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Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am

9:00 am
11:00 am

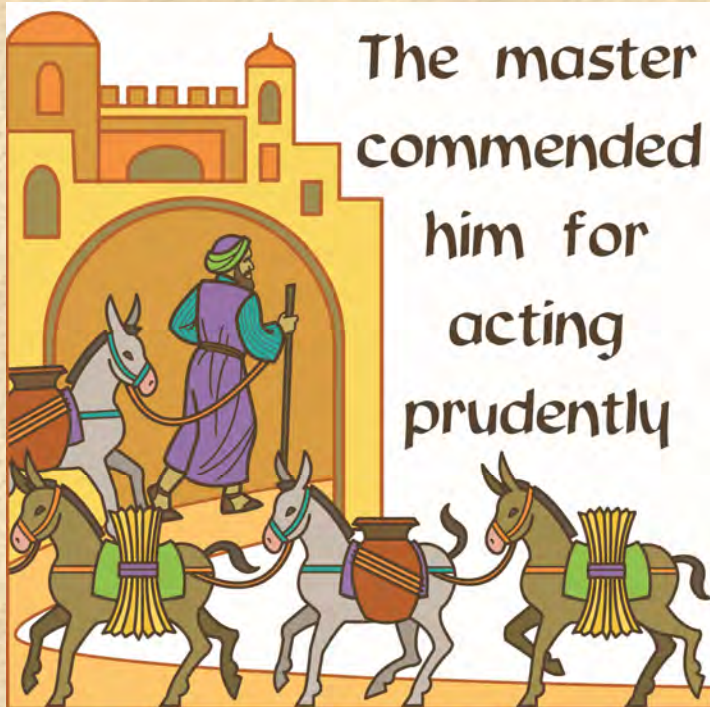
Tuesday 6:00 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri. 7:00 am

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office.

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday 5:30-5:45 pm
Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 18, 2022 The Cleaver Crook

The parable in today's Gospel has a crooked steward who is commended by his master for being prudent, or clever, trying to protect himself. Jesus wanted us to be just as clever in serving the Lord. Let's look at the first two readings and how they challenge us to do more.

The reading from Amos talks about those "who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor" (Amos 8:4). The challenge here is to ask yourself, "What do I do for the poor?" Most parishes have organizations to help the needy and are happy to get volunteers. Do you ever think of praying for the poor?

Speaking of prayer, our second reading also challenges us to do more. Paul recommends prayers for "kings and for all in authority" (1 Timothy 2:2). It's easy to pray for friends and family; how much time do we give to prayers for government leaders

and executives? Paul reminds us that God wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4), sinners as well as saints, terrorists and embezzlers, atheists and agnostics. I'll bet you don't spend much time praying for the "bad guys." Yet Jesus said, "Love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you" (Matthew 5:44). I can't say I've ever heard anyone say that was their favorite Bible passage. But if Jesus expects more from those who love him, who are we to let him down?

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September 18, 2022

Dear Family:

Today's reading from the prophet Amos depicts the injustice of sellers in the marketplace. The poor are treated unjustly, something God will not forget. In contrast to the actions in the marketplace, the responsorial psalm for today emphasizes what God does on behalf of the poor. God "raises up the lowly from the dust; from the dunghill he lifts up the poor / to set them with princes, / with the princes of his own people." The psalm expresses a special love for the poor, for those who are treated unfairly.

The passage from the First Letter of Timothy invites us to reflect on communal intercessory prayer. It is right that we pray for one another, even those individuals with whom we may have disagreements. When we pray, we ought to ask God for blessings on those we love and on those toward whom we hold no affection.

Today's parable from Luke is challenging and not very easy to understand. While the steward is recognized as being quite clever, he is looking out for himself, no one else. Yes, the men who owed the steward's master must have been happy for the reduction of their debt. The steward lowers their payment because he wants to have some people to turn to when he is fired. At the very end of this parable, we find insight into its meaning: "no servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

Some questions for reflection:

- How do you see the poor taken advantage of in your community? What might you do to help change the plight of the poor in our town?
- Be attentive to the universal prayer, also called the prayer of the faithful. How do the petitions invite us to show compassion?
- Do I sometimes hesitate to help those in need? Imagine that Jesus is sitting with you. Talk with him about why you sometimes do not help people when you could.

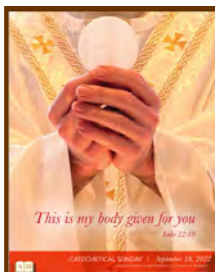
This Sunday we also celebrate those involved with the teaching of our Catholic Faith. We ask God's blessing to be on our Catechists and all teachers in our Catholic Schools and all Catholic teachers in private schools, government run schools, colleges and universities. As Roman Catholics we give great importance to God's blessing us in our work for the Kingdom of God. Let us give thanks to the Lord for these generous brothers and sisters and keep them in our prayers this school year.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

DIOCESAN HONORING OF WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES of 25, 50, 65 YEARS OR MORE IN 2022 [Deadline October 21st]

If you are a couple celebrating 25, 50, 65 or more years of marriage in 2022, the diocese is asking for your names to send a certificate of congratulations. The Diocese has notified us that there will not be a diocesan celebration again this year. Please call the office with your names and the number of years you will have been married this year or fill out the form provided in the bulletin. You can drop the registration form in the collection basket or mail it to our office at 57805 Main Street. We will send it to the diocese. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2022. Of course, we at St. John will have already celebrated this earlier in the year and look forward to our celebration for the year 2023 in February.



Catechetical Sunday

Sunday, September 18, 2022 is Catechetical Sunday. We welcome and pray for those serving as catechists (staff, volunteers, schoolteachers, parents, grandparents) and for an increase in catechists in our parish.

Catechists of St. John the Evangelist community of faith will be recognized for their ministry at all Masses September 17 and 18.

“This is a time to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.”

—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

In Loving Memory...

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the following persons who donated memorial gifts to St. John the Evangelist Church in loving memory of:

Robert V. “Bobby” Wilson

Donated by:
Dr. & Mrs. Charles L. Carville, Jr.
Ms. Debbie Rivet

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A grateful acknowledgement is made to the following persons who donated a memorial gift to St. John the Evangelist Church in loving memory of:

Mr. Henry P. Berthelot, Sr.
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Mr. Wilbert J. “Dub” Legendre, Jr.
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Baptism Seminars and Baptisms

Baptism Seminars — 7pm
Church Office Third Floor

Monday, October 3, 2022
Monday, November 7, 2022
Monday, December 5, 2022



Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass
Saturday, September 24, 2022 (During Mass)
Saturday, October 22, 2022
Saturday, November 26, 2022

Dates are subject to change. Please call Lily Skidmore at the church office (225.687.2402) during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.

RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
#1268

Entrance: Abundant Life #683

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: God of Day and God of Darkness #899

Sending Forth: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
#711



We welcome the 2022 St. John High School
Homecoming Court to 9am Mass.

Congratulations!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.” (Luke 11:9-10)

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To volunteer for a scheduled hour or as a substitute, contact JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

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Rosemary Muscarello Cox

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Mr. & Mrs. James J. Migliacio, Jr.
Joseph & Sam Monistere
Rosemary, Beverly, Jason & Kate Morris
Ms. Debbie Rivet

Daily Scripture Reading September 19-25, 2022

Monday, September 19:

Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-4B, 5; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 20:

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 21:

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Thursday, September 22:

Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 23:

Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday, September 24:

Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday, September 25:

Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

CERTIFICATE REGISTRATION FORM FOR:
2022 – 25th. & 50th. and 65th & Over
DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Parishes: Mail in or E-mail completed forms to:

- (1) Marriage & Family Life Office (Attn. Mila Gernon) / P.O. Box 2028, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 (or)
- (2) Scan and e-mail completed form(s) to mgernon@diobr.org
(Please include **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY 2022** (in the subject line).
- (3) DEADLINE TO SEND FORMS IN: * **Friday, October 21, 2022**
** We do ask that you send completed forms to us as you prepare them, and not wait until the deadline. Thank you!*
- (4) COPY THIS FORM AS OFTEN AS NEEDED.

If you have any questions, contact Mila Gernon - Marriage & Family Life Office / 225-242-0133 or 242-0323.

(Please do not cut page in half when returning. Thank you)

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*****Use one of the formats listed below, for how NAMES ARE TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE *****

**Examples: Mary & John Jones; or Mary Brown and John Jones; or Mr. and Mrs. John Jones or Mr. and Mrs. John (Mary) Jones*

*Couple/Names: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Wedding Date: _____

Phone (Cell) _____ Phone (Home) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

(CIRCLE ONE of the following Anniversary Years: 25 50 65 / If Over 65 - _____ # of yrs.

Current Church Parish _____

Miss Evangeline and the Indian Princess Court



Congratulations to the senior girls who were chosen as part of the Knights of Columbus Council 970 International Acadian Festival Indian Princess Court! From left are Hallie Grace Doiron, Lila Haydel, Mary Bradford, Anna Claire Campbell, Morgan LeBlanc, second runner-up Chloe Markins, 2022 Evangeline Anna Catherine Bradford, first runner-up Caroline Gilbert, Emma Grace Perry, Maddie Little, Emily Burleigh, Kassie Carville and 2021 Evangeline Isabella LoBue.

The 53rd Annual International Acadian Festival takes place Friday, October 28-Sunday October 30, 2022 at the Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park, 57845 Foundry Street in Plaquemine.

Did you know there is another way to give financially to the church and school?

“Donating Your IRA Distribution to a Nonprofit”

If you are 70½ or older and are required to withdraw from your traditional or Roth IRA account(s) annually, rather than putting the withdrawal into your checking or savings account or spending it, you can direct that withdrawal (all or part of it) to a nonprofit or charity of your choice such as St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church or St. John Interparochial School without incurring taxation on that amount. It is a “win-win” opportunity for both you and the charity of your choice.

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church will be 100 years old in 2027 and needs major structural repair and renovation to sustain it for us and generations to come after us. This opportunity may be a way for you as a parishioner to be a part of it history.

St. John Interparochial School is 169 years old, providing a Christian education to many students and currently has an enrollment of 453 students in preK3 to 12th grade. Graduates are among many successful businessmen and women who continued their education to higher levels, some entrepreneurs that created their own businesses and also have solidly Christian families.

Please consult with your financial adviser for what may be the best option(s) for you. Whatever you decide, we are very grateful for what you do for St. John Church and School through your time, talent and treasure.

Thanks,

Father Greg

Mass Intentions — September 24-30, 2022

Saturday, September 24-4pm Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Jimmy Hebert; LTC Craig T. Robinson, Francis, Shirley & Gasper Pizzolato, Jr.; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim & "Nu Nu" Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Billy Wright; Alcee & Pauline Becnel, Evans & Virgie Dugas; Anthony "Tonto" Pizzolato; M/M Anthony Orcino, Sr. & Family, Caliste Landry, Jr. & Kimberly, Josh Landry; Douglas Breau & Family, Salvador F. Spano & Family; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Yvonne Curry; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Lonnie Michel, Baco Romero; T. N., Ray & Stephen Patin; The Currier Family; Mary Frances Eunice; The Souls in Purgatory in Honor of St. Joseph; Caroline Elizabeth & Charlotte May Carville; Liz Adams

Sunday, September 25-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, September 25-9am Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Kristina Mellema; Anthony Sr. & Mary "Dee Dee" Marino; Sam & Johnette Pizzolato, Alma Pizzolato, Orian Gulotta; A. J. & Lola Adams, George, Maggie & Joe Gullotto; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Virginia Simon; V. J. Vicknair, M/M Vives Vicknair; Valerie, Edward & Windy Simpson, Eddie & Selma Vicknair, Eva Simpson; Rosemary Cox, Gerry Waguespack, Jean Waguespack

Sunday, September 25-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; William H. Middleton, Bill Middleton III, Cloutre & Middleton Families; Dominic Engolio, Frances & Mike Savariste, Frank Savariste; Brenda Fremin; Sam "Buttie" & Lucille Leggio Distefano; Nellie, Pascal & Leon Graffeo, Jimmy Barbee; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Ezora & Sidney Hedges; George "Brother" Michel; Alvin J. Daigle, Sr. Family, Alvin J. "Peta" Daigle, Jr., Edith E. Guillot; Christopher Stassi; Denise Miranda; Flo Ourso

Tuesday, September 27-6pm Mass

Mary Ann Gregoire; Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Coletti Family, Ferachi Family, Landry Families

Wednesday, September 28-7am Mass

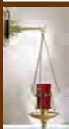
Gloria Hebert

Thursday, September 29-7am Mass

Murray & Dixie Suffrin

Friday, September 30-7am Mass

Michael, Mack & Laura Lazzaro, Kolby Lorio



Sanctuary Candle
September 18, 2022

St. John the Evangelist
Fred Hebert

St. Clement of Rome
Beverly & Fred Allain

We cannot serve two masters. Which one are you willing to follow? Could it be you are being called to serve the Master as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Josh Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



Altar Society

Altar Society Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, September 21 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome!

Notice: There will be no Coffee & Donuts Sunday, September 18, 2022.



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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