to do for you?" Listen closely to your heart. Is God calling you to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Let the grace of prayer encourage you. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225.336.8778 or via email: jjohnson@diobr.org.

There will be no Coffee & Donuts Sunday, October 26.

October Children's Church

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| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>Mass</u> | <u>Teacher</u> |
| October 19 | 11am | Alexis Schlatre |
| October 26 — No Children's Church — Acadian Festival | | |

Scripture Readings

Week of October 19, 2025

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

Monday Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4. 6; Lk 12:49-53

Friday Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sir 35:12-14; 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14



World Mission Sunday

“Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples”

Sunday, October 19, 2025

As the Church celebrates World Mission Sunday 2025, on October 19, Pope Francis has given us a powerful theme that resonates deeply in this Jubilee Year: “Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples.” In his message, the Holy Father reminded us that hope is at the heart of the Christian mission, calling every baptized person to be “messengers and builders of hope” in a world that often finds itself overshadowed by uncertainty and despair.

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