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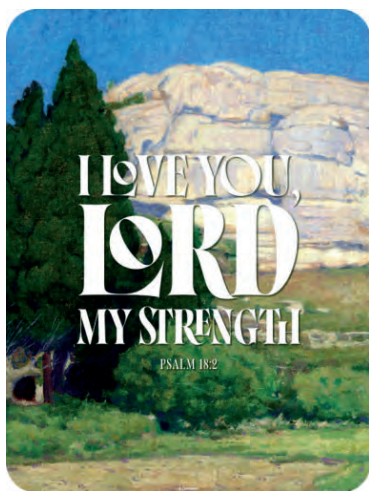
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Masses

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
 Saturday3:00-3:30 pm



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 29, 2023

The Diamond Rule

What the first reading calls aliens are immigrants or newcomers. They lived among the Hebrews, but were not Jews themselves. The Lord reminds the people that they were once aliens themselves.

They should not make the same mistake the Egyptians did when they mistreated the Israelites. God uses the same logic in commanding them to take care of widows and orphans. Treat them like family, or else your own wives and children will be in the same situation.

The reason for such compassion should be deeper than just fear of punishment. Jesus said, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39). He called this the second commandment. The first is to love God wholly and completely, heart, mind, and soul. If the second commandment is the Golden Rule, the first might be called the Diamond Rule. If you think about it, in order to keep the first commandment, you have to be keeping the second as well.

Jesus said that whatever you do for the poor, the homeless, the sick, or prisoners, you do for him (Matthew 25:31-46). We can't really say we love God if we don't love the people God created.

So that gives us two reasons to love our neighbor. First, because God lives in other people, so loving God means loving God wherever God is found. Second, God loves them, so if we are to be holy, we must be like God. What does that mean? Remember the saying that "charity begins at home"? It doesn't end there. If we truly love God, we will extend our charity to those outside our homes. People are probably still rebuilding after earthquakes, tornadoes, floods, and other disasters, and every city has some kind of homeless shelters. You say you love God? Let's see you love your neighbor.

Tom Schmidt

Pastor's Letter

Dear Family:

Happy Acadian Festival Weekend!

This weekend presents a great opportunity for us to celebrate our faith with our local community, I offer my personal thanks to our Knights of Columbus Council who for over 50 years have put together an event for families to gather in fellowship. Our Council brothers work tirelessly during the year to be ready for all the festivities. For all our parishioners who volunteer and participate, we offer thanks. May God Bless our Festival.

As we look at the scriptures for this weekend's Masses, we can hear Jesus calling us to love God above all things. From that love flows a love of neighbor. The mandate from today's Gospel couldn't be simpler, yet love can be hard to define if we go by modern definitions and examples. Israel recognized love by the action of God in their lives, an action perfectly expressed for Christians in Jesus, whose life is the pattern of love that we follow while handing God's love on to others.

Some questions for reflection:

How have God and others shown you love?

How have you loved God and others?

Jesus knew this week's reading from Exodus. What in it might have helped him understand God's love? What in it speaks of divine love to you?

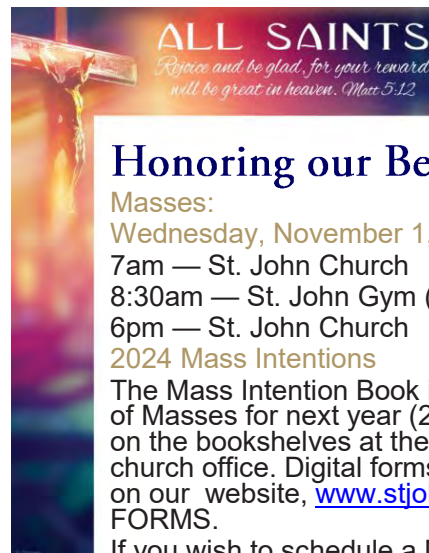
Peace,
Fr. Greg



Ritualsong

Readings & Songs for Sunday

Readings Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time #1281
Entrance Come, Christians, Join to Sing #733
Preparation *Instrumental*
Communion Christ, Be Our Light! #692
Sending Forth Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You #707



Honoring our Beloved Dead

Masses:

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

7am — St. John Church

8:30am — St. John Gym (School Mass)

6pm — St. John Church

2024 Mass Intentions

The Mass Intention Book is open for the scheduling of Masses for next year (2024). Forms are located on the bookshelves at the back of church and in the church office. Digital forms may be submitted online on our website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org under FORMS.

If you wish to schedule a Mass, please fill out a Mass Intention form. Include your name, address and telephone number in the event we have questions about your intentions and need to contact you. We will try to schedule Masses in the order in which the forms are received to the best of our ability.

Please return the form and your check to the St. John Church Office; mail it to 57805 Main Street or drop it in the collection basket at any weekend Mass.

Book of Remembrance

During the month of November, parishioners are encouraged to list the names of their deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance. This book will be placed near the devotional candles Wednesday, November 1 and will remain during the month of November. You may write the names of loved ones in the book at your convenience.

55th Annual International Acadian Festival

Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park

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

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.

Plaquemine Lions Club Spaghetti Dinners

"World's Best Spaghetti Dinners"

The Plaquemine Lions Club will be selling spaghetti dinner tickets this weekend outside the doors of the church.

The dinners (\$12), consisting of meatballs, spaghetti, corn and a roll, may be picked up Sunday, November 5 from 10am-12:30pm from the Lion's Club drive-thru parking lot on Bayou Jacob Road.

The proceeds from the dinners will benefit the Louisiana Crippled Children's Fund as well as the less fortunate families in Plaquemine.

For tickets, contact Roy Kolder at 225.776.2172.

Eucharistic Adoration

Come & Adore! He is Waiting for You!

What happiness do we not feel in the Presence of God when we are alone at His feet ... Redouble your fervor; you are alone to adore your God; His eyes rest upon you alone."

—St. John Vianney

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.



In Loving Memory...

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

**Annie G. and Guy Comeaux, Sr.
Guy "Scooter" Comeaux, Jr.**

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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention November 2023

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Scripture Readings

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51;
1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

Monday

Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7,
20-21, Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday

Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1-6;
Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday

Solemnity of All Saints
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-4b, 5-6;
1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday

Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 6:3-9;
Jn 6:37-40

Friday

Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Lk 14:1-6

Saturday

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29;
Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18;
Lk 14:1, 7-11

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3;
1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

A Vocation View

Are You Being Called to a Church Vocation?

Love God and your neighbor as yourself!", Jesus commanded. What better way than to embrace His call to you to the priesthood or religious 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.



2023 Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars

Monday, November 6

Monday, December 4

Baptisms

Saturday, October 28

Saturday, November 25

Saturday, December 16

Baptism Seminars are held in the church office third floor conference room 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.



Church Dedication for November

The Holy Souls in Purgatory

As Catholics, we believe that the Church is made up of the souls here on earth, the saints in heaven, and the souls suffering in purgatory. The souls in purgatory cannot pray for themselves and need our prayers and sacrifices to enter fully into the Beatific Vision. November is set aside for the faithful to remember and pray for these brothers and sisters of ours.

Lost and Found

A set of Chevrolet car keys and digital camera batteries were found in church. These items are located in the lost and found basket in the sacristy.

In Remembrance of our Beloved Dead
Since the Feast of All Saints' Day one year ago

Deaths: October 24, 2022 to October 23, 2023

Quinn Beckmann
 Cathie Blanchard
 Robert Bolds, Jr.
 Nolan Bueche, Jr.
 John "Sonny" Bunch, Jr.
 Robert "Bobby" Campo
 Allen Cavalier
 Glenda "Phyne" Cedotal
 Anthony "Pete" Cilano
 Marion Clement
 Edgar J. Comeaux
 Guy Comeaux, Jr.
 Rebecca Cormier
 Earl Crochet
 Cathy Daigle
 Maggie Dunn
 Douglas "Doug" Durand, Sr.
 Michael Eby, Sr.
 Lois Tullier Falcon
 Douglas Flatau, Sr.
 Ray W. Gilchrist
 Wayne "Bucket" Gomez
 Laura L. Grass
 Cleve Guidry, Jr.
 Shirley "Butte" Haydel
 Huey J. Hebert
 Huey P. Hebert
 JoAnn Hebert
 Shirley Hebert
 Susie "Sue" Hebert
 Yvonne Hedges
 Domingo "D" Hernandez
 Maria Hernandez
 Rickey Hernandez
 Fay W. Huguet

Ann Hymel
 Conrad Joffrion
 Gloria Landry
 John Landry
 Lois LeBlanc Landry
 Paul Landry
 Barbara Laurent
 Jack Laurent, Jr.
 Jeffery LeBlanc
 Melanie LeBlanc
 Thomas LeBlanc, Sr.
 Stephen LeJeune
 Jared V. Little
 Sarah Mancuso
 Monica A. McDaniel
 Gerald "Lil Jerry" Mire, Jr.
 Paula Morales
 Lisa Orcino
 Myrle Ostergren
 Yvonne Palermo
 Joseph Rodosta, Jr.
 Nancy Rodriguez
 Lois Salvadras
 Kenneth "Zeke" Sanchez
 Carol Ann Sims
 Larry Skidmore
 John "Shane" Smith
 Braxton Sparks
 Terry Theriot
 Jeanette B. Trahan
 Norma Tullier
 Vivian Tullier
 Evelyn Varnell
 Catherine Willis
 Jacqueline Williams
 Melva Young

***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
 and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed,
 through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN***

NOTE: Each year our parish remembers in a special way all those who died within the past year and who were buried from St. John Church. Candles are burned at the altar during All Saints Day Masses for the deceased parishioners who died within the last year.

If you are unable to attend Mass to get your candle, you may come to church after All Saints Day Masses and pick up an unlit candle to burn at home in memory of your deceased loved one.

Remembering our Veterans

St. John School Sends Care Packages to Troops

For the tenth year, St. John School's 4th and 5th grade students are participating in their annual service project by making care packages for our troops. If you would like to make a donation, these are some of the items they need: socks (preferably 100% cotton), lip balm, lotion, band aids, pencils, pens, small notepads, notepaper & envelopes, hot sauce, seasoning packets, water flavoring packets, Slim Jim/beef jerky, protein bars, tuna fish, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, gum, hard candy, small journals, crossword & word search puzzles, disposable razors, individually packaged tissues, small/hard containers of chips, pretzels or nuts, energy bars, travel sized games. If you have any supplies that you would like to donate, please send them to school before November 10. We will send these items to the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana. St. John students will also be on hand at Iberville's Salute to Veterans Friday, November 10. (see flyer below)

Parish Activities November 2023

Wednesday, November 1 All Saints Day
OFFICE CLOSED

Masses:

7am St. John Church
 8:30am St. John School Gym
 6pm St. John Church

Thursday, November 2

Bible Study Conference Room
1:30-3pm & 6:15-7:45pm

Monday, November 6

Bible Study Church Office
 4-5:30pm
 Baptism Seminar Conference Room
 7pm

Thursday, November 9

Bible Study Conference Room
1:30-3pm & 6:15-7:45pm

Saturday, November 11 — Veterans Day

Altar Society selling Advent Books following
4pm Mass

Sunday, November 12

Altar Society selling Advent Books following
All Masses

PSR Family Mass St. John Church
11am

Ladies of Peter Claver Parish Hall
2-4pm

Holy Spirit Prayer Group St. John Church
3-5pm

Monday, November 13

Catholic Daughter Meeting Parish Hall
2pm

Bible Study Conference Room
4-5:30pm

Wednesday, November 15

First Reconciliation St. John Church
6pm

Thursday, November 16

Bible Study Conference Room
1:30-3pm & 6:15-7:45pm

Monday, November 20

Bible Study Conference Room
4-5:30pm

Wednesday, November 22

Vigil Mass of Thanksgiving St. John Church
6pm

Thursday, November 23 — Thanksgiving
OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 25

Baptisms St. John Church
Following 4pm Mass

Monday, November 27

Bible Study Conference Room
4-5:30pm

Tuesday, November 28

Altar Society Meeting Conference Room
9:30am

IBERVILLE SALUTE TO VETERANS

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 10 am - Noon
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 4-4pm 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; Medric Smith, Sr., Margaret Simms Smith, Bridget Smith Mann; Vincent A. & Dr. Larry Ferachi, Hebert & Ferachi Families; M/M L. J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; Carol Brandt, Raymond & Amanda Ducote; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecelia Laurent; John E., Cecile D. & Maurice E. Brown, Joan B. Heath, Brown & Duhon Families; Ronnie Palermo, Brown Family, Palermo Family; Alfred, Mercedes, Lester & Mary Carville, M/M Edmund Bujol, Reid & Gerry Rainey; Faye & Harry Martinez; M/M Victor Crescienne, Crescienne Family, Michelle Family, Sister Joycelin Staempfle; John "Shane" David Smith; Sadie & Tony Mancuso; Charles & Marion Clement; Carol Breau Sims; John Hawley Landry, Kathleen Landry; Gerald "Lil Jerry" Mire; Allen Cavalier

Sunday, November 5-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, November 5-9am 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; Fred Hebert, George & Gloria Ramirez, Agnes & Jimmy LeBlanc; Rosemary Cox; Mike "Fuzzy" Marino, Glenda "Phyne" Cedotal, Melissa Jarreau, Maggie David, Amadee, David, Edwin "Peanut" Gras, Houston Blanchard, Lisa J. Sands, Adam Sands; Glynn Hebert, A Special Intention; Anthony & Margie Vitale, Lloyd & Lillian Bouchereau; Joshua "Josh" Landry, Harry & Vivian Banta, Caliste "Joe" & Gloria Landry; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Virginia Simon; Maggie Dunn; Missy Hopkins

Sunday, November 5-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; O. J., Buster & Pearl Hidalgo Songy & Families; Brenda Fremin, Luke & Mary Fremin, Charles & Rosa Drago, Ellis & Enola Fremin; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn; Victor J. Canella; Glenda Fontenot; David Borden Tidmore; Ann Bryant Wilbert Arbour; Betty Keith, The Currier Families

Tuesday, November 7-6pm Mass

Bobby Wilson

Wednesday, November 8-7am Mass

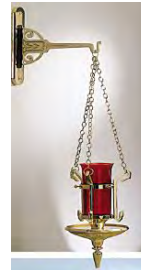
Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Schexnaildre & Nicolosi Families

Thursday, November 9-7am Mass

Llewelyn LeDoux

Friday, November 10-7am Mass

Larry Skidmore, Alice & Alex Nolan



Sanctuary Candle

October 29, 2023

St. John the Evangelist
Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Rodriguez

St. Clement of Rome
Harold Sr., Barbara & Frances Himel

Coffee & Donuts

November 5, 2023

George & Patricia Ramirez
(7:30am Mass)

Blane & Deryl Ourso
(9am Mass)



Altar Society

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

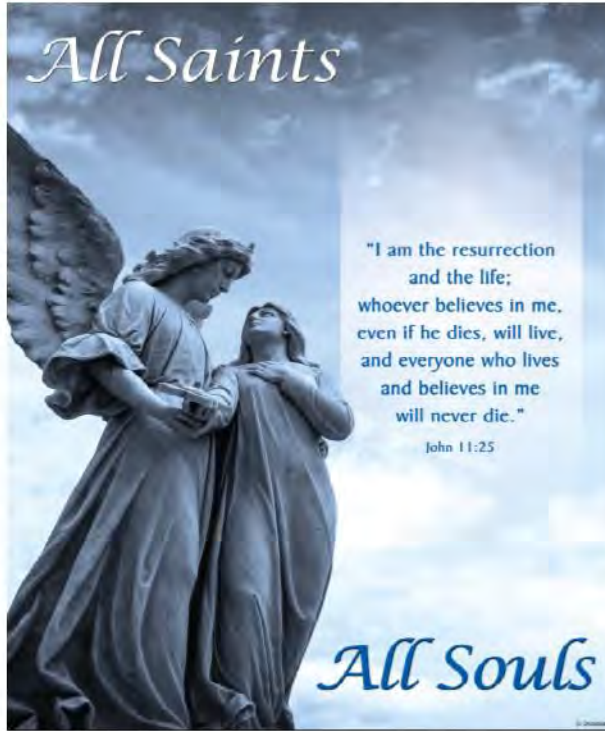
Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 5 at 2am. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night, November 4.

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



October 29, 2023

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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