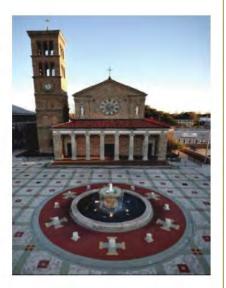
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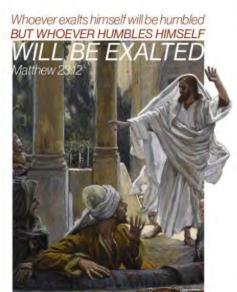
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Masses

Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday7:30am, 9:0	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	om
Saturday	3:00-3:30	om



Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time November 5, 2023

Not My Problem

Paul was not bragging when he talked about the toil and drudgery he endured while proclaiming the gospel. He makes a point of his working so as not to burden anyone. He worked to support himself, rather than asking the new Christians to support him—just the opposite of what the scribes and Pharisees were doing, according to the gospel. Jesus accused them of laying heavy burdens on people, without helping them to bear those burdens. So what kind of burdens did the Pharisees impose?

The Pharisees and scribes were very familiar with the laws of their Jewish religion. Almost every detail of daily life was covered by some law. Originally those laws and regulations were meant to set the Hebrews apart from other peoples, to be a sign of holiness. But over the years, rabbis added more and more details to the laws, until it was almost impossible to keep them all straight.

But what if someone needed help on a Sabbath? If you broke a Sabbath rule, even for a good reason, you could not go to the Pharisees to get an exemption. They would say, "Not my problem."

Jesus, however, came to remind us that holiness is more important than

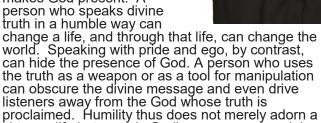
scrupulosity. If we truly live the ideal of loving God with our whole being and loving our neighbor, we will find that love is much easier to bear than the fear of doing something wrong. Jesus also gave us his Holy Spirit to help guide us in the path of holiness. And through his death on the cross, Jesus gave us forgiveness if we do commit a sin. So keeping the law of love is no problem. Tom Schmidt Tom Schmidt

Pastor's Letter

Dear Family:

At its best, Christian humility makes God present. A person who speaks divine

the power of the Gospel.



virtuous life but reveals God's presence at work in

This is the message of each reading this week. The prophet Malachi reminded Israel's priests that all are equal in God's eyes. God only shares honor with those who work honestly for Israel's good. In the second reading, Paul recounts the way he kept to the background and let the Spirit do all the work. Paul's humility allowed him to find joy in the grace he saw around him. In the Gospel reading, Jesus offered the scribes and Pharisees a warning. They knew the truth, but their actions revealed an ignorance of its purpose. God intended the covenant to make Israel a family that was so strong it could weather any trial. Instead, certain teachers of Israel used that covenant to show off their status and feed their pride. Jesus recognized that such actions drove people away from deeper engagement with God and God's teachings.

Christian humility means to find peace in being the person God has created and loves. It means to put aside envy and share in the joy of our sisters and brothers. It means to serve as Jesus did, finding joy when grace transforms another's life. When we know ourselves through God's eyes, we can speak divine truth with the power of Christ.

Some guestions for reflection? How can pride intrude on the truth you speak? How can you rejoice in the good of others? Why did Jesus instruct his disciples to "observe all things whatsoever" that the scribes and Pharisees tell them? What value did he see in their words?

Within the next two weeks, parishioners will be receiving a second letter from me regarding the 100 Year Campaign for the restoration of our church. We ask that each of you prayerfully consider what you can do to help achieve our goals. St. John, pray for us.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

Ritualsong

Readings & Songs this Weekend

Readings Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time #1284

Abundant Life #683 Entrance

Preparation Instrumental

The Servant Song #861 Communion

O God beyond All Praising #725 Sending Forth

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



Anointing of the Sick

Providing Spiritual Strength

Father Greg will administer the Anointing of the Sick Tuesday, November 7 at the 6pm Mass. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is meant to bring spiritual strength, comfort, and healing to

those who are ill, elderly, or facing surgery. Four to six months is recommended between anointing unless otherwise urgent.

Honoring our Beloved Dead

2024 Mass Intentions

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

A Vocation View

Called to Religious Life?

"In You, Lord, I have found my peace!" Is the Lord calling you to be a peacemaker as a sister, brother, or priest? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.



Eucharistic Adoration

Come & Adore! He is Waiting for

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

'Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek

and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." (Mt 11:28-30)

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.

Scripture Readings

Week of November 5

Sunday 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

Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Monday

Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1cde, 2-3;

Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2,4-5, 9;

Lk 14:25-33

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22 Thursday

Friday Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Saturday

Lk 16:9-15

Sunday Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2, 3-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 1 Thes 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13

Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars

Monday, November 6, 2023 Monday, December 4, 2023 Monday, January 15, 2024



Baptisms

Saturday, November 25, 2023 Saturday, December 16, 2023 Saturday, January 27, 2024

Baptism Seminars are held in the third floor church office 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.

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.

Iberville Salute to Veterans

Honoring our Soldiers

Friday, November 10, 2023 ~ 10am-Noon 23640 Railroad Ave., Plaguemine

- Special performance by the nationally renowned U. S. Coast Guard Silent Drill Team
- Baton Rouge Pipes and Drums
- Patriotic Music
- Iberville Wall of Veterans
- \Diamond Collection of supplies for troops
- Much more

Monthly Offerings/Contributions/ Collections

(Weekend, Mail-ins, Online, Other) Monthly Repairs and Maintenance Expenses

August 2023

Stewardship \$51,324.00 7,086.00 Repairs and Maintenance Other collections/Income 2,503.00 8,186.00 Repairs/Maintenance Expenses

September 2023

\$61,268.00 Stewardship Repairs and Maintenance 8,376.00 Other Collections/Income 2,285.00 Repairs/Maintenance Expenses 4,284.00

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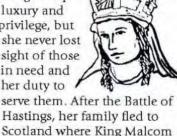
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One Minute Meditations

St. Margaret of Scotland

A Hungarian princess, St. Margaret grew up in luxury and privilege, but she never lost sight of those in need and her duty to



Hastings, her family fled to Scotland where King Malcom III sheltered them and eventually married Margaret. Although a queen, her private life was austere, dedicated to prayer and serving the poor-even washing beggars' feet. She is remembered for her life of piety, kindness, and generosity.

Christ the King

What does it mean to say Christ is King? Do we give Him our Sundays only, or the whole week? Set aside ten minutes for God. Offer Him the events of your day and say, "Your will be done."

"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 God and [the world]" (Luke 16:13).

Thanksgiving can inspire gratitude in action

St. Mother Teresa said, "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." At Thanksgiving, we bask in the glow of our blessings but it's also a chance to share them with others. This is "gratitude in

action:" Be generous with your time. God can't be outdone in generosity. He gives life in His image and likeness. He gave the gift of Himself in Christ's offering on the Cross. In

that spirit, how

can you give of yourself? Prayerfully consider where and to whom you can give your time and attention.

Be generous with your patience. Ours is the God of second chances,

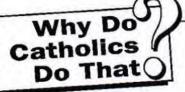
generous with His mercy. Decide to generously give others the benefit of the doubt, allow room for good intentions, and forgive injuries. Love as God loves

by extending patience and forgiveness without limit. Be generous with your family.

Mother Teresa said, "If you

want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family." Make your family your top priority and give your loved ones the very best of yourself. Be generous with your joy. Holidays can

be difficult for people without connections. Look for someone at church, at work, or in the neighborhood who might need a place to celebrate the holiday. Share holiday love and joy.



Why do Catholics pray for the dead?

The practice of praying for the dead is an Act of Mercy and has Scriptural roots: "Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin" (2 Maccabees 12:45-46). Someone who dies in God's

friendship with sin on his soul must be purified before entering heaven. We can literally help souls get to heaven. Rest assured: if the person we've prayed for reaches heaven, the graces of those prayers are used to help other souls.

Growing in Faith™

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Dealing with loss and those left behind

Christians know that death leads to marvelous new life, but it is still difficult to lose someone we love. We take comfort knowing that we remain connected in the Communion of Saints, the spiritual solidarity binding the faithful on Earth, the souls in Purgatory,

and the saints in Heaven. Still, finding or offering comfort after a death can be challenging:

Pray. Pray that the souls who have died may find their place in Heaven. Perhaps arrange to have that prayer included in the intentions during Mass in your parish. Including them in your daily prayers also helps to keep their intentions alive.

Be present. Attend the visitation or funeral. Such customs are part of honoring and praying for the deceased person and showing compassion to the

> Offer material support. Bring a meal to the family. Mass cards, notes and phone calls can also offer comfort.

Contribute. Consider making a donation of time or money to organizations such as a local Hospice that provide grace and dignity to those dying.

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Matthew 25:31-46, Showing mercy to the "least"

In this Gospel reading, Jesus describes the coming of the Son of Man, that is, of His glorious return on the last day. Jesus will appear at the end of time as the King of the nations and the Judge of history. Everyone who has ever

first to the last. from the greatest to the least, will stand before Christ. All of us will be judged on how we loved, especially how we treated "the least" who are suffering among us.

The specific criterion for judgment is the basis for the

lived, from the

Corporal Works of Mercy, which are: feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and welcome the stranger, care for the sick and imprisoned, and bury the dead. In the end, we will be judged on our response to the suffering of others. Do we, like the

"blessed," respond with compassion and mercy, or do we, like the others, turn a blind eye and do nothing? The goal is to see Christ in others and to minister to their needs accordingly.

Feasts & Celebrations

November 1 - All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation). In the early Church, there was a great desire to celebrate each of the martyrs. Because there were more martyrs than days of the year, Pope Gregory IV designated November 1 as All Saints Day. Celebrate the Saints by attending Mass.

November 10 - Pope St. Leo the Great (461). A native of Rome, St. Leo was elected pope while on a mission in Gaul. As pope, he defended the faith from heresy and promoted ecclesiastical unity.

November 18 - St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (1852). Born in Grenoble, France, she joined the Society of the Sacred Heart and came to America as a missionary. She opened the first free school for girls west of the Mississippi river, and the first Catholic school for Native Americans.

November 26 - Solemnity of Christ the King. God promised His people a king who would triumph over their enemies. Jesus

is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under His kingship.



Q How does the & Church decide A who is a saint?

There are many people in Heaven who are saints but whose names we may never know. They are uncanonized saints. Canonization is the formal process by which the Church identifies and determines whether someone has become a saint.



In its simplest form, official Church procedures detail three steps to recognizing a saint. First, the bishop of the diocese where the person

died begins an extensive investigation. The results are passed to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. If the Congregation approves, the prefect presents the cause to the pope. With the pope's approval, the petitioner becomes "venerable" and is called "Servant of God."

Next, "beatification," may come after further investigation and a miracle has proven to be attributed to the Servant of God's intercession after his or her death. Then the person can be called "Blessed."

Finally, canonization may follow additional investigation and a second miracle also proven to have occurred after the beatification and as a result of the candidate's intercession. After canonization, the "Blessed" is called "Saint."

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 11-4pm Mass

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Sunday, November 12-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, November 12-9am Mass

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Sunday, November 12-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Patrick, J. P. & Anna Gaudet; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; Brenda Fremin; Harry Marionneaux, Charles, Doris & Paul Barbier; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Ezora & Sidney Hedges; Dr. Vincent Leggio, The Tony Leggio Families

Tuesday, November 14-6pm Mass

Case, Gum & Schuler Families, Catherine & Andrew Roucher; Denoux Baby; Edna "Buttons" Verrett

Wednesday, November 15-7am Mass

J. R. Boudreaux, Virgie Junot, Jerry & Carl Orcino

Thursday, November 16-7am Mass

Bobby Wilson

Friday, November 17-7am Mass

A. J. Rodriguez

Altar Society

Altar Society Team 2 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, November 8 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.



Sanctuary Candle

November 5, 2023

St. John the Evangelist Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio, Pauline E. deVerges & Ed Engolio, Jr.

St. Clement of Rome
Maurice E. Brown & The U.S.M.C.

Coffee & Donuts

November 12, 2023

Ed & Anne Reeves (7:30am Mass)



Bobby Blanchard, Susie Burns & Michelle Sharon (9am Mass)

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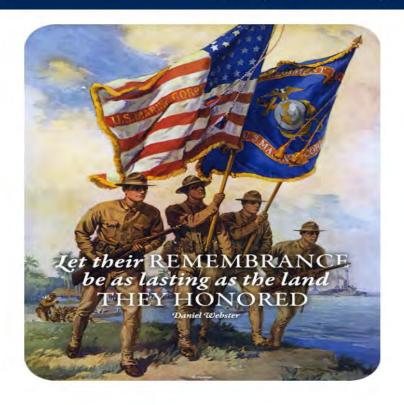
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