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Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm 7:30 am Sunday

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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 2, 2022 Taking Care of Business

When we were kids, my brothers and sisters and I thought that you were not supposed to say the blessing before meals in a restaurant. We were probably afraid of being embarrassed if non-believers saw us praying. I think of that when I hear St. Paul telling Timothy, "God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control" (2 Timothy 1:7). Our readings mention the difficulties that people of faith will encounter, and each reading has its own way of facing those hardships.

Jesus gives the practical advice: Look at the difficulties of being a disciple as just part of your job. So if the Lord says I must forgive those who hurt me, or be patient with customers, or share what I have with the poor--no problem; it's part of the job of a disciple. Too tired to go to church after work on a holy day? Just taking care of business.

Paul reminds us in the second reading to stir the gifts of the Spirit into flame. If you take time to pray every day, if you look for God in other people, if you see difficulties as your share of the cross--you will begin to experience those gifts.

We can trust that this is more than just wishful thinking by going to the first reading. When the prophet cries out for help with the misery and violence in the world, he hears God's promise that the vision (of hope for deliverance) will be fulfilled even if it seems to be delayed. We too hear that promise when we start to get discouraged, for God's promise "will not disappoint" (Habakkuk 2:3).

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: "Do you realize that Jesus is there in the Blessed Sacrament expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart."

—Saint Therese of Lisieux

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.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention October 2022

For a Church open to everyone

We pray for the church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

In Loving Memory...

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

Liz Adams

Donated by: Gordon Gregoire, Lesa, Jill & Angie

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Victor & Dorothy Blanchard

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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



<u>Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass</u> 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.



Blessing of the Pets Prayer Service

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of animals and the ecology, the

blessing of pets will take place at St. John Elementary on Tuesday, October 4 at 8am. Pets will be blessed on the concrete parking area between St. Clement Church and St. John Elementary. Please make sure all dogs are leashed.

RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

#1274

Entrance: A Living Faith #787 Preparation: **Instrumental** Communion: The Servant Song #861 Sending Forth: We Walk By Faith #783



All Saints' Day Blessing of the Graves Sunday, October 23, 2022

St. John Cemetery — 12 Noon Grace Memorial — 1:30pm

Help Keep Our Cemetery Beautiful

A cemetery envelope has been added to the church contribution packet for the month of October. Please place your donation for the upkeep of St. John Cemetery on Main Street in the envelope provided. It will be marked "Cemetery" and can be placed in the offertory basket at any weekend Mass.

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 its 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

St. John Homecoming Court Honored at Mass



The members of the 2022 St. John Homecoming Court were recognized at 9am Mass Sunday, September 18. Left to right, on the back row are Evan Avants, Ronnie Horn, Peyton Dardenne, Maddox Bennett, Andrew Kleinpeter, Colin LeGrange and Maddox Ourso. On the front row are Anna Catherine Bradford, Lila Haydel, Lauren Glaser, Mary Bradford, Madelyn Little, Chloe Markins and Emma Perry. Congratulations to these young ladies, young men and their families! Join us for homecoming festivities during the week of October 16-22.

Daily Scripture Reading — October 3-9, 2022

Monday, October 3:

Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 4:

Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 5:

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday, October 6:

Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13

Friday, October 7:

Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday, October 8:

Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday, October 9:

2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

OLOL Blood Drive

The OLOL Mobile Unit will be in the St. John Church parking lot from 8am until 1pm Sunday, October 9.

25th Silver Anniversary St. John Fathers Club \$10,000.00 Raffle



1st Place — \$10,000.00 (Grand Prize) 2nd Place — \$1200.00 3rd Place — \$1000.00

The St. John Fathers Club \$10,000 raffle tickets are \$100 each and are available for purchase by contacting:

- Dwayne Boudreaux 225.776.7522
- Joel Ducote 225.776.0761
- Mike Markins 225.955.5276

There will be an "early buyer" drawing on Saturday, October 22. Buy your ticket before this date & be in the drawing for \$500. The person who sells the ticket wins \$100. The raffle drawing will be on Saturday, November 12 at 6pm at the St. John Fathers Club Bingo Hall. There will be music, food, games and lots of fun. Come party and visit with friends!

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

October 2022

St. John the Evangelist Rev. Gregory J. Daigle

One Minute Meditations

Our home is not here

No one wants to stand out or appear different from the norm. Yet,

in the prayer, "Our Father," we are reminded that our real Father is in Heaven. Our life on Earth is temporary. By asking us to pray this prayer, Jesus reminds us that our Father waits for us in Heaven, our true home.

Choose entertainment wisely

Those who make movies,



From St. Therese of Liseux

"Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing."
(Story of a Soul)

What gifts did God gift just to you?

God gave us each a distinctive set of talents and gifts that make us unique and special. He intends us to use those gifts to bring others to Him and encourage us to grow in love and

knowledge of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Here are some practical tips for discerning your spiritual gifts and how to use them:

Take a clue from what you enjoy. How do you

like to spend your time? Do you enjoy teaching, creating, singing, reading, constructing, instructing, socializing? We often enjoy doing what we do best. God often wants us to use those competencies to share His love with others.

Tap into your personality. God

loves and delights in each of us. He will purify our sinfulness, but what is essential to us, He wants to develop and strengthen. If God made you

humorous, artistic, pragmatic, or athletic, grow your best qualities for His use.

How are you living your vocation?
Whether we are married, single, or consecrated religious, it's the "role" in which we serve God best. All

priorities should be ordered around that vocation.

Make your gift a gift to others. Our gifts are meant to be given away in service of the Kingdom. We give away and God gives us more. Ask God where your gifts can do the most good.



Why do Catholics honor the saints?

Non-Catholics often wonder at the hundreds of calendar days, prayers, and statues devoted to the saints. The Church recognizes and celebrates men and women of extraordinary holiness who we realize are in heaven. We look

to them as examples to follow and

what we can become when we cooperate fully with God's grace. God's goodness, beauty, and love is reflected in the saints' lives. Just as complimenting an artwork is honoring the

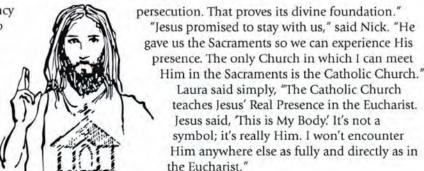
saints, we glorify God.

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Why are you Catholic?

Even adults who have been Catholic since infancy ought to be able to provide a deliberate answer to the question, "Why are you Catholic?" The answers will be varied, personal, and may differ from time to time.

Kara said, "I am Catholic because the Catholic Church is the one that Jesus founded. He gave it to Peter and the Apostles, and they passed His teaching on to their successors, the Pope and the bishops. That Church is still standing, despite 2,000 years of scandal and





Luke 19:1-10, Don't judge by public perception

Jesus didn't evaluate people the way others did. Instead of calling the best of society to follow Him, He included people others often excluded. Consider Zacchaeus, the tax collector. We know he was unpopular, small in stature, dishonestly wealthy, and he really

wanted to see Jesus.

As the chief tax collector in Jericho, Zacchaeus was rich but unpopular. Tax collectors often overcharged and kept the extra money. Something about Jesus must have intrigued Zacchaeus, who climbed a tree to see Him. Imagine his shock when Jesus called him down and invited

Himself over for dinner. Deeply moved, Zacchaeus was shocked into repenting, promising to generously reimburse the people he robbed -

and to donating half his wealth to the poor.

Jesus saw Zacchaeus as a child of God. In return, Zacchaeus' eagerness for Jesus' friendship changed his life forever, beginning with

generous restitution. As followers of Jesus, we are called to be open, forgiving, and accepting of others. We never know their full story. Look past the gossip and adopt Jesus' habit of forgiving quickly and being welcoming in your relationships.



October 2 - Feast of the Guardian Angels. All of us have a guardian angel, in charge of protecting us and watching over us day and night. On this feast day, remember to thank the Guardian Angels for the work they have done in helping us.

October 6 - St. Bruno (1101). St. Bruno was born in Germany, studied in France and became a theology professor. He founded the Carthusian Order in 1084, whose life was based on prayerful solitude, manual labor, and poverty. He was never formally canonized.

October 16 - St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1690). St. Margaret joined the Sisters of the Visitation at Paray-le-Monial. In 1673, she began having visions of Jesus Christ, in which He asked for a feast to his Sacred Heart. The Church officially recognized the devotion to the Sacred Heart in 1765.

October 18 - St. Luke, Evangelist (1st century). St. Luke was a Christian physician from Antioch. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles were probably written between 70 and 85 A.D.



Q Why are we & asked to pray A the Rosary?

When Our Lady appeared at Fatima, Portugal, she asked that the Rosary be prayed for peace. As an immensely powerful prayer, the Rosary also has benefits for our:



Minds: Even on our busiest days, we need to spend time reflecting on Jesus. A whole Rosary takes a mere 20 minutes. The

Rosary should be part of every day. Take breaks, pray for souls, receive graces.

Hearts: The Rosary is a Christ-centered, deeply Scriptural prayer. By meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary - important events in the life of Christ - we recall evidence of God's love in history. We can ask for the graces to imitate the virtues of Jesus and Mary. Gradually, our hearts will be conformed to Jesus' Heart.

Souls: The Rosary prepares us for deeper prayer. Switching from "active working mode" to "contemplative prayer mode" may not happen right away. The repetition of the Our Father and Hail Mary prayers creates a space in our minds and hearts, so we can enter into deep, intimate prayer with God.

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Mass Intentions — October 8-14, 2022

Saturday, October 8-4pm 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; Vincent A. & Dr. Larry Ferachi; Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim & "Nu Nu" Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Billy Wright; Enaux Blanchard; J. Hubert Millet, Milda Millet, Louis Family, M/M Harold Marionneaux; M/M Vincent M. Ferachi, Cadence & Cassidy Diamond, Stephanie Rivere, Tina Ferachi Loyacano; Ferachi & Marino Families; M/M Tony Falcon, Anthony Falcon, Brandi Quatrevingt, M/M Ray Murry, M/M C. J. Saurage, M/M Ronald Gary, M/M Earl Quatrevingt, Tommy, Jay, Randy & Brian Quatrevingt, M/M Frank Tempanaro, Camille Tempanaro; Tommy Blanchard; M/M Edmond Gomez, Sr., Edmond Gomez, Jr., Kathleen Garrene, Chris Gomez; Mayon, Callahan, & Clement Families; Gerald Hoffman; Wayne Gary; Hudnall Baby, Kaitlyn & Chase Correll; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; The Calvaruso Family; Karen Banta; Lonnie Michel, Baco Romero; Dot Canova; Earl, Teddie & Don Perere; The Currier Family, Betty Keith & Family; A Special Intention in Thanksgiving; Bute' Richard

Sunday, October 9-7:30am Mass - St. John Parishioners

Sunday, October 9-9am 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; Florence Pizzolato Forte, Anthony "Tonto" Pizzolato, Johnette & Alma Pizzolato; Frances Santangelo LeBlanc, Rita & Mike Santangelo, Anatole Santangelo; Marie Ragusa LeBlanc, Terry Landry, Sr., Terry Landry, Jr.; Kynlee Bueche; Michael Clause, Lane Panepinto; George & Carol Allain, Gi Gi Allain, Barbara Bajon; Edward Kocke, Jr.; Joe & Marion Daigle: Fred J. Sanchez, Sr.; Mary Ann Gregoire; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Virginia Simon; V. J. Vicknair, Emily & Paul Bourgeois; Valerie, Edward & Windy Simpson, Eddie & Selma Vicknair, Eva Simpson; Guillot, Berthelot, Schlatre & Cavet Families; Flo Ourso; The Souls In Purgatory In Honor of St. Joseph; Rosemary Cox, Gerry Waguespack, Jean Waguespack: Michael Melsheimer, Sr.

Sunday, October 9-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; Brenda Fremin; Sam "Buttie" & Lucille Leggio Distefano; David E. Wendt, Jr., M/M David E. Wendt, Sr., Don A. Wendt; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn, Sr.; George "Brother" Michel, Alvin J. Daigle, Sr. Family, Alvin J. "Peta" Daigle, Jr., Edith E. Guillot; Colby Gomez, Pitre & Gomez Families; Christopher Stassi; Denise Miranda; Rose Hernandez Boudreaux; Michael Melsheimer, Sr.

Tuesday, October 11-6pm Mass

George Ramirez, Sr., Gloria Ramirez; Joseph A. Palermo; Rosa Lee Lyall; Edna "Buttons" Verrett

Wednesday, October 12-7am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Nicolosi & Schexnaildre Families

Thursday, October 13-7am Mass

Kenneth "Klu" Brown

Friday, October 14-7am Mass

Bill Toups, Jr.



Sanctuary Candle — October 2, 2022

St. John the Evangelist **Charlene Marix**

St. Clement of Rome **Bobby Wilson**

Coffee & Donuts — October 2, 2022





Altar Society

Altar Society Team 1 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, October 5 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome!



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