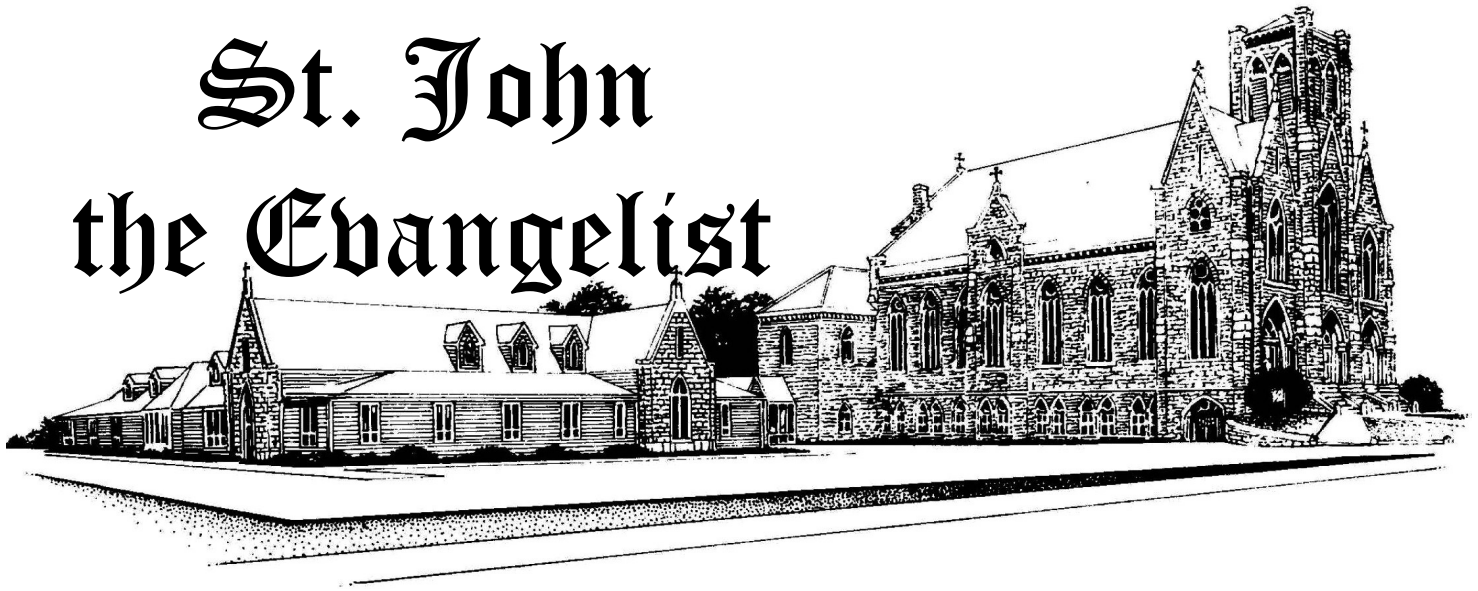


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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday through Friday at 9:00 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES:

See inside bulletin for Holy Day Mass schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 8:30-9:15 AM in the lower chapel

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11:30 AM
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All copy must be submitted in writing no later than Monday noon. (Holiday weeks may require a longer lead time.)

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The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."
- Jn 4:9a, 10

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, March 15, 2026:
1Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 108 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, MARCH 7	
4:00 PM	Jimmy Aldecoa
SUNDAY, MARCH 8	
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM	Martin Tristine
6:30 PM	John Dura
MONDAY, MARCH 9	
9:00 AM	The Mystical Mothers of Priests Mission
TUESDAY, MARCH 10	
9:00 AM	Special Intention
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11	
9:00 AM	Michael J. Duffy (living birthday)
THURSDAY, MARCH 12	
9:00 AM	Cardinal Ignatius Kung
FRIDAY, MARCH 13	
9:00 AM	For an increase in devotion to the Holy Eucharist
SATURDAY, MARCH 14	
8:00 AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
4:00 PM	Jimmy Aldecoa
SUNDAY, MARCH 15	
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM	John and Barbara Brennan
6:30 PM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
	<i>This Week</i>
SUNDAY, MARCH 8	
8:45 AM	Grades 1-5
MONDAY, MARCH 9	
4:30 PM	Grades 1-5
7:00 PM	Grade 9
TUESDAY, MARCH 10	
6:30 PM	Grades 7 & 8
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11	
2:45 PM	Grade 6
SUNDAY, MARCH 15	
8:45 AM	Grades 1-5

LENTEN EVENING OF PRAYER

Wednesday, March 18, 7PM
with Fr. Robert Lacombe
Confessions will be available

2nd collection **NEXT** weekend
Parish Upkeep & Maintenance

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent we will have Stations of the Cross and Benediction every Friday evening beginning at **7PM in the upper church**. Join us as we engage in a Lenten pilgrimage to the Cross with Jesus.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

In addition to the regular Saturday morning confessions from 8:30-9:15AM, confessions will also be heard **THIS Monday, March 9, 7-8PM and Monday, March 23, 6:30-7:30PM** in the lower chapel.

Adult Religious Education Classes

St. John's is once again holding special classes for adult Catholic faith formation. This catechetical instruction will be offered for converts, the unbaptized, adult confirmations or for those seeking to be better informed in their faith. If you know anyone who may be interested, please spread the word. **Classes are held on Tuesdays at 7PM** in the parish center library. Please call the parish office at 508-435-3313x20 if you have any questions.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

There will be a holy hour of Divine Mercy **every Monday from 6:30-7:30PM in the lower church**. All are welcome.

Holy Hour for the Conversion of Sinners and Prayers for the Dying

There is a holy hour here at St. John's parish for the conversion of sinners and prayers for the dying on **Thursdays at 6:30PM in the lower church**.



Please Remember in Prayer

All confined, all in need of healing...Please pray for all deceased and their families...Our servicemen and women, and their families, and all who suffer in embattled countries.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 9AM Mass in the lower church every Tuesday and Friday, beginning with the Litany to our Blessed Mother. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited at 11:45AM followed by Benediction. Please feel free to drop in for a visit.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church THIS Saturday, March 14.

Rest in Peace
Walter Motyka

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the Parish, please introduce yourself. We want to know and serve you. We hope you will support your parish with your prayers, your presence and your talents. Please call the Parish Office (435-3313x20) to register.



Religious Education Class Reminders

Grades 1-6: classes week of March 8, 2026

Grade 9: Monday, March 9, 7-8PM

Grades 7 & 8: Tuesday, March 10, 6-7PM

Upcoming events:

Grade 2 Mini Retreat:

Sunday March 15, 11AM-1PM (Group 1)

Sunday March 22, 11AM-1PM (Group 2)

St. John's Young Adults

St. John's Young Adults are local Catholics (ages 20s-30s) pursuing holiness and grateful for our fellowship. Check out the events posted on our page of the parish website. This March, eight of us will go on a retreat at the Benedictine Abbey in Still River. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers.



SUMMER BIBLE ADVENTURE

Registration for Summer Bible Adventure is open!! Join us for St. John's SBA in the Parish Center **July 13-July 17, 9AM-12PM**, for campers age 4 (as of September 1, 2026) through entering grade 5 for Fall of 2026. Please see the parish website for more information and to register.

Registration for teen volunteers to submit their application is also open! Teens (2026 6th graders through High School) are asked to complete their application for themselves by Tuesday, March 31. Please see the parish website for the application.

We are also in great need of parent volunteers, especially parents of campers. Parent Volunteers are able to sign up through either the Camper Registration Form or the Teen Volunteer Application, depending on the age of your children. Adult volunteers will need to complete the Protecting God's Children course prior to volunteering. There will be 2 Protecting God's Children course dates to choose from in March: Sunday, March 22 at 1:45 PM or Saturday, March 28 at 9AM. Each session may last up to 3 hours.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

NIH Human Fetal Tissue Research Defunded, Prohibited "January 25th, 2026: The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has announced a major policy shift ending the use of human fetal tissue in all NIH-supported research. **Effective immediately, taxpayer dollars will no longer fund research using tissue from elective abortions, reflecting a move toward modern scientific alternatives such as organoids, tissue chips, and computational biology.** NIH Director Jay Bhattacharya emphasized that the change advances biomedical science while upholding ethical standards and the values of the American people. The policy applies to all intramural and extramural NIH research, ensuring public resources are directed toward next-generation models that improve health outcomes without relying on human fetal tissue. That makes me chuckle!" <https://www.masscitizensforlifeorg/pro-life-milestone-nih-stops-taxpayer-funding-for-fetal-tissue-research?>

Upcoming PGC sessions at St. John's

Register now!

Register online now to attend ONE of the upcoming sessions of **Protecting God's Children** (PGC): **Sunday, March 22 at 1:45PM OR Saturday, March 28 at 9AM.** In classroom 3 off the main hall. Each session lasts up to 3 hours. This session is required once for all parish volunteers. More details at stjohnhopkinton.com or email parishhallstjn@gmail.com with any questions. Online registration required.

K of C Food for Families Lenten Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be distributing food collection bags for the Food for Families Lenten Food Drive at next weekend's Masses. **Donated food and supplies will be collected at the weekend Masses of March 14th and 15th and March 21st and 22nd.** The Hopkinton Food Pantry is in need of healthy cereal, breakfast bars, pancake mix, pastas, beans, nuts; canned soups, stews, canned tomatoes, and vegetables, canned tuna, canned chicken and meats, mac and cheese, non-perishable milk and juice, toilet paper; diapers, tissues, cleaning supplies, storage bags and trash bags. Since our supply of food donation bags is limited, we kindly ask that you only take a bag if you plan on donating food and /or supplies. You may also use your own bag. Please be sure to check the expiration date on all items. If you prefer to make a cash or online donation, there are several options for giving: You can send in a check. Please make out your check to *Project Just Because*. Please put in the memo section: *K of C 4822 FFF Food Drive*. You can either drop the check in an envelope marked *K of C Food for Families Food Drive* in the regular collection basket at St John's or mail it to: St John the Evangelist, 20 Church Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748, ATTN: K of C Food Drive. Alternately, you can purchase an Amazon-eGift-card and have it emailed to: pjboffice@comcast.net. Please add "K of C FFF Drive" in the message box. Gifts can also be made through donor-advised charitable funds by selecting Project Just Because in Hopkinton (Tax ID 06-1728553) and specifying in the use or note area that it is *for the K of C Council 4822 Food for Families Food Drive*. **Kindly give what you can. No amount is too small!**

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

The way of the cross represents the sorrowful journey that Jesus made with the cross to die on Calvary. The Church teaches that the souls in Purgatory undergo a process of purification that must include suffering. The holy souls in Purgatory now see more clearly the great pain Jesus suffered in shedding His Precious Blood for their forgiven sins by His death on the cross...**without the shedding of blood, there is no remission.** Heb. 9:22. We help the holy souls in Purgatory receive much relief and consolation from the Precious Blood as we follow Jesus on the way of the cross.

Blood of Christ, poured out on the Cross

Blood of Christ, without which there is no forgiveness

Blood of Christ, freeing souls from Purgatory

—The Litany of the Precious Blood of Jesus

MARCH 8, 2026

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Exodus 17: 3-7; Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-9;

Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8; John 4: 5-42

There is much to learn and to embrace in today's readings. At the core are the unconditional love of God, hope and salvation. But sometimes we, as part of our fallen humanity, fail to recognize or to embrace that core message. Instead, we sometimes are prone to losing hope and resenting the trials and tribulations of life on this earth. I know because occasionally there have been times when I have succumbed to that attitude. But through the encouragement and affirmation of a few people who know me and what I have had to do, I have been reminded that those trials and tribulations are my cross. During Lent we are all reminded of this, and that we need not worry. We simply must pick up our cross and follow Christ.

In today's first reading, the Israelites who the Lord delivered from captivity were dealing with their own trials and tribulations in their wanderings through the desert. In their doubts, their hunger and their thirst and resentment they challenged the Lord, and lost hope. We must not allow ourselves to fall into that trap. When Moses brought this to the Lord, he was given directions on what to do, and he obeyed. The people, despite their despair, their hardened hearts, and their disrespect, received what they needed to survive from their ever patient, and forgiving God.

Psalm 95 urges us to worship and rejoice in the salvation offered to us by the sacrifice of Christ. In his letter to the Romans, Saint Paul reminds us that Christ died for us, even though humanity was, and to some degree to this day, continues to be sinful. Christ has justified us through his sacrifice; and his Spirit provides us with the grace to go forward. Christ is the love of God incarnate. As it was with the Israelites, we get what we need to persevere. And as it was with the Samaritan woman at the well who had no hope, but whose receptive heart received the grace and hope she needed to proclaim the Lord. So does Christ offer us the living water which will sustain us and give us hope. Sometimes humanity looks for love in all the wrong places. Look to Christ for love. We must pick up our own cross and follow him, and we need to change our life to be more like him. We must not harden our hearts. We need to listen, and to follow him, and to change our lives. To do that our hearts need to be receptive to him and the Spirit. To paraphrase Saint Benedict of Nursia: "You change your life by changing your heart." It is Lent! Open your heart and let the sacrificial love of Christ in!!

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