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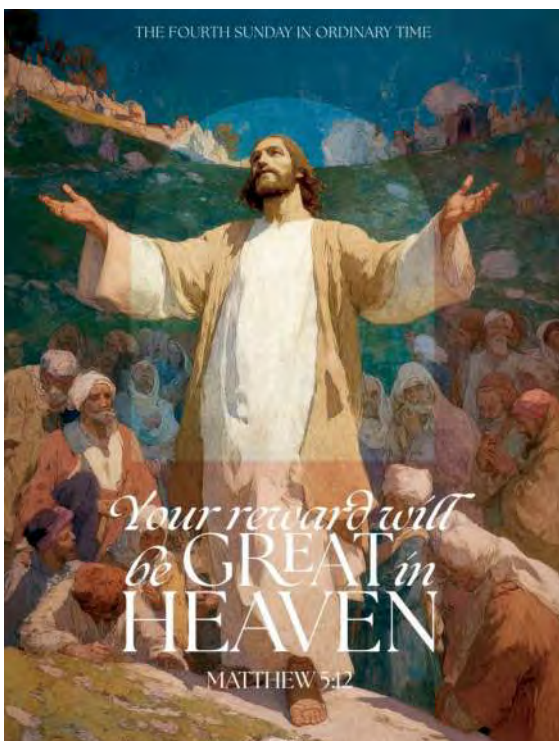
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## Masses

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  
 Saturday .....3:00-3:30 pm



## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 2026

### Boast in the Lord

What are you most proud of? What do you like to boast about? Were you top of your class in college? Do you work harder than anyone in your office? Everyone likes to have something they are the best at, or at least very good. But it really is kind of silly to base your own worth on what you accomplish. What truly makes us important is that we are loved by God. Our second reading tells how God uses the foolish, weak, or poorest people to shame those who are wise, strong, and wealthy. Why? Because God loves the poor, the weak, the disabled, the homeless just as much as God loves the important people.

And it's not just the external qualities that are important. Some wealthy people have great love for the poor. Some of the best teachers only work with disabled children. Our Gospel on the Beatitudes today makes that clear if you listen carefully. Blessed are not just the poor, but the poor in spirit; not only the hungry, but those who hunger for righteousness. That's what Saint Paul means when he says, "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:31).

So how do we get to be "important" to God? Instead of asking God to make my projects a success, I can ask what God wants me to do. And for all the good that you do, remember to thank the Lord. Tom Schmidt



## Sacrament of Confirmation

We will welcome Bishop Michael Duca Thursday, February 5 to 7pm Holy Mass as he seals the Confirmation candidates with the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Everyone is invited to the Mass and reception immediately following in the parish hall.

## Scripture Readings

### Week of February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10;  
1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Monday Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;  
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3;  
Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7;  
Mk 6:1-6

Thursday 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12,  
Mk 6:7-13

Friday Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51;  
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday 1 Kings 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;  
Mt 5:13-16



## Divine Mercy Novena

On Tuesday, **February 10** our parish will begin its nine-week Novena of Divine Mercy with Mass, followed immediately by the sung chaplet of Divine Mercy, Novena Prayers and Benediction.

The Novena of Divine Mercy will continue every Tuesday during Lent following 6pm Mass leading up to the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 12.

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Ritualsong #1203



## Eucharistic Adoration

**Come and Adore. Jesus is waiting for YOU.**

"Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.'" —John 6:35

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-11pm.

To schedule an hour as a committed adorer or a substitute, please contact Susan at 225.687.2402, [susanblandry@sj.brcocxmail.com](mailto:susanblandry@sj.brcocxmail.com).

## In Loving Memory...

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### Joseph "Joe" Guilbeau

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## St. Joseph Altar Kickoff Meeting

### Honoring Jesus' Earthly Father

Who? St. Joseph Altar Committee

What? Organizational Meeting

When? Wednesday, February 4 — 1-2:30pm

Where? St. John Parish Hall

Questions? Contact Betty Aucoin at 225.776.1685.

**All volunteers are welcome!**



The Roman Catholic Diocese of  
**BATON ROUGE**  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

11 January 2026

To the Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Baton Rouge:

The annual retreat for priests of the Diocese of Baton Rouge will be 02-05 February 2026 at St. Charles College at the Jesuit Retreat Center at Grand Coteau. These days of prayer and contemplation represent an important occasion for their renewal and growth in spiritual formation and well-being. As such, participation by our active priests is mandatory.

Thus, their temporary absence during this period of retreat will affect certain regular pastoral ministries. In particular, the schedule of weekday Masses and possible times for funeral Masses will be impacted and adjusted in your parish to meet needs of our priests during this time of renewal. While I recognize that this is a sacrifice, I consider this a sacrifice worth making. Deacons can provide needed funeral rites (the Wake Service, a Funeral without Mass, and the Rite of Committal). If the local parish staff is unable to secure a deacon for funeral needs, the parish staff may call the Office of the Vicar General by dialing 225.387.0561 for further assistance.

Thank you for understanding and supporting our priests with their ongoing formation and renewal for ministry! Please pray for our priests and our diocese during these days. I appreciate your affirmation and encouragement of our priests who give their lives for our diocese. May God be generous in leading us into a future filled with hope.

Hope in the Lord,

Most Reverend Michael G. Duca  
Bishop of Baton Rouge

**2026 Word Marriage Day  
Mass & Celebration**

**St. John Parish Anniversary Celebration**

On **Saturday, February 14** at St. John the Evangelist Church, couples celebrating 10, 15, 25, 35, 50 or greater years of marriage will be honored with reserved seating at 4pm Mass. Corsages and boutonnieres will be available in the parish hall for couples before they process in church for Mass. Family and friends are invited to a reception following Mass in the parish hall hosted by the Altar Society.

If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries in the year 2026 and would like to celebrate with us, please email [marshaadupont@sj.brcoxmail.com](mailto:marshaadupont@sj.brcoxmail.com), call the Church office at 225.687.2402, or fill out the form below. You may drop the form in the collection basket at weekend Mass or mail it to St. John Church, 57805 Main Street, Plaquemine, LA 70764

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 Full Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please circle anniversary to be celebrated:  
 10 15 25 35 50 More than 50 \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please respond by Monday, February 9.\*\***

**Diocesan Anniversary Celebration**

**Sunday, March 22, 2026 — 2pm**  
**Immaculate Conception Church**  
**865 Hatchell Ln., Denham Springs, LA 70726**

- ◇ Bishop Michael Duca, Celebrant of the Mass
- ◇ Honoring couples on their 25th, 50th & 65th or greater wedding anniversary.
- ◇ The families of the celebrating couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and the reception afterward in the Parish Hall.

Please call the St. John Church office at 225.687.2402 or fill out the form below and mail it to St. John Church, 57805 Main Street by **Thursday, February 1.**

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**\*\* Please print or write legibly. Names will appear on certificate as indicated below. \*\***

Examples: Mary & John Jones; or Mary Brown and John Jones; or Mr. and Mrs. John Jones

Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wedding Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. of years married: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated # of family members to attend besides couple: \_\_\_\_  
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**The Pope's Prayer Intention for February  
For Children with Incurable Diseases**

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

**Baptisms & Baptism Seminars**

**Baptism Seminars — 7pm**  
**Church Office Conference Room**

- Monday, February 2, 2026
- Monday, March 2, 2026
- Monday, April 6, 2026

**Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass**

**NO BAPTISMS IN LENT**  
 Saturday, April 25, 2026

During the early stages of pregnancy, please register online at [www.stjohnchurchplaq.org](http://www.stjohnchurchplaq.org) under FORMATION or call the church office at 225.687.2402. Confirm with Lily Skidmore at the church office as dates are subject to change.

**February Devotion**

**The Holy Family**

In February we honor the Holy Family. The Holy Family is the most perfect reflection of the love of the Trinity and sets before us the most perfect model of virtue for all Christian homes.

In the words of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, "Nothing truly can be more salutary or efficacious for Christian families to meditate upon than the example of this Holy Family, which embraces the perfection and completeness of all domestic virtues."

How to celebrate: Pray with (or for) your family during this month. At the start of each day, ask Jesus, Mary, and Joseph for the grace to follow their example of love and selflessness.

**St. John Altar Society**

**Essential Support System of the Church**

Altar Society Team 1 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, February 4 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome!

**IBERVILLE PARISH'S  
SECOND ANNUAL**

**BLACK  
HISTORY  
PROGRAM**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23  
6:30 PM**

**CARL F. GRANT CIVIC CENTER**  
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**NOMINATE AN HONOREE!**

**FILL OUT THE FORM ON OUR WEBSITE  
DEADLINE - FEBRUARY 2ND**

**Mental Health Awareness Event**

**PLANTING SEEDS OF HOPE**

FEBRUARY 24, 2026 | 6:00 PM  
PETE MARAVICH ASSEMBLY CENTER

**RYAN CLARK**  
**CLYDE EDWARDS-HELAIRE**

Our Lady of the Lake Health | LSU | ATHLETICS | LCLUB | JOE BURROW

Ryan Clark and Clyde Edwards-Helaire will be special guests at Planting Seeds of Hope 2026 on February 26 at 6pm in the Pete Maravich Assembly Center. This is an evening dedicated to breaking stigma, sharing stories, and reminding our community that no one has to face their struggles alone. More information can be found at: [PlantingSeedsOfHope](http://PlantingSeedsOfHope)

### Angels for Angels

#### Providing for School Children in Need

The Angels for Angels program has been able to help children in our local schools with much needed items. Teachers contact the Angels for Angels with a specific need for a specific child in their classroom. Items needed are underwear, socks, and elastic waist athletic shorts (black, maroon and khaki) sizes 4T-8 and small hygiene articles such as feminine products, toothbrushes, combs, etc. Teachers also need play dough, coloring books, arts and crafts supplies and kid games. Please place your purchased items in the baskets near the doors of the church. For more information, call Dr. Katie Berthelot at 225.776.2809 or the church office at 225.687.2402.

### Contribution Tax Statements

Anyone needing a 2025 contribution statement for tax purposes may contact Susan Landry, [susanblandry@sj.brcoxmail.com](mailto:susanblandry@sj.brcoxmail.com) or 225.687.2402. Statements will be emailed or printed upon request. Please remember St. John Church and St. John School in your Last Will and Testament.

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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, February 7-4pm 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; V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair, Emily & Paul Bourgeois; Ronnie Palermo, Brown Family, Palermo Family; Pa Pa, Mama, Moe, Joan, Mickey J., Brown & Duhon Families, Brad Tullier, Charles Varnell; Brennan Bujol, Pim & Nu Nu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Derley Barbier; Alfred & Mercedes, Lester & Mary Carville, Louise Bujol & Edmund, Reid & Gerry Rainey; M/M L. J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; M/M Vincent M. Ferachi, Cadance & Cassidy Diamond, Stephanie Rivere, Tina Loyacano, Ferachi & Marino Families; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; Henry J. & Joann R. Daigle Family, Alfred & Volina Roth & Family; Alfred Roth, Jr., Dupuy & Bourgoyne Families; Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Johnette H. Pizzolato, Jean A. & "Tonto" Pizzolato, Josephine P. Robinson; Pam Blanchard; Arlyn R. Rousseau; Rose, Benny & Sid Quatrevingt, Gulotta & Quatrevingt Families; Patrick Gaudet, Iris & Audrey Callegan, Irvin "PaJo" Settoon III; A. J. Martinez, Rock, Maude & Percy Blanchard, Norbert & Chase Prejean; Isaac J. Vaughn, Jr., Brent Isaac Vaughn, Sidney Hedges, Sr., Ezora Hedges

**Sunday, February 8-7:30am Mass**

St. John Parishioners

**Sunday, February 8-9am 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; Christopher Stassi; Gerald "Pops" Boudreaux, Maydell Smothers, Tom Smothers; J. D. Dupre; A. J. & Margie Doiron, Rita & Lyman Marchand; Clinton & Wendell Fournier; Jason Guidry; Mary Ann Gregoire, Anthony Gregoire; Frank Ebert; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Ruel Seneca, Sr., Ida Gaudet Family, Leah Diamond, Linda Rafflee

**Sunday, February 8-11am Mass**

Cindy Dickerson; Harry Marionneaux, Paul, Doris & Charles Barbier; Michael Shepherd, Ruth "Se Se" Becnel, Ruth Keller; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; Leon Graffeo, Sadie & Harry LeBlanc, Beverly Polito

**Tuesday, February 10-6pm Mass**

Case, Gum & Schuler Families; Angele Dalfay & Jean Claud Cavalier; Dave & Eleanor Schnebelen, John Orcino, Sr.

**Wednesday, February 11-7am Mass**

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Schexnaildre & Nicolosi Families

**Thursday, February 12-7am Mass**

Mary & Anthony Marino, Sr.

**Friday, February 13-7am Mass**

Brenda Comeaux



**Sanctuary Candle**

**February 1, 2026**

St. John the Evangelist

**Dom Engolio**

St. Clement of Rome

**Walter Mazone**

**Coffee & Donuts**

**February 8, 2026**

**Ed & Anne Reeves**

(7:30 Mass)



**Lee Ann Howard** (9am Mass)

**Children's Church - February 2026**

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

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
February 1	11am	Alexis Schlatre
February 8	9am	Carrie Leonard
February 15	11am	Taylor Campbell
February 22	9am	Tracy Cox

**Kids Corner**

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

E R E J O I C E A O  
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