**St. John the Evangelist Church** 57805 Main Street — Plaquemine, Louisiana 70764-2531 Phone: (225) 687-2402 — 687-3337 — Fax: 687-1587 24 Hour Prayer Line: (225) 687-1554



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August 27, 2017 — Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Over the past several weeks, Matthew's Gospel has shown us a variety of Jesus' miracles: multiplying fish and bread, walking on water, and expelling demons. Thousands of people have witnessed Jesus' miraculous powers. Yet today, when Peter professes his faith in Jesus as the Messiah, Jesus swears him to secrecy. We might wonder at Jesus' gag order after his very public miracles. Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans captures our curiosity: "How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!" Today's readings ask us to have faith in a marvelous God who guides us in ways we cannot fully understand. The readings from Isaiah and the Gospel both show us times when the Lord designates earthly leaders. Eliakim and Peter are fallible men, yet God entrusts them with far-reaching, even eternal, responsibility. Trusting God's wisdom, we pray for our leaders and join together to worship the Lord.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? In a dramatic moment, Jesus gives Simon a new name: Peter, the rock. The account of Simon's new name is told differently in other Gospels. In John and Mark, Jesus renames Simon upon first meeting him and calling him to be one of the Twelve. Here in Matthew's account, however, Jesus changes Simon into Peter only after he professes his faith in Jesus as the Messiah. Peter's experience helps us reflect on dramatic moments in our own lives: "What is a personal moment that affected me so radically that I seemed to become a new person? What transformative experience changed my name, either literally or figuratively?" Sometimes a name change is built into major life moments, naturally flowing from birth, adoption, Confirmation, profession of religious vows, or marriage. But imagine if someone gave you a new name, without any warning, and without consulting you. Renaming someone is an extraordinary act. Jesus surely knows this, and renames only one of his disciples. Simon is the only disciple Jesus sets apart in this way. While the Gospels gradually reveal many of Simon Peter's character flaws, we constantly keep in mind the day Jesus called him rock and entrusted him with the path to salvation.

CALLED BY NAME Jesus never revokes Peter's keys to the kingdom of heaven, even after Peter denies him during the Passion of the Lord. Jesus' call is as immutable as stone. And so it is with each of us. At Baptism, the very first question the minister asks is "What name do you give your child?" As we are reborn in the waters of Baptism, in the name of Jesus, we receive God's call to live in the light of Christ. Our call is irrevocable. We can do nothing to erase God's personal call. Even if we should deny Christ himself, as Peter did, the Lord continues to love us and to desire our own love in return.

Today's Readings: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

### **Parish School of Religion (PSR)**

**<u>REGISTRATION for PSR Grades 1-9</u>** (including First Holy Communion children) is in progress. Registration forms and schedules may be found in the back of church, in the church office or on our

website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org, under FORMS.

First Day of Class — Grades 1-6 Wednesday, September 6 — 5:15 pm-7:00 pm St. Clement Church

First Day of Class — Grade 9 Wednesday, September 13 — 5:30 pm-8:00 pm St. Clement Church

First Day of Class — Grades 7 & 8 Sunday, September 10 — 9:15-12 Noon St. John Parish Hall

<u>TEACHERS ARE NEEDED</u>! If you would like to volunteer, please call Cindy Rodrigue at 225.687.2402.

## **Confirmation Preparation**

FIRST CLASS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 6:00 pm-8:00 pm – St. John Parish Hall



Teachers are Needed! Please call Wanda Ashley at 225.687.2402 to volunteer or with questions.

#### **Baptisms and Seminars**



Baptism Seminars Monday, September 11, 2017 Monday, October 2, 2017 Monday, November 6, 2017

<u>Baptisms</u> Saturday, August 26, 2017 Saturday, September 30, 2017 Saturday, October 28, 2017 Saturday, November 25, 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 <u>register</u> for the seminar.

Peter received his special call when He acknowledged Jesus as Messiah. We who receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior also receive a special call, especially if we are called to the priesthood or religious life.



If you think you have this call, contact Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, <u>amerrick@diobr.org</u>.



We welcome the St. John Homecoming Court to 9:00 am Mass Sunday, August 27.

> At 11:00 am Mass, we welcome Miss Evangeline 2017-2018.

#### CATHOLIC.....

Thinking about it? Or know of someone thinking abut it?

RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, is a faith journey open to all unbaptized or baptized adults who wish to explore the possibility of becoming Catholic. If you are interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith and even exploring the possibility of becoming Catholic, please join us this fall for a wonderful faith journey.

Classes are held every Tuesday after 6:00 pm Mass from 6:45 pm-8:15 pm in the church office conference room. The dates for RCIA are <u>Tuesday, September 12, 2017</u> (intro session), then every Tuesday until November 28, 2017.

RCIA resumes after Advent on Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 9:00 am Mass, from 9:30 am-10:45 am, then every Sunday at 9:00 am Mass until Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 31, 2018.

For more information, call Donna Carville at 225.687.2402.

#### **Divine Mercy Bible Study**



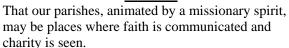
Since it is the 100th Anniversary of Fatima this year, the study by St. Augustine Institute on Divine Mercy is an excellent series for us. It is a 10-part series that we will start on Thursday, September 7, 2017 from1:30 pm-3:00 pm or 6:30 pm-8:00 pm and on Monday at 6:30 pm-

8:00 pm and conclude on Thursday, November 9, 2017 and on Monday, November 13, 2017. You are welcomed to attend any of these 3 sessions.

In this series on Divine Mercy, renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. There will be neither a fee nor homework for this study.

Please contact the church office (225.687.2402) or Donna Carville (225.776.3205) so we will have your study guides ready for you.

## The Pope's Prayer Intention for September <u>Parishes</u>



# PERPETUAL ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: *"So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?"* Matthew 26:40

Available hours for Eucharistic Adoration are: -Monday: 10:00 pm-11:00 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 in the Adoration Chapel, call JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

#### **Patriotic Rosary**

You are invited to join us in praying for our country. The rosary is said at 8:00 pm every Monday. Everyone can participate by calling 1.720.820.1558.



A script for the Patriotic Rosary is available. You may pick up your copy on the shelves in the rear of church.

## **GOD BLESS AMERICA!**

Weekday Worship & Scripture—Week of Aug. 28, 2017

Monday, August 28: 7 am Liturgy of the Word 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Mt 23:13-22 Tuesday, August 29: 5:30 pm Confession/Mass/Novena 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29 Wednesday, August 30: 7 am Mass 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12b; Mt 23:27-32 Thursday, August 31: 7 am Mass 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51 Friday, September 1: 7 am Mass 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13 Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30 Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Our Hymn Selections this weekend: (Subject to change) Entrance: Praise to The Lord Today's Missal 26 Preparation: Organ/Piano Instrumental Communion: One Bread, One Body Music Issue 339 Sending Forth: Lead Me, Guide Me Music Issue 391

## **GEMS Soup and Salad Social**

The GEMS (Golden Eagle Members, aged 50 and older) are hosting a Soup and Salad Social on Saturday, September 2.



Please bring canned goods for Our Brothers' Keeper Food Bank and join us in the parish hall immediately following 4:00 pm Mass for an evening of food, fun and fellowship.

## St. John Youth Ministry Garage Sale



St. John Youth Ministry is planning a garage sale for September 15 & 16.

We are now accepting donations. Please clean out your storage areas and bring us your "treasures." Garage sale items are being accepted at the Church parish office, Monday through Thursday, between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm.

You may contact Cindy Rodrigue at 225.687.2402 or 225.776.0706 for more information.

Thank you for supporting the St. John Youth Ministry!

## **ALTAR SOCIETY**

An envelope marked "<u>Altar Society</u>" has been included in the August packet of contribution envelopes.



If you would like to join the Altar Society or renew your membership, kindly place your yearly dues of \$20.00 in the "Altar Society" envelope or a regular envelope in the collection at any weekend Mass. Please make checks to St. John Altar Society.

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Altar Society Extra Team will be cleaning the church on <u>Wednesday, August 29</u> at 8:00 am.

Volunteers are welcome!

## STEWARDSHIP

#### August 19 & 20, 2017

Stewardship	\$ 9,732.00
Social Responsibility	\$ 1,201.00
ASSUMPTION OF MARY	

Join the parishioners who are using ONLINE GIVING for automated giving to St. John. It is secure and convenient. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish.

To sign up for ONLINE GIVING, visit <u>www.stjohnchurchplaq.org</u>.

Printable registration forms can be accessed from the St. John Church website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org, under FORMS



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10 9:15 am-12 noon PSR (Grades 7-8) Parish Hall 4-6 pm Holy Spirit Prayer Group Church	11 6:30-8 pm Bible Study Parish Office 7 pm Baptism Seminar Conference Room 7 pm Catholic Daughter Meeting-P. Hall	12 6:45-8:15 pm RCIA begins Conference Room	<b>13</b> <b>5:15-7 pm</b> PSR—Grades 1-6 <b>5:30-8 pm</b> PSR—Grade 9 St. Clement Church	<b>14</b> <b>1:30-3 pm</b> <b>6:30-8 pm</b> Bible Study Parish Hall	15 10 am Comm. Service Legacy	<b>16</b> <b>4 pm Mass</b> Catechetical Sunday Recognition
17 Happy Birthday Deacon Alfred 9:15 am-12 noon PSR (Grades 7-8) Parish Hall 6-8 pm Confirmation class Parish Hall	<b>18</b> <b>6:30-8 pm</b> Bible Study Parish Office	<b>19</b> <b>6:45-8:15 pm</b> RCIA Conference Room	<b>20</b> <b>5:15-7 pm</b> PSR—Grades 1-6 <b>5:30-8 pm</b> PSR—Grade 9 St. Clement Church	<b>21</b> <b>1:30-3 pm</b> <b>6:30-8 pm</b> Bible Study Parish Hall <b>7 pm</b> K. C. Meeting K. C. Home	<b>22</b> 10 am Comm. Service Plaq. Manor	23
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#### St. John School News



The St. John School family invites you to share the Eucharist with them on Wednesday, August 30 at St. Clement Church. Mass begins at 8:00 am. \*\*\*\*\*\*

**Congratulations to the St. John Interparochial School** Advisory Board for 2017-2018:

Vic Blanchard **Kristin Bucher Beth Bueche** Javmee Burleigh Joel Ducote Mattie Hall **Paige Hargrove** Addie Loupe **Haley Marcantel Chris Reeves Cherie Schlatre, Ex-Officio Rev. Greg Daigle, Ex-Officio** \*\*\*\*\*\*

Bingo is held five nights each week at the St. John Father's Club Bingo Hall, 24837 Hwy 1, South.



The Bingo sessions are as follows: Sunday—7:00 pm —Knights of Columbus Bingo Tuesday—7:30 pm—Fathers Club Bingo Wednesday—7:30 pm—Knights of Columbus Bingo Friday—7:30 pm—Fathers Club Bingo Saturday—7:30 pm—Fathers Club Bingo

Come out and play Bingo and support St. John School and the Knights of Columbus. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*



St. John is accepting Box Tops for Education, **Community Coffee Labels, and Coke Rewards** bottle tops. St. John is able to raise thousands of dollars for classroom supplies through these fundraisers, so please save your labels and bottle tops.

You may bring your labels to church in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket at Mass or drop the labels and bottle tops off at our Church parish office.

Thank you for supporting St. John School!!

#### Sanctuary Candle - September 3, 2017

St. John the Evangelist Church Leggio & Distefano Families



St. Clement of Rome Church Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio

Coffee and Donuts - September 3, 2017

Gordon & Marianne Gregoire (7:30 am Mass)

Tom & Germaine Bradley (9:00 am Mass)

Children's Liturgy - September 3, 2017 Sabrina Ruggiero (9:00 am Mass)



Mary Hamilton (11:00 am Mass)

Go ahead and enjoy God's love today. Look up at the sky, and see his beauty and majesty. Look into your heart, and find his presence and intimacy.

Look at your family, and find his joy and compassion. Best of all, look at the cross, and see his commitment to you.

In all these ways, and so many more, your Father wants to convince you of his love.

Let that love soften your heart and melt away any self centeredness or divisive thoughts you may have.

You are invited to participate in Baton 40 DAYS Rouge's sixth 40 Days for Life campaign FOR LIFE this fall.

2017 Campaign Dates: Sept. 27 through Nov. 5

40 Days for Life is a worldwide pro-life campaign that consists of prayer and fasting and peaceful witness for an end to abortion. A peaceful and prayerful gathering will be held outside of Delta abortion facility located at 756 Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm on each of the 40 days.

St. John the Evangelist has adopted Wednesday, October 4, from 7:00 am until 1:00 pm during the 40 Days for Life prayer event.

Please consider joining us for one or more hours of prayer, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. To volunteer to help, please contact Joanne Landry at 225.776.0782, joanne4943@att.net.

You may find more information by visiting www.40DaysForLifeBR.com or by calling Danielle Van Haute at 225.242.0164, or emailing 40daysforlifebr@gmail.com.



#### MASS INTENTIONS — September 2-8, 2017

#### Saturday, September 2-4:00 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; Mike "Fuzzy" Marino, Melissa Jarreau, David, Gros & Blanchard Families; Curtis & Ella Robert, Alcide & Aureline Landry; DeNoux, Dugas, Durand and Panepinto Families; Clarence & Mary Berthelot; John E. & Cecile D. Brown, Brown & Duhon Families; Alfred & Mercedese Carville, Mary & Lester Carville, Reid & Gerry Rainey, Edmund & Louise Bujol; C. Z. Breaux, Jr. & J. H. Bourgeois Family; Bobbie Falcon Clouatre; Pim & NuNu Clebert; Eddie & Virginia Clebert; Sidney & Lillie Gomez; Edmund & Louise Bujol; Mary & Chuchie Flatau, Anthony & Camella Orcino, Orcino & Flatau Families; Camille Tempanaro; M/M Tony Falcon; Doris Murry; M/M Curtis Gourgues; M/M Frank Tempanaro; Sid & Billie Neubig Blessey; Carol Brandt, Raymond & Amanda Ducote; Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio, Pauline E. deVerges, Edward N. Engolio, Jr.; Leonard B. & Mary G. Savoie, James "Puddin" & Brenda Devillier; Angelo Mancuso, Nick Mancuso Family, Tarek Smart, Roger Adams; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; Brendon, Ronald & Dudley Landry, Coletti Family: Ida Ortis, Douglas Breaux & Family, Salvador Spano Family, M/M Paul J. Hebert, Gravland Allen; Frank Michelle Family, Victor Crescionne Family, Joe Michelle; Lena Garage Corrent, Peter J. Corrent; Cheryl Courtade, Marie & Herman Courtade & Family; Kearney Thibodeaux, Kearney Thibodeaux, Jr., Sadie Thibodeaux, Vernon Suggs, Joe Suggs, Kyle Landon Ourso, Chester Landry, Jr.; Percy J. Blanchard, Maude A. Blanchard, Chase M. Prejean; Sidney "Benny" Quatrevingt; Harry "Shot" Hanks; Betty Dupree

#### Sunday, September 3-7:30 am Mass

St. John Parishioners

#### Sunday, September 3-9:00 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; Fred Hebert, George & Gloria Ramirez, Agnes & Jimmy LeBlanc; Allen & Alberta Buquoi, Michael Clause; Ronnie Palermo, Brown Family & Palermo Family; Glynn T. Hebert, A Special Intention; Walter Marionneaux, Jr., Sylvia P. Marionneaux, Lidwin Patureau, Patricia Nelson, Robert Marionneaux, Paul J. Boudreaux, Jr., Paul & Lena F. Boudreaux; Wilma & Harris LeBlanc; Therese Nguyen; A Special Intention

#### Sunday, September 3-11:00 am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Jaynell Lopez; Badeaux Family & Passantino Family; Miller Family; Luke & Mary Fremin, Wayne & Ailene Lishman, Charles & Rosa Drago, Ellis & Enola Fremin; Marvin Allen, Ernest Allen, Sr. & Jr., Nora Allen; Nell & Collin Graffeo; Evan & Elizabeth Delahaye; M/M Phillip Calvaruso, M/M Vito Calvaruso, Timothy Coupel; Lawrence Seymour; M/M Merrill Judice; Alfred Roth Family, Henry J. Daigle Family, Bourgoyne & Dupuy Families; Tootsie Cardinal, Josie Cardinal, Amelie Marchal, Stella Oubre & Sam Marchal; T. N. & Ray Patin; Marie & Florence Baist, M/M Vivian Allain, Milton Allen, Tommy Allen Mosley; Brandon & Eddie J. Schouest, Jr., Josie Vicknair, M/M Joseph Rosso; Joan Repp

#### Tuesday, September 5-6:00 pm Mass

Vincent A. Ferachi, Dr. Larry Ferachi; 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; Josephine & George Ourso, George, Jr., Dennis Ourso; Kearney Thibodeaux, Jr. & Vernon Suggs

Wednesday, September 6-7:00 am Mass M/M Cyrus Case

Thursday, September 7-7:00 am Mass John Ruiz

Friday, September 8-7:00 am Mass Mary "Dee Dee" Marino

#### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will meet to New Life 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.

All are welcome. Please join us.





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