



St. John the Evangelist

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CATHOLIC CHURCH



CHRISTMAS (12/25) & HOLY FAMILY(12/26)

STAFF

Pastor..... Rev. Varghese Josekutty
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. till noon
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EUCHARIST

Saturday 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Weekday Masses: Tuesday.....6 p.m. w/Novena
Wednesday thru Friday.....8 a.m.
First Friday Mass 8:00 a.m.
First Friday Adoration..... 8:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.



PENANCE

Please check with the Pastor.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made at least 6 months prior to
wedding. No weddings during lent.

BAPTISM

First Saturday of the month after the 4:00 p.m. Mass.
Baptismal Seminar: Last Tuesday of the month.
Make arrangements 2 weeks in advance.

ANOINTING OF SICK

Anytime when in need. Please phone.

MISSION STATEMENT

We the family of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church provide worship, education, ministerial and social opportunities for the Spiritual growth of all.

Offertory Gifts

In Loving Memory of Sterling Aysen & Deceased Members of the Aysen & Bourg Families by Inez Aysen.

Lamp I

In Loving Memory of Hazel Mire(BDay-12/25) by Family.

Lamp II

In Loving Memory of Ida R.& Andre E.(Anniv-1/2) Bourgeois, Andre M. Bourgeois(BDay-12/23), WalterLouis Paul Richard II, Bob Bourgeois Jr., Lydia & Joseph Roger, Ophelia & Marcellain Bourgeois, M/M Theophine Aucoin, Edwina Boudreaux, Adela Clement, Victoria T. (BDay-12/23) & Walter C. Richard, Tyrone Richard, Bob & Bessie Gros, & Deceased Loved Ones, Steve “Buck” Bourgeois, Mary & Elie Guillot & Fly, Andrew, Rita & Gustave & Harry Tabor, Annalie Gravois, Josph Niquiporo, John Oliver, For Conversion & Salvation of Souls, For Priest & Religious & Those in Prison by Walter & Susie Richard & Fly, & Jerome & Jennifer Bourgeois & Fly.

Missalettes

In Loving Memory of Ford & Fakier Family by Louise Ford.

Bulletins

In Loving Memory of Emelda Benoit(Anniv-12/25) & Russel Benoit, Lee & Eudora Chauvin, June Porche & Ellen Chauvin by Sheryle & Harold Chauvin.



The Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The devotion to the Holy Family was born in Bethlehem, together with the Baby Jesus. The shepherds went to adore the Child and, at the same time, they gave honor to His family. Later, in a similar way, the three wise men came from the East to adore and give honor to the newborn King with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh that would be safeguarded by His family.

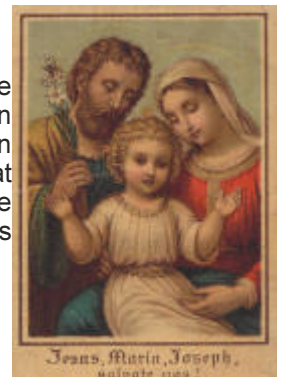
We can go further to affirm that in a certain sense Christ, Himself, was the first devotee of His family. He showed His devotion to His mother and foster father by submitting Himself, with infinite humility, to the duty of filial obedience towards them. This is what St Bernard of Clairvaux said in this regard, *'God, to whom angels submit themselves and who principalities and powers obey, was subject to Mary; and not only to Mary but Joseph also for Mary's sake . God obeyed a human creature; this is humility without precedent. A human creature commands God; it is sublime beyond measure.'* (First Homily on the 'Missus Est').

Today's celebration demonstrates Christ's humility and obedience with respect to the fourth commandment, whilst also highlighting the loving care that His parents exercised in His keeping. The servant of God, Pope John Paul II, in 1989, entitled his Apostolic Exhortation, *'Redemptoris Custos'* (Guardian of the Redeemer) which was dedicated to the person and the mission of Saint Joseph in the life of Christ and of the Church. After exactly a century, he resumed the teaching of Pope Leo XIII, for who Saint Joseph *'...shines among all mankind by the most august dignity, since by divine will, he was the guardian of the Son of God and reputed as His father among men'* (Encyclical *Quamquam Pluries* [1889] n. 3). Pope Leo XIII continued, *'... Joseph became the guardian, the administrator, and the legal defender of the divine house whose chief he was.[...] It is, then, natural and worthy that as the Blessed Joseph ministered to all the needs of the family at Nazareth and girt it about with his protection, he should now cover with the cloak of his heavenly patronage and defend the Church of Jesus Christ.'* Not many years before, blessed Pope Pius IX had proclaimed Saint Joseph, *'Patron of the Catholic Church'* (1870)

Almost intuitively, one can recognize that the mysterious, exemplary, guardianship enacted by Joseph was conducted firstly, in a yet more intimate way, by Mary. Consequently, the liturgical feast of the Holy Family speaks to us of the fond and loving care that we must render to the Body of Christ. We can understand this in a mystical sense, as guardians of the Church, and also in the Eucharistic sense. Mary and Joseph took great care of Jesus' physical body. Following their example, we can and must take great care of His Mystical Body, the Church, and the Eucharist which He has entrusted to us. If Mary was, in some way, *'the first tabernacle in history'* (John Paul II *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, n. 55) then we the Tabernacle in which Our Lord chose to reside in person, in His Real Presence, was also entrusted to us. We can learn from Mary and Joseph! What would they ever have overlooked in the care of Jesus' physical body? Is there something, therefore, that we can withhold for the right and adoring care of His Eucharistic Body? No amount of attention, no sane act of love and adoring respect will ever be too much! On the contrary, our adoration and respect will always be inferior to the great gift that comes to us in the Holy Eucharist.

Looking at the Holy Family, we see the love, the protection, and the diligent care that they gave to the Redeemer. We can not fail to feel uneasiness, perhaps a shameful thought, for the times in which we have not rendered the appropriate care and attention to the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask for forgiveness and do penance for all the sacrilegious acts and the lack of respect that are committed in front of the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask the Lord, through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, for a greater love for their Son Incarnate, who has decided to remain here on earth with us every day until the end of time.

(source: Catholic.Culture.com)



Collection—12/5 & 12/6/2021
Envelopes.....3892.00
Loose.....607.00
Total.....4499.00
Parish Dev.....1778.00

Thank you for your continued generous support!



Toy Drive

We thank all those who donated to the Annual Toy Drive. Each gift made a child very happy! Some may not have had any gift from Santa without your help! Merry Christmas and God Bless.



Many Thanks!

We thank the volunteers who helped with addressing & mailing the Christmas Cards to all our parishioners of St. John Church. Your help is greatly appreciated and helps to spread the Christmas joy!



Christmas Charities

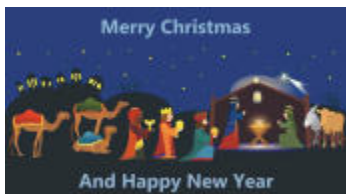
A second collection will be taken at the Christmas masses for the Catholic Charities. This money helps with many different projects for those in need. Especially at the time since the hurricane, much is needed to help many affected families.

The St. John Office will be closed on Friday of this week, Dec. 31st, for the New Year Holiday.

**New Year & Weekend Masses
Friday-Dec. 31st — 4 pm in church
Saturday-Jan. 1st—4 pm in church
Sunday-Jan. 2nd—8 & 11 am in church**

C.C.D.

There will be NO CCD Classes on Monday, Dec. 27th. We wish all our volunteer teachers and aides and students and their families a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.



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Happy New Year
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