



# St. John the Evangelist

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CATHOLIC CHURCH



## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—JAN. 16, 2022

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday ..... 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.  
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### EUCHARIST

Saturday ..... 4:00 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

Saturday 3:15–3:45 p.m. before Mass  
Or anytime by appointment.

### 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 the Gros & Panvelle Families by Family.

### Lamp I

In Loving Memory of Russel & Emelda Benoit, Lee & Eudora Chauvin & June Porche by Sheryle & Harold.

### Lamp II

In Loving Memory of Herman & Iver Gros & Harry Panvelle Sr by Family.

### Missalettes

In Loving Memory of Ervin Benoit by Family.

### Bulletins

In Loving Memory of Allen Cavalier by mom, dad & Tim.

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### Banns of Marriage

#2—Brooke Clement & Andrew Gautreaux-1/21/22

#2—Lanie Adams & Justin Champaign-1/28/22



**Second Sunday in ordinary Time, January 16, 2022**

Our first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah is an oracle of salvation. The prophet uses poetic parallelism to speak of God's inability to be silent in the face of Jerusalem's misfortune, "for Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quite." This poetic structure indicates that Zion and Jerusalem can be used interchangeably to denote the same reality. Furthermore, the rest of the imagery implies that the city really represents the entire nation. Therefore, we can say that God promises not to rest until the nation is vindicated, until its righteousness dawns and its salvation burns brightly. In other words, God will not rest until all behold the vindication of the nation. We are not told what precise crisis the nation has undergone that call for such vindication. It could have been any kind of defeat or setback that would have caused it to lose face in the sight of the other nations.

There is a dramatic shift in the remaining verses of the reading. The message is now spoken directly to the nation itself, and God is referred to in the third person. The vindication in store for Jerusalem is more than a restoration. The city is promised a new name, spoken by the mouth of the LORD. A new name implies a new status. This is a kind of new creation. The marriage language and imagery make this clear, since marriage is itself the creation of a new reality. However, the language is first discouraging and only then encouraging. "Forsaken" can mean abandoned by one's husband; "desolate" can mean barren. Previously the nation had been in such straits. But now the vindication, and the new name indicate a total transformation. The people who were once forsaken are now the delight of the LORD; the land that once was barren is newly espoused.

Our Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John-- The wedding feast of Cana in Galilee. John ends the account of the wedding feast at Cana by referring to it as a sign, a wondrous feat that points beyond itself to some deeper reality. While the specifics of the incident are important, their real significance lies in their relationship to this deeper reality. The event is the miraculous changing of water into wine. Every other aspect of the narrative must be understood in the light of this event. It includes the role played by the mother of Jesus, Jesus' hour, his glorification, and the belief of his disciples.

The personal name of Jesus' mother never appears in this gospel. It is important to know this when we wonder why he refers to her as "Woman." This address and Jesus' response to his mother's report about the lack of wine are ambiguous. For this reason, we must be careful not to read more into them than the text warrants. "Woman" should not be seen as a sign of disrespect. Instead, it is akin to "Madame" or "Ma'am," expressions used by many people today. As for Jesus' response, the second comment in it is weightier than the first. Understanding the latter should give us insight into the meaning of the former.

Jesus' hour is that of his glorification, the time when he will be manifested in all his glory. The culmination of this will take place when he is lifted up on the cross. However, throughout his ministry there will be times when some aspect of his identity will be manifested. Chief among these will be when he performs miraculous signs. The miracles of Jesus were never mere exhibitions of supernatural power. They were always revelations of the inbreaking of the reign of God, and the time when this inbreaking should begin was determined by God, not by Jesus and certainly not by his mother. Jesus was saying: We cannot preempt God's time. In response to this, Mary told the attendants to follow Jesus' directions. This can refer simply to the events of the wedding feast or it can have a much deeper theological meaning.

Evidently the hour of his glorification had arrived, for Jesus performed his first sign. Through it his glory was manifested to his disciples and they believed in him. The establishment of the reign of God had begun. Since the event was described as a sign and since a sign points to a reality deeper than what was obvious, their faith did not rest merely on Jesus' ability to perform miracles. They believed, or would eventually come to believe, the deeper meaning of the sign, as related to water and wine. The water was originally intended for ritual cleaning. According to Jewish custom it was to be available for rinsing the guests' hands and for washing the vessels used during the feast. On the other hand, a wedding feast with free-flowing wine was a standard image of the age of messianic fulfillment. In this first sign, Jesus transformed Jewish ceremonial into eschatological celebration, and his disciples believed in him.

*Fr. Joe, pastor*



## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—JAN. 16, 2022

### COLLECTION—Jan. 8 & 9

Envelope Coll.....	5094.00
Loose Coll.....	607.47
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>5701.47</b>
Masses.....	320.00
Parish Dev.....	707.00

*Thank you for your continued generous support!*

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+There will be NO CCD Classes this Monday, Jan. 17th, due to the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

### Latin American Collection

A 2nd collection will be taken next weekend, Jan. 22 & 23 for the churches in Latin America. This collection supports pastoral programs thru-out Latin America and the Caribbean.. Projects include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis, and building construction only in cases of emergency. Please consider supporting this special second collection.

**St. John Office will be closed this Monday, Jan. 17h in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.**



### Pastoral Council Meeting

The St. John Pastoral Council Members will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 19th at 6 pm in the St. John Hall. All members are urged to attend.

### Welcome to New Parishioners

If you are new to our parish, we ask that you take a minute to full out this form and let us know about you and your family. We would like to welcome you to our church and send a census form to you to be included in our records.

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Please detach and place in the collection basket.

***Please Pray for those of our parish who are ill.***



### MASSES – JAN. 15-21

World Peace, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Russel & Emelda Benoit, Lee & Eudora Chauvin, Walterlouis Paul Richard II, Ida R. & Andre E. Bourgeois, Andre M. Bourgeois, Bob Bourgeois Jr., Lydia & Joseph Roger, Ophelia & Marcellain Bourgeois, M/M Theophine Aucoin, Edwina Boudreaux, Adela Clement, Victoria T. & Walter C. Richard, Tyrone Richard, Bob & Bessie Gros, Marrial Pitre, & Deceased Loved Ones, Mary & Elie Guillot & Fly, Andrew, Rita & Gustave & Harry Tabor, Stanley Gravois, Annalie Gravois, Joseph N. Niquiporo, John Oliver, For Conversion & Salvation of Souls, For Priest & Religious & Those in Prison, Chester, Hazel, Maurice, Sr, Virginia L., Louis, & Eulalie Mire, Eula, Louis, Larry & Gary J. Benoit, & Regina Carlos, Albert “A.J.” Guillot Jr, Albert J.Guillot Sr, Harry & Letitia Webre, Jody Arcement, Lawrence “L.J.”Arcement, Lorraine M.Arcement, Charles Adams, Janet Naquin, Louis Dill Jr, Hilda & Louis Dill Sr & Family, Ida & Lawrence E.Blanchard & Fly, Dave, L. J.(Al), Molly, Irving, Alice Blanchard, Ione Clause, Hilda Reed, Charles(Bubba) Braud, Brian Parks, Norman Navarre, M/M Edward Aucoin, M/M Furcie Navarre, M/M Elton Navarre, M/M Rodney Mire, M/M Percy Delcambre, Deceased Members of the Navarre, Clement, Naquin, Aucoin, Parks Families, Lesley LeBlanc, Gigi Legendre, Ron O’Connell, Russell Bernard Sr.(BDay-1/6), Eddie & Edna Filce, Thomas & Anna Mae Bernard, Trysten Bernard, Elsie & A. J. Naquin, Thomas E. Gros(Aniv-9/29) – Bernice Morvant, Ernest & Floyd Thibodaux, Rick, Larry, Louise & Junius Boudreaux, Milton Duet, Darrin Christen, Adam Snetzer, Troy & Gail Champion, Darrick Matherne, Marjorie, Elsie & A.J. Floyd & Warren Naquin & Leonard Flys, Mary & Billy Lancaster, Dufrene & Estay Fly, Tammy B., Shanon & Buddy Graver, Barbara Richard Landry, Henry Usey, Janet Usey Molaison, Paul Dudek, M/M Leonce Guillot, Carl, Wilbert, William, Gilbert & Olivia, Francis & Virgie Guillot, Abby Sr, Valcour & Regina Tabor, Edmond & Elise Naquin, Allen Cavalier, Ervin Benoit, M/M Wilson Alleman, M/M Ridley Westerman, Christopher Alleman, M/M Ralph David, Charles Alleman, Juanita Alleman, Johnathan Besson, Godfrey Plaisance, Hilda & Kermit Delaune, Jade Aucoin, Rivier & Alleman Fly, Rudy Panvelle, Catherine Troclair, Herman Gros Jr, Harry Panvelle Sr, Herman Gros Sr, Iver Gros, Russell Thibodaux, Francois & Winnie Aubert, Wilson & Alice Adams, Michel & Lydia Guillot, Judith Guillot, Aubert, Adams & Borne Families, Chester Chiasson Jr, Chester, Peggy Chiasson, Calvin Sr, Odette Naquin, Calvin Jr, Janet & Holly Naquin, Stacy Domangue, Lloyd Legendre, M/M Gustave Legendre, M/M John B. Ray, Mrs. Eleanor Ray, Mary Elizabeth Hebert, Daniel, Kevin, Denis & Rose Legendre, Emile & Marie Blanchard, Joyline Cancienne, Anna Mae & Norman Naquin, Sterling Aysen, Irving Chiasson, M/M Xavier Toups & Fly, M/M Bartholew Thibodaux & Fly, M/M Tanile Morvant & Fly, Ester & Stanley Morvant, Audrey & Stanley Morvant Jr, Chase Prejeant, Lilly & Harold Clement, Sylvia & Chester Tabor, Gerald & Tiffany Crouch, Elsie & Carolyn “Tut”Delaune, Terry Hymel, Cazenave & Graugnard Flys, Theresa Rogers, Albert “A.J.” Guillot Jr, Albert J.Guillot Sr, Harry & Letitia Webre, Jody Arcement, Lawrence “L.J.” Arcement, Lorraine M. Arcement, Charles Adams, Louis Thibodaux, Eustace Breaux, Milton & Yvonne Breaux, Amedeo Sr. & Laura Roger, Daigle & Mire Fly, Rick Cosgriff, Bernard Portier, M/M Ray Brasher, Rhonda & Helen Gianelloni, Marcus Ellis, C.J. Knobloch(BDay-1/13), Sharlene & Adrian Blanco & Fly, Brent J. Hall(1/15-death anniv), Parishioners

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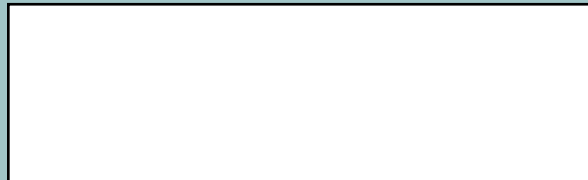
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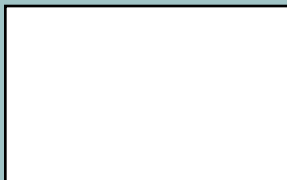
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