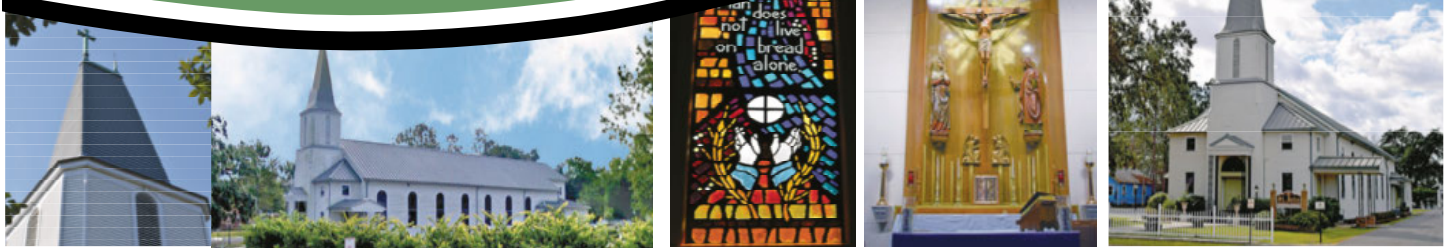




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CATHOLIC CHURCH



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— JAN. 23, 2022

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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 Allen Cavalier by Mom, Dad & Tim.

Lamp I

In Thanksgiving by Sheryle Chauvin.

Lamp II

In Loving Memory of Lester Gravois by Dorrel & Tillie Catorie.

Missalettes

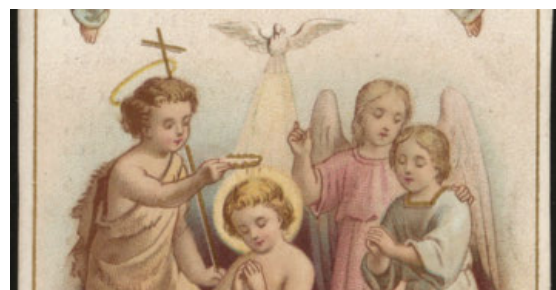
In Loving Memory of Milton Duet by Wife-Cecile, children & grandchildren.

Bulletins

In Loving Memory of Ruby Blanchard by St. John Office Staff.

Baptism

We welcome our newest member to St. John Church thru the Waters of Baptism. Catherine Elizabeth Cazenave was baptized this Saturday, Jan. 22 at the 4 pm mass. Catherine is the daughter of Christopher and Allison Cazenave. We pray that our Lord will bless Catherine on her Baptism and thru-out her life.



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 23, 2022

On this third Sunday we have this beautiful first reading taken from the Book of Nehemiah. The time was when the Jewish community returned from the Babylonian Exile. Ezra was the priest who acted as religious leader of the Jewish community at that time. Nehemiah was the one who had led people back and who then supervised the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem. Both these men had been authorized by the Persian authorities. The scene described in the first reading for today depicts an official religious assembly led by Ezra wherein the people commit themselves to the law.

The account contains a significant amount of ritual language and action, indicating its liturgical character. Ezra is acting in his capacity as priest, one who is responsible for interpreting the law. The assembly is unusually inclusive, embracing not only the men but the women and children as well. The author of the account makes a point of the need for the children to understand the gravity of the occasion. This is not merely a communal gathering. Those who participate take upon themselves the serious obligation of observance of the law. As Ezra opens the scroll, the people stand in respect for the words they are about to hear. Ezra blesses the Lord, and the people raise their hands in a common expression of prayer, responding in affirmation: “Amen, amen!” They then prostrate themselves in reverence. All of this is in preparation for the reading. The ritual takes place in an open square in front of the northeastern part of the city wall known as the Water Gate. It was so named because it was opposite the Gihon Spring.

The reading itself takes about six or seven hours, from daybreak to midday. What was read is not specified, but the manner in which it was read is described. Interpretation was provided along with the reading because the community, made up of descendants of those who had been taken into exile, may not have understood the Hebrew in which the law was written. Perhaps the instructions had to offer a significant amount of translation or try to make relevant in new ways the requirements of a tradition that originated in the past. Such interpretation is always a challenge for a believing community. The law itself was probably not entirely new to them, but a contemporary way of living it would be. Ezra and those with him hand down the tradition they have received. Thus, the people can accept it as their own and can identify with events and communities of the past.

Their response to this instructive reading is curious- they weep. The assembly itself was intended to be a joyous one, but the people weep. Perhaps they do so out of remorse for infidelity or because they are overcome by the grandeur of the sacred event. Whatever the reason, they are told to rejoice, to participate in a festive meal.

The Gospel reading begins with an address to Theophilus, whose name means “friend or lover of God.” The respect the author accords this man suggests he is the patron who had assumed the responsibility of publishing this writing (Acts 1:1). Here the author says some very interesting things about this gospel. It was one among the several accounts of the events in the life of Jesus. It follows an orderly, presumably chronological, sequence. The events themselves are said to have fulfilled either the promises made by God or the expectations of the people that grew out of those promises. While the authenticity of the other accounts is based on the word of eyewitnesses who were also ministers of the word, this account is an interpretation of what was handed down by others. The author explicitly admits he is not an eyewitness by stating that word was handed down “to us.” “Handing down” is the technical word for passing on authoritative tradition. Theophilus is here assured of authenticity of the instruction in the faith he had received. The eyewitnesses handed down the tradition to Luke, and now Luke hands it down to his patron.

The primary theme that comes through the readings for this Sunday is the word of God. Just as the Christmas season was the time to celebrate the incarnation of the Word of God in human form, so this weekend we reflect on the proclamation of the word of God as found in religious traditions that are handed down.

Fr. Joe, pastor



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COLLECTIONS— Jan. 16 & 17

Envelopes.....	2557.00
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Parish Devel.....	420.00
Property Rental.....	300.00



C.C.D.

+A CCD Youth Mass will be held this Monday, Jan. 24 at 6 pm in church. All students and parents should attend.

+A Confirmation Retreat will be held next Saturday, Jan. 29 at 9 am.

+Confirmation will be held that same day, Jan. 29th at the 4 pm mass.

Churches in Latin America Collection

This weekend, Jan. 22 & 23, is the collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America & Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of rural terrain and a lack of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for them to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the second collection today! To learn more about the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Mass & Novena will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 25th at 6 pm in St. John Church. All are invited. Wednesday thru Friday at 8 am in the chapel. Saturday at 4 pm & Sunday at 8 am & 11 am in church.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood

God our Father, You mad each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that You inspire those, now and in the future, whom you call to priesthood and consecrated lit to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Knights of Columbus, Lafourche Council #1114, Thib.

Rosary Teams

St. John Church is in need of new members of the Men & Women Rosary Teams. These members recite a rosary at the funerals of St. John Parishioners. Please call the office at 447-3995 to volunteer for these ministries.

MASSES – JAN. 22 — 28

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 Flvs, 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 Trosclair, 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 Flvs, 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, Wilson E.Thibodeaux, Michael A. Thibodeaux, Amy T. Steinacker, Mona & Joseph Pitre Sr, Hilda & Titus Crawfor, Mary E.Thibodeaux Marcel, Daphne LeRay, M/M Calvin Bourgeois, M/M McKinley LeRay, Gerald "Blimp"Blanchard, Parishioners

#3—Banns of Marriage

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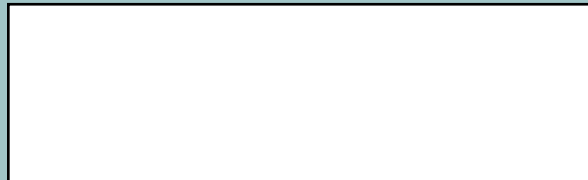
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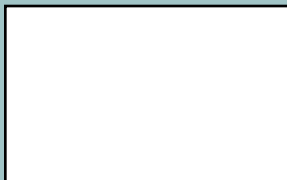
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