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## Masses

Saturday Vigil ..... 4:00 pm  
 Sunday....7:30am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
 Tuesday..... 6:00 pm  
 Wednesday ..... 7:00 am  
 Thursday ..... 7:00 am  
 Friday ..... 7:00 am

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 15, 2023

### Come to the Feast

Why would invited guests refuse to come to a wedding? Free food and drink, music and dancing—what’s not to like? By this time, Jesus knew that many of the Jewish leaders would not accept the invitation to follow him. As we know, after the Resurrection the disciples began to spread the good news not only to other Jews, but to anyone who would listen.


One reason the leaders in Israel did not accept Jesus was his association with sinners. They did not understand that God calls sinners to repent and be forgiven. Ordinary people, who knew they were sinners, were attracted by the offer of forgiveness. Many of them repented and came to be baptized. As the parable says, they filled the banquet hall.

So what about the man in the parable who came in street clothes? The wedding garment was a symbol of the baptismal gown, the sign of new life in Christ. So this man symbolizes those who “come to the feast” without repenting of their sins.

We can be like that man sometimes. We come to church, arguing with our spouse on the way. We bring our prejudices, lies, anger, and selfishness—with no intention of doing anything about them. We come with the attitude that says, “I’m here, aren’t I? That should be good enough.” But it’s not. By dying for our sins,

Jesus calls us to come back to God. So repentance is not just a change of clothing, it is a change of heart. It is our ticket to the banquet, our way of saying, “I know I don’t deserve this, but thanks for letting me share the feast.”

Tom Schmidt



**All Saints' Day**  
 Blessing of the Graves  
 Sunday, October 22, 2023  
 St. John Cemetery — 12 Noon  
 Grace Memorial — 1:30pm  
 Masses — Wednesday, November 1, 2023  
 7am — St. John Church  
 8:30am — St. John Gym (School Mass)  
 6pm — St. John Church

**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. Thank you for your generous contributions.

**St. John School**

**St. John Cemetery Clean up Project**

St. John students and teachers will be cleaning and painting graves at the St. John Cemetery on Main Street October 20. This will be a service day for students in preparation of the blessing of the graves on October 22. If you have a loved one whose grave is unable to be cared for or know of any elderly people who are unable to care for loved ones' graves, the students would be happy to help. You may call St. John School (225.687.6616) and leave your name and telephone number with the school secretary.

**Open House**

We invite all current St. John 7th and 8th grade students and parents, as well as prospective new high school students to attend our High School Open House on Tuesday, October 24th. Open House will begin at 6pm in the St. John Gym. If you know of any prospective 7th-11th grade students interested in learning more about our high school please tell them about our Open House. All families interested in attending should visit the school website [www.stjohnschool.org](http://www.stjohnschool.org) and register to attend.

**Fathers Club \$10,000 Raffle**

Fathers Club \$10,000 raffle tickets are \$100 each and are available for purchase by contacting Mike Markins at 225.955.5276 or Joel Ducote at 225.776.0761. Raffle drawing will be held Saturday, November 18 at 6pm at the Fathers Club Bingo Hall. There will be music, food, games, and lots of fun!

Early buyer drawing is Saturday, November 4. Buy a ticket before this date and the winning early buyer ticket receives \$1,000. The person who sells the early buyer ticket will receive \$500.

**Ritualsong**

**Readings & Songs this Weekend**

Readings Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time #1275  
 Entrance I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #821  
 Preparation *Instrumental*  
 Communion All Who Hunger #1032  
 Sending Forth Sing A New Church #848

We welcome the Catholic Daughters who are celebrating their Quarterly Communion to 9am Mass and the PSR families to 11am Mass this Sunday.

**Mandatory First Reconciliation Parent Meeting with Father Greg**

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 — 6-7pm  
 St. John Parish Hall

**Scripture Readings**

Sunday Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1- 6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or Mt 22:1-10

Monday Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Thursday Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1-6; Lk 11:47-54

Friday Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5,11; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

**2023 Baptisms & Baptism Seminars**

**Baptism Seminars**

Monday, November 6

Monday, December 4

**Baptisms**

Saturday, October 28

Saturday, November 25

Saturday, December 16



The Baptism Seminars are held on the third floor of the church office at 7pm. The Baptisms are usually held on the fourth Saturday of the month following 4pm Mass. Dates are subject to change. Please call Lily at the church office (225.687.2402) during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.





## Eucharistic Adoration

### An Invitation to Prayer

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)

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.

## 55th Annual International Acadian Festival

### Cajun Roasted Chicken Dinners

Pick up Sunday, October 15, 2023 from 11:30am to 1pm  
Plaquemine Council 970 Home  
58715 Price Street

### Mass of Thanksgiving

Saturday, October 21 ~ 4:00pm

We will celebrate the Acadian Festival Mass of Thanksgiving at St. John Church marking the 55th Anniversary of the Acadian Festival.

### Schedule of Events

Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park

Friday, October 27: 5pm Blessing of the Grounds  
Rides/Crafts/Food Booths open

Saturday, October 28: 11am Rides/Crafts/Food Booths open  
6pm ~ Presentation of Evangeline & Princesses Water Ceremony  
Bayou Plaquemine

Sunday, October 29: 10:30am ~ Festival Parade  
12 Noon ~ Rides/Crafts/Food Booths open

Please support the Knights of Columbus in all the good works they do for our church, school and community.

**Notice: There will be NO 11am Mass on Sunday, October 29, due to the Acadian Festival Parade at 10:30am. Sunday Masses will be at 7:30am & 9am.**

## A Vocation View

### Called to Ministry

How firm is your foundation of faith? Listen to Jesus' words and use them as the solid rock on which to build your life. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org).



## Welcome



Proud parents, Annie and Paul Duhon are all smiles following the Baptisms of their children at St. John the Evangelist Church on Tuesday, September 28. The children attend St. John School.

## Online Registration Forms

### Registration Made Easy

St. John the Evangelist provides digital registration forms on our website, [www.stjohnchurchplaq.org](http://www.stjohnchurchplaq.org). Click the **FORMATION** tab for Baptism, First Eucharist & Reconciliation, Confirmation, PSR and RCIA registration forms. Altar Server registration and Mass Intention forms are available under **FORMS**.

If you are a newcomer to St. John the Evangelist Church Parish, have recently married, or no longer live with your parents, please remember to fill out a census form to register here. Simply choose one of the following methods:

- Fill out an **ONLINE** registration under **FORMS** via our website.
- Call the St. John Church Office at 225.687.2402 and we will mail a census form to you.
- Pick up a census form from the church office or the bookshelves in the back of church.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, October 21-4pm 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, Hebert & Ferachi Family; M/M John Caffarel, M/M G. E. Marix; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Lapeze Family, Ragusa Family; Tony & Eva Doiron, Bola Gascon, David Chaloux; Mayon, Callahan & Clement Families; J. W. & Sue Bryant, Mrs. E. J. Clifton; Rose Marie LeBlanc, LeBlanc & Canella Families; Larry Percle, "Se Se" Becnel, Keller Family; Faye & Paul Troxclair, Alton & Jenny Boudreaux; Lance & Murphy Blanchard & Family; Randy, Lucy, Peter & Florence Morales; M/M Frank Ragusa & Family, M/M Placito Mancuso & Family, M/M Mose Gibson & Family, J. D. & Ella Collins & Family; Anthony & Carmella Orcino, Caliste "Joe" & Gloria Landry, Kimberly & Josh Landry, M/M Eldon Flatau; John Hawley Landry, Kathleen Landry; Jack Laurent

### Sunday, October 22-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

### Sunday, October 22-9am 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, Frank, Josie, Anthony & Victor Canella; M/M A. J. Rodriguez, M/M Vives Vicknair, Sr., M/M Alger Rodriguez, Scott Marino; Douglas Bourgoyne, Artie Lyons, Lydia Mae Blanchard; Alvin Sr., Marion & Trisha Hebert; Joshua "Josh" Landry, Caliste "Joe" & Gloria Landry; J. R. Boudreaux, Virgie Junot, Jerry & Carl Orcino; V. J. Vicknair, Emily & Paul Bourgeois; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Virginia Simon; Gloria, Mark & Donald Cavalier; Missy Hopkins

### Sunday, October 22-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; O. J., Buster & Pearl Hidalgo Songy & Families; Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry, Agnes & Sam Colletti & Family; Brenda Fremin; George "Brother" Michel, Alvin J. Daigle, Sr. Family, Alvin J. "Peta" Daigle, Jr., Edith E. Guillot; Ignace & Vivian Tullier; Harry Marionneaux, Charles, Doris & Paul Barbier; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Ezora & Sidney Hedges; James & Marie Miranda, Denise & Glenda Miranda; Wayne & Colby Gomez, Pitre & Gomez Families; Victor J. Canella; Ann Bryant Wilbert Arbour; David Borden Tidmore; Betty Keith; John "Sonny" Bunch

### Tuesday, October 24-6pm Mass

Tony & Eva Doiron, Rita & Lyman Marchand; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; M/M John Caffarel, M/M G. E. Marix; Laura Lynn, Dorothy & Norman Jr. Grass

### Wednesday, October 25-7am Mass

Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim & Nu Nu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Bryce Gomez

### Thursday, October 26-7am Mass

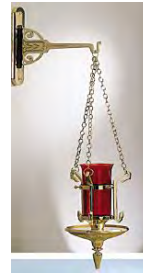
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### Friday, October 27-7am Mass

Barbara & Harold Himel, Sr., Frances Himel

## Altar Society

Altar Society Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, October 18 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.



## Sanctuary Candle

October 15, 2023

### St. John the Evangelist

Vincent A. & Dr. Larry Ferachi

### St. Clement of Rome

Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim & Nu Nu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol

## Coffee & Donuts

October 22, 2023

Pete & Bonnie Blanchard  
(7:30am Mass)

Tom & Germaine Bradley  
(9am Mass)



## You are Covered in Prayer

### Prayer Blankets

*May you feel His presence-*

*Experience His Peace-*

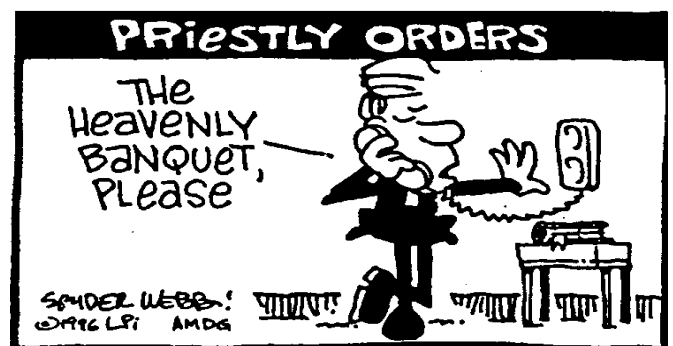
*Draw from His strength-*

*Rest in His love-*

*May God bless and keep you in His loving care.*

If someone you know is having major surgery or has been diagnosed with cancer or any other grave illness, please let us bring you a prayer blanket to help get you through this tough time. It matters not the age, all who need it will receive it. Contact Jane Gauthreaux at 225.413.7157.

28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





October 15, 2023

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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