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Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am

Monday (Liturgy of the Word)	7:00 am
Wed., Thurs., Fri. (Mass)	7:00 am
First Tuesday of the Month	6:00 pm
(Mass, Novena, Benediction and Anointing of the Sick)	
All other Tuesdays - Confessions	5:30 pm
(Mass and Novena)	6:00 pm

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office

Marriage: Please contact the pastor a minimum of six months before the wedding

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday	3:00 pm
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October 30, 2016 — Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings today ponder two powerful truths: God is infinitely greater than we are and God provides every kind of help so we can discover and share in God's glory. The reading from Wisdom reminds us that we are tiny compared to "the LORD of the whole universe." Nevertheless, God preserves and nurtures us out of perfect love. If we feel tiny, weak, and sinful compared to God, we are blessed! God's greatness sustains and strengthens us. Saint Paul encourages the Thessalonian Christians with the same message. He reminds them that God alone makes the Church holy. He prays that everything they undertake will be for the glory of God. Luke's Gospel shows us what this looks like in real life: Zacchaeus, feeling small and excluded, looks for Jesus. Jesus finds him and gives him the strength he needs to repent of his sins and glorify God.

INSTRUCTION MANUAL FOR LIFE If babies came complete with an instruction manual, today's reading from Wisdom would make the perfect guide! Just imagine how Wisdom's words might look in a parent guide: "God has created this baby for you. Congratulations! God would not have made her if he didn't love her like crazy. God's plan is for you to take care of this baby, reminding her constantly that she belongs to God, who will always take perfect care of her. If she should sin, take heart! Reprimand her with love and guide her tenderly to the right path, for this is what God does for you." What a tremendous gift it is to gather for the liturgy and share the scriptures together. Before the beginning of time, God knew we would hear the reading from Wisdom today. God intends for us to take these words to heart.

FREEDOM We are here, in fact, only because God never stops thinking about us. Everything we encounter in our daily lives, then, becomes an opportunity to think about God in return. "How could a thing remain," the Book of Wisdom asks, "unless you willed it?" Confident of God's constant intervention in our daily lives, we can face all created things with freedom. Does a certain event, situation, or item help me grow closer to God? Then I can use it well. Does anything draw me away from God? Then I can try to let it go. Saint Paul warns the Thessalonians not to be alarmed by false prophecies that distract the church from righteousness and true worship. In their case, it seems, they are too attached to something other than God and need to rediscover their freedom. Zacchaeus, on the other hand, approaches creation with wonderful freedom: he embraces a tree, literally, using it to climb up to get a glimpse of Jesus. The closer we are to Jesus, the greater our freedom.

Today's Readings: Wis 11:22 -- 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13, 14; 2 Thes 1:11 -- 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

October 30, 2016

Dear Family,

The author of the Book of Wisdom speaks of God as the Lord of the cosmos. God looks upon the world as the harvester regards the single grain that falls from the balance, the scale that measures the harvest. For the harvester every grain is important, and the author of Wisdom says that God looks upon the whole world with the same attention and care. The second analogy portrays the same attentiveness; God sees the world as though it were a single drop of dew. This is a God of immeasurable care and compassion.

In Luke's story of Zacchaeus, Jesus fulfills that very role; he "has come to seek and to save what was lost." There is something amusing and even ridiculous about the life of Zacchaeus. He is no ordinary tax collector (a group despised by the citizens), he is the chief tax collector. He must have been slightly embarrassed - a person of his position having to climb a tree to see Jesus. But he sets aside any personal inhibitions and climbs up.

Then an amazing thing happens. Jesus announces that he is coming to stay at his house. Jesus becomes both guest and host at the table of a sinner.

When we gather for liturgy, we believe that we encounter the Lord in the Word, in the bread and wine that become sacrament, in the priest, and in each other. At the Eucharistic liturgy, the Lord is both guest and host. He becomes the meal and the host at our Eucharistic table, and in the procession to and reception of communion we are transformed.

Some questions for reflection:

What are two promises exchanged in the Gospel passage for this weekend?

What phrase from the First Reading is spiritual wisdom for you?

What does the conversation between Jesus and Zacchaeus mean for discipleship?

Please give a warm welcome to our two diocesan retired priests who will be celebrating Eucharist with us this weekend. Fr. Jon Koehler will celebrate the Vigil Mass on Saturday. Fr. Pat Mascarella will celebrate the Sunday Masses. Please remember to keep them and all of our retired priests in your prayers and petitions. I am grateful for their willingness to serve.

I will be out of town Wednesday, October 26th, for my annual Tennis Weekend with my Tennis Buds. I'll be back in the office on Wednesday, November 2nd, but I'll see you for All Saints Day for all Masses.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

Bereavement Support Group



The Bereavement Support Group will meet in the Parish Hall from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm Wednesday, November 2.

Our Hymn Selections this weekend are:

Entrance: Sing a Joyful Song

Music Issue 541

Preparation: Loving and Forgiving

Music Issue 671

Communion: I Will Praise Your Name

Music Issue 820

Sending Forth: Instrumental



Weekday Worship & Scripture—Week of Oct. 31, 2016

Monday, October 31: 7 am Liturgy of the Word

Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday, November 1: 5:30 pm Anointing/Mass

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Wednesday, November 2: 7 am Mass

Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Thursday, November 3: 7 am Mass

Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10

Friday, November 4: 7 am Mass

Phil 3:17 -- 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday, November 5: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday, November 6: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 -- 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

Honoring Our Beloved Deceased



All Saints' Day Masses, Tuesday, November 1

7:00 am: St. John Church

8:30 am: St. Clement Church (school Mass)

6:00 pm: St. John Church

For the 6:00 pm Mass, The Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help cards will be out. You may come early and pray the Devotion to Our Lady privately.

5:30 pm Anointing of the Sick, no Confessions, no Benediction or Exposition of the Eucharist

All Saints' Day

Blessing of the Graves

Sunday, November 6, 2016

St. John Cemetery — 12 Noon

Grace Memorial — 2:00 pm

The Mass Intention Book will open on Saturday, October 29 for the scheduling of Masses for the next year (2017). Forms are inserted in this week's bulletin and will be placed on the bookshelves at the back of Church. You may also access FORMS on our church website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org.



If you wish to schedule a Mass, please fill out a Mass Intention form. Please include your name, address and telephone number in the event we have questions about your intentions and need to contact you. We will try to schedule Masses in the order in which the forms are received to the best of our ability.

Please return the form and your check to the St. John Parish Office or drop it in the collection basket at any weekend Mass.



Candles—In Memoriam: On All Saints Day, Tuesday, November 1, our parish will remember in a special way all those who died within the past year and who were buried from St. John Church.

A candle will burn at the Altar for each deceased parishioner. After 6:00 pm Mass, family members may take the candle and burn it at home in memory of their deceased loved ones.

Book of Remembrance: On the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls, we remember and pray for our loved ones who have died.

During the month of November, parishioners are encouraged to list the names of their deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance. This book will be near the stairs to the choir loft in church on November 5 and will remain during the month of November. You may write the names of loved ones in the book at your convenience.



The 2017 church calendars are available to our parishioners at the entrances to the church. You may pick up your calendar after any weekend Mass.

Special thanks to Wilbert Funeral Services.

Our office will be closed 1/2 day Monday, October 31 and Tuesday, November 1 in observance of All Saints' Day.



CONFIRMATION PREP 1 RETREAT



Sunday, October 30—10:30 am-3:00 pm

St. John Parish Hall

Facilitated by Jason Romero

Women's Retreat

Women's Retreat — Advent Preparation

Saturday, November 5

St. John Parish Hall

11:00 am-3:30 pm



Advent Preparation through:

- Prayer
- Silent Meditation
- Reflection

A light lunch will be provided so please register.

Contact the church office at 225.687.2402 or Gwen Hayes at 225.916.9229.



PERPETUAL ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Mt. 11:28)

Listed below are open hours in the Adoration Chapel:

- Tuesday: 3:00 am-4:00 am
- Wednesday: 11:00 pm-12 Midnight
- Wednesday: 12 Midnight-1:00 am
- Friday: 12 Midnight-1:00 am
- Friday: 1:00 am-2:00 am
- Friday: 2:00 am-3:00 am
- Saturday: 12 Midnight-1:00 am
- Saturday: 2:00 am-3:00 am
- Saturday: 3:00 pm-4:00 pm

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Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 6 at 2:00 am. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night, November 5.

A GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Thank you to all those who have loved ones buried in St. John cemetery and have responded to the Annual Cemetery Appeal. Your donations are very much appreciated and are totally used for the upkeep of the cemetery.

God Bless our Dead

Christmas Cards for Inmates

The Catholic Community at Louisiana State Penitentiary and the Chaplain's Department are inviting our parish to participate in the Christmas card program. Their goal is to provide each inmate with at least 5 cards and envelopes.

Anyone interested in donating new religious Christmas cards should drop them off at the St. John Church office by Friday, December 2. Deacon Alfred Ricard will be taking the cards to the prison.

We can accept Birthday and Get Well cards also. Religious cards are preferred.



Lion's Club Spaghetti Dinners



The Plaquemine Lions Club will be selling spaghetti dinner tickets this weekend after all Masses.

The dinners, cooked by Tiger Grace, may be picked up Sunday, November 6 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Drive through the Iberville Bank parking lot next to Church or the Lion's Club parking lot on Bayou Jacob Road.

The proceeds from the dinners will benefit the Louisiana Crippled Children's Fund as well as less fortunate families in Plaquemine.

Baptism Seminars & Baptisms

Baptism Seminars

Monday, November 7, 2016

Monday, December 5, 2016

Monday, January 2, 2017



Baptisms

Saturday, November 26, 2016

Saturday, December 17, 2016

Saturday, January 28, 2017

The Baptism Seminars are held in the Parish Hall at 7:00 pm. Baptisms are usually held after 4:00 pm Mass on the last weekend of the month.

Dates are subject to change. Please call the church office at 225.687.2402 during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the date of the seminar.

OPERATION EAGLE VETERANS DAY DRIVE



For the third year, St. John School's 4th and 5th graders will collect supplies to send to U. S. Military troops overseas. Needed items will be collected and shipped by the students as their service project. The items will be collected at school and at the

Iberville Salute to Veterans event. The event begins Friday, November 11 at 12 noon at the Iberville Veterans Memorial on Railroad Avenue in Plaquemine.

Please help our troops overseas by donating any of the following items by November 11:

Lip balm	Medicated foot powder
Shoe inserts	Antibiotic ointment
Anti-itch ointment	Muscle pain ointment
Eye drops	Eyeglass wipes
Toothpaste/Mouthwash	Powdered Gatorade
Deodorant (non aerosol)	Baby wipes
Disposable razors	Body wash/soap
Beef jerky (no pork)	Hand warmers
Scrubbies	Canned chicken/tuna
Hand sanitizer/skin lotions	DVDs
Sunscreen lotion (in tube)	Crossword puzzles
Trail mix	Q-tips
Cracker Jacks	Popcorn
Hot chocolate	Slim Jims
Coffee/tea	Shampoo
Candy	Chewing gum
Small notebooks	Pencils/pens
Small American flags	Room fresheners
Miniature toilet paper rolls	
Insect repellent (non aerosol)	
Peanut butter (individual servings)	
Canned fruit (easy open container)	

IBERVILLE SALUTE TO VETERANS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2016
12:00 PM-200 PM



Join us as Iberville Parish salutes our veterans at the Veterans Memorial on Railroad Avenue in Plaquemine.

The event will feature:

- Iberville Wall of Veterans
- Patriotic Music
- Dance Performances
- Pipe & Drum Corp
- Rifle Drill
- Patriotic Light show
- Collecting Items to Support Our Troops

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for November 2016

- **Universal:** That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.
- **Evangelization:** That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.



St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 OFFICE CLOSED 6:45-8:15 pm RCIA Parish Hall	2 5:15-7 pm PSR & 1st Reconciliation Practice St. Clement 6:30-7:30 pm Bereavement Support Group Parish Hall	3 1:30-3 pm & 6:30-8 pm Bible Study Parish Hall	4 10 am Comm. Service Legacy (Plaq. Caring)	5 Bldg & Maintenance 2nd Collection 11 am-3:30 pm Women's Retreat Parish Hall
6 Bldg & Maintenance 2nd Collection <u>All Saints Day</u> <u>Blessing of Graves</u> St. John-12 Noon Grace Mem.-2 pm	7 7 pm Baptism Seminar Parish Hall	8 6:45-8:15 pm RCIA Parish Hall	9 5:15-7 pm PSR & 1st Reconciliation Practice St. Clement	10 1:30-3 pm & 6:30-8 pm Bible Study Parish Hall 6:30 pm 1st Reconciliation St. John Church	11 OFFICE CLOSED 10 am Comm. Service Plaq. Manor 	12 12:30-8 pm Confirmation Retreat Parish Hall 4 pm Mass Catholic Daughters Quarterly Communion
13 2 pm-Ladies of Peter Claver Parish Hall 4 pm-6 pm Holy Spirit Prayer Group St. John Church	14 7 pm Catholic Daughter Meeting Parish Hall	15 6:45-8:15 pm RCIA Parish Hall	16 9 am-12 noon Alzheimer's Screening Parish Hall 5:15-7 pm PSR St. Clement	17 1:30-3 pm & 6:30-8 pm Bible Study Parish Hall 7 pm K.C. Meeting K.C. Hall	18 10 am Comm. Service Legacy (Plaq. Caring) 11 am-1 pm Our Brother's Keeper Appreciation Luncheon Parish Hall	19 Before & After all Masses Catholic Daughters Bake Sale
20 Before & After all Masses Catholic Daughters Bake Sale	21	22 9:30 am Altar Society Meeting Parish Hall 6:45-8:15 pm RCIA Parish Hall	23 OFFICE CLOSED 1/2 DAY	24 OFFICE CLOSED 	25 OFFICE CLOSED 10 am Comm. Service Plaq. Manor	26 Before & After all Masses KC calendar sale Baptisms following 4 pm Mass
27 Before & After all Masses KC calendar sale 9 am Mass RCIA Rite of Acceptance	28	29 6:45-8:15 pm RCIA Parish Hall	30 5:15-7 pm PSR St. Clement			 11 am- 12 noon Rosary for Priests every Saturday Adoration Chapel

MASS INTENTIONS — November 5 - November 11, 2016

Saturday, November 5-4:00 p.m. Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Laboure`, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; M/M Seth Williamson & Family, Father William Dodd & Sister Claude, M/M John S. Barbay, Sr. & Family, M/M John S. Barbay, Jr., Barbay & McKay Families; Emma B. Dupont & Joseph H. Dupont; Mike "Fuzzy" Marino, Melissa Jarreau, David, Gras & Blanchard Families; Annie Matirne, Bossier Matirne Family, Nick Mancuso Family, Tarek Smart; John E. & Cecile D. Brown, Brown & Duhon Families; Victor and Dell Pollage; Kelly Dugas; M/M Tony Falcon, M/M Frank Tempanaro, Camile Tempanaro, Anthony F. Canella, Tena T. Gourgues, Curtis Gourgues; Alfred & Mercedese Carville, Lester & Mary Carville, Louise Bujol, Reid & Gerry Rainey; Oliver Songy, Jr. & Joseph Songy; Ida Ortis, William Ortis, Birdie Ortis, Adrena Hebert; Leonce & Beulah Cedotal & Family; Raymond & Amanda Ducote, Carol Brandt; M/M Frank Clement, Cecile & Frankie; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; Winnie & Harry Gallagher; Frank Michelle Family, Victor Crescienne Family, Joe Michelle; Bobbie F. Clouatre; M/M Millard Bourgeois, Sr., Middy Bourgeois, M/M Louis Martinez, Sr.; Marilyn & Steve Callegan; Lena & Peter Corrent; Ross Campesi, Jr.; Jaynell Lopez; Leo Gill; Aline, Mit & Dub Comeaux, Aubrey J. Quebedeaux; M/M Robert Olano & Paul Joffrion, Sr.; M/M Alfred Roth, Alfred Roth, Jr., M/M Leonard Daigle, Henry J. Daigle



Sunday, November 6-7:30 a.m. Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, November 6-9:00 a.m. Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Laboure`, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Burman & Vera Guidry; Robert Jude Grace; Luke & Mary Fremin, Wayne & Ailene Lishman, Charles & Rosa Drago, Ellis & Enola Fremin; Anthony & Margie Vitale, James C. & Hetta Hebert; Glynn T. Hebert & Special Intention; Edward Simpson & Eddie Vicknair Family; Ronnie Palermo, Brown Family, Palermo Family; Edna Romero; Calvin Wilbert, III; H. Roosevelt Kirkland; Bobby Gomez; Cyril Gilchrist; Fred Hebert, "Cat" & Gloria Ramirez, Agnes & Jimmy LeBlanc, Madeline, John Sr., John Jr. & James Roth, Adolph, Sr., Adolph, Jr. & Ida Mae Jumonville, Freddie Hebert; Josie Vicknair; Teresa Nguyen Thi Co`; Mary Badeaux Cavalier; Sam & Lucy Canella, Frances C. Gilchrist, Cyril J. Gilchrist, M/M Thomas H. LeBlanc, M/M Frank Messina, Lena Messina, Jamie C. Landry; Joe Michelle, Brendon Landry

Sunday, November 6-11:00 a.m. Mass

Betty Gongre; Melanie Rodriguez; Cindy Dickerson; M/M Phillip Calvaruso, M/M Vito Calvaruso, Josie Cardinal, Norma & Sam Cardinal, Anthony Cardinal; Victor J. Canella; Harriet S. Mitchell; Jaynell Lopez; Inez Richard

Tuesday, November 8-6:00 p.m. Mass

Melanie Rodriguez; June Devillier Berthelot; Cyriac & Joseph Thachara Family

Wednesday, November 9-7:00 a.m. Mass

Glenda Fournet

Thursday, November 10-7:00 a.m. Mass

Ralph Sonnier

Friday, November 11-7:00 a.m. Mass

J. H. Millet, Tony Louis, Harold Marionneaux



Children's Liturgy November 6, 2016

Angela Frasca (9:00 am)

Karen Passantino, Arlette Rodrigue &
Missy Bertrand (11:00 am)

Coffee & Donuts November 6, 2016, 2016

Pete & Bonnie Blanchard (7:30 am)
Ralph & Chris Stassi (9:00 am)



Sanctuary Candle November 6, 2016

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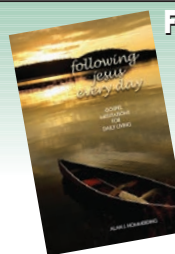
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