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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

July 23, 2017 — Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we are faced with the powerful and almighty God, who deals with us, not out of anger and punishment, but out of kindness and forgiveness. God is forgiving and loving to those who ask and persevere in prayer. Even if we don't know how to pray, the Spirit of the Lord helps us, for God knows what the Spirit means, "because [the Spirit] intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will" (Romans 8:27). With God's help, we can be the good seed and not the weeds. If we contemplate the parables, and pray for the guidance of the Spirit, we are able to see ever fresher lessons in these stories.

PARABLES These are the weeks of parables, and although we have heard them all many times, they never lose their freshness, for always, if we look, we can perceive a new angle. The parable of the weeds and the wheat, so simple on its surface, is puzzling enough for the disciples to ask Jesus for an explanation. In our own gardens, we tend to yank up the weeds all through the growing season. But in the parable, the weeds and the wheat are allowed to grow together until the harvest. If the good people and the evil people remain mixed throughout life, it puzzles us sometimes: why are people who do bad things not punished? How is it that God allows bad things to happen to good people?

THOSE TINY THINGS Our God is indeed a God of might; yet that might leads not to vengeance, but to forgiveness. Everyone is offered an opportunity--many opportunities--for forgiveness. Even a little good can blossom into something wonderful. The mustard seed of the Middle East is so tiny that one can barely pick one up with one's fingertips. (Those familiar with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd know about this wonderful parable, and the tiny dish of mustard seeds that is kept in the atrium for the children to contemplate.) Yeast makes the dough rise to be baked into delicious bread. All of these wonders come from tiny beginnings, if we are ready to hear and understand these mysteries. Our prayer too is heard by God, even if we do not really understand what we are praying for: "for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit . . . intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit" (Romans 8:26-27). So if our small prayers are offered with a sincere heart, they are heard by God, even if we don't always know what it is we do when we pray. Are we praising, blessing God, asking for something? The Spirit knows and intercedes for us.

Today's Readings: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86: 5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Parish School of Religion registration for grades 1-9 (including First Holy Communion children) begins Monday, July 24.



All forms may be found in the back of church, in the church office or on our website under FORMS at www.stjohnchurchplaq.org.

**FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

UNIFORMS FOR KIDS



NOTE CHANGE OF DISTRIBUTION SITE

**Uniforms for Kids Distribution
St. John Church Parish Hall
Tuesday & Wednesday, July 25 & 26
8:30 am-3:00 pm**

Please bring proof of food stamps and/or Social Security numbers of children. For more information, call the church office at 225.687.2402.

Students needing service hours and parishioners wanting to help are most welcome.

Baptism Seminars & Baptisms

Baptism Seminars

Monday, August 7, 2017
Monday, September 11, 2017
Monday, October 2, 2017



Baptisms

Saturday, July 29, 2017
Saturday, August 26, 2017
Saturday, September 30, 2017
Saturday, October 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 register for the seminar.



Paul assures us that the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. Ask the Holy Spirit, then, what you are to do with your life. Is it possible you are being called to the priesthood or religious life? If so, contact Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, americk@diobr.org.

PRINTABLE REGISTRATION FORMS can be accessed from the St. John Church website at www.stjohnchurchplaq.org, under FORMS for Baptism, First Holy Communion & Reconciliation, Confirmation, PSR (with schedule), RCIA, Altar Server, Mass Intentions and St. John Church Census.



We welcome the Knights of Columbus who will be celebrating their quarterly Communion with us on Saturday, July 22 at 4:00 pm Mass.



Weekday Worship & Scripture—Week of July 24, 2017

Monday, July 24: 7 am Liturgy of the Word

Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 25: 5:30 pm Confession/Mass/Novena

2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday, July 26: 7 am Mass

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday, July 27: 7 am Mass

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17

Friday, July 28: 7 am Liturgy of the Word

Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2,5-6,14-15; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]



PERPETUAL ADORATION

Are you retired? Do you have a desire to become an Adorer, but not be confined to one hour every week? Do you see an open hour which may suit you from time to time?

Why not volunteer to become a substitute Adorer and visit Our Lord periodically in the Adoration Chapel.

What a great way to serve our parish through the powerful witness of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and an opportunity to grow in your own personal prayer life. Being an Adorer costs nothing but the gift of your time before the Lord. Men are particularly needed for the nighttime hours. You'll be surprised how quickly the hour passes — and the Lord will bless you.

Listed below are open hours in the Adoration Chapel:

- Monday: 11:00 am-12 Noon
- Monday: 12 Noon-1:00 pm
- Monday: 11:00 pm-12 Midnight
- Tuesday: 3:00 am-4:00 am
- Tuesday: 11:00 pm-12 Midnight
- 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: 5:00 am-6:00 am
- Saturday: 3:00 pm-4:00 pm
- Saturday: 5:00 pm-6:00 pm
- Saturday: 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

To volunteer for an hour, call JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

Please join us in the Adoration Chapel on Saturdays from 11:00 am until 12 Noon to pray the Rosary for Priestly vocations.



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ST. JOHN SCHOOL UNIFORM ROAD SALE

School Time Uniforms will be at the St. John Cafeteria on Tuesday, July 25 to sell St. John uniforms from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm.

Our Brothers' Keeper Food Bank



With the children out for the summer, Our Brothers' Keeper Food Bank is in need of non-perishable food items. Especially needed are such items as peanut butter, jelly, cereal, macaroni and cheese, tuna, soup and fruit juices.

Please place your contributions near the Baptistry in Church. We appreciate whatever you can give.

**St. John Annual
Alumni Softball Tournament**

The 15th Annual St. John Alumni Softball Tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 5 and 6.



We are in need of volunteers to help with the event. Anyone interested in volunteering to cook jambalaya, work in the concession stand, or umpire games is asked to call Connie Pearce at 225.776.2762, or call school at 225.687.6616.

This is a great way to earn your service hours before school starts.

MASS INTENTIONS — July 29-August 4, 2017

Saturday, July 29-4:00 pm 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; Scott Jude Marino, Kids of St. Jude, Nera Rodriguez, M/M Anthony Marino, Sr.; Trista Claire Parro, John Lively, Jr.; Leona Hoffman; Aline, Mit, Dub & Wallace Comeaux, Aubrey Quebedeaux; A Special Intention for the Souls in Purgatory in Honor of St. Joseph; Annie Matirne, Bossier Matirne Family, Nick Mancuso Family, Roger Adams

Sunday, July 30-7:30 am Mass - St. John Parishioners



Sunday, July 30-9:00 am 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; John J. & Josephine D. Ringe; John C., Sr. & Peggy A. Ringe; Sylvia P. & Walter Marionneaux, Jr.; Richard Hudson; Shirley Cavalier

Sunday, July 30-11:00 am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Harry J. Hebert; Loretta Faye Delaney, Verna Kay Clark, Wayne Neal Clark, Dunsworth Family; Marie & Linden Waggenspack; Timothy Coupel; Bobby Tullier, M/M Verner Comeaux, Sr. & Sons, Jackie Seneca, Donald Hernandez, Tommy Rivet, M/M Russell Rivet, Sr.; The Rivere Family

Tuesday, August 1-6:00 pm Mass

M/M Tony Falcon; M/M Earl Quatrevingt; M/M C. J. Saurage; Doris Murry; Ronald L. Gary; Camille Tempanaro; Randy, Brian & Brandi Quatrevingt, Tommy Quatrevingt; Bill & Ruth Ostergren; Kenneth "Klu" Brown; Gertrude & Raymond Thibodeaux, Jr., Adrain Banta, Michelle Elliott

Wednesday, August 2-7:00 am Mass

William Middleton, William Lewis, Nancy & Bill Middleton

Thursday, August 3-7:00 am Mass

Annabelle Buquoi

Friday, August 4-7:00 am Mass

Rosalie & Joe Pasqua

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP



The Bereavement Support Group will meet in the Parish Hall every 1st Wednesday of the month from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm.

The purpose of this ministry is to comfort those who have experienced the loss of someone important (recent or in the past). There will be prayer, fellowship, and the opportunity to share our struggles with grief in a safe place. Please join us.

STEWARDSHIP

July 15 & 16, 2017



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Altar Society Team 4 will be cleaning the church on Wednesday, July 26, at 8:00 am.



Volunteers are welcome!

Sanctuary Candle

July 30, 2017

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Gladys "Butsy" Palermo

St. Clement of Rome Church

Thachara Family

Coffee and Donuts

July 30, 2017

Dolores & Gary Pruitt (7:30 am Mass)

Buté Richard, Beverly Percle & Bobby Blanchard
(9:00 am Mass)



There will be no Children's Liturgy in July and August. We will resume on September 3.



Our Hymn Selections this weekend:
(Subject to change)

Entrance: River of Glory
Music Issue 649

Preparation: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Music Issue 596

Communion: Christ, be Our Light
Music Issue 594

Sending Forth: Organ/Piano Instrumental



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