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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



my good & faithful servant

Matthew 25:21

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 19, 2023

Use It or Lose It

I wonder what that third servant in the Gospel was doing all that time, after he buried the talent he was given. Probably nothing. What strikes me is that the word for money in this reading is “talent,” which in our language is an ability or skill. Maybe this parable can remind us to use our abilities and not let them go to waste. A person might be strong and fast, but if she exercises and practices, she could be a great athlete. The same with spiritual gifts. Just having one doesn’t make you a saint. So how do you know what gifts you have?

First, ask God in your prayers to show you what gifts you have been given. Read the scriptures, especially the Acts of the Apostles or the Letters of Paul (e.g., 1 Corinthians 12:1–11). Listen humbly to friends or loved ones who can tell you what strengths they see in you.

Second, look for ways to use your gifts. Check the parish bulletin or website or your diocesan newspaper for activities and organizations that you could take part in. Hospitals, schools, shelters, and nursing homes frequently offer opportunities for volunteers. Or you may see a need for some service that you can get started in the parish or community.

Just remember that you are called to service by your baptism and confirmation. Don’t bury that calling by procrastinating or being afraid to try. Remember the

“useless servant” with the one talent who was fearful and lazy (Matthew 25:25–26). At least he can remind us to use it or lose it.

Tom Schmidt.



Pastor's Letter

Dear Family:

In this Sunday's readings, the Church continues to reflect on Christ's final judgment. When Jesus did not return as soon as expected, early Christians developed practices to keep themselves ready for his arrival. Judaism already had a long tradition of patient waiting, and early Christians, many of them from Jewish families, brought the practice of patience to the reality of Christ's delay.

The first reading and the psalm both connect patience with faith. Women ran households in ancient Israel, and ones who did so patiently and according to God's instruction realized wealth, enough not just for their family but for the local poor as well. In the psalm, meanwhile, the man who conducts his affairs patiently and righteously will strengthen not just himself and his family, but the city and nation as well. In both cases, short-term realities and profits might be tempting, but faith directs the mind to long-term goals.

For Christians, the primary long-term goal is to recognize and welcome Christ when he returns. This is the essence of Paul's instruction in this Sunday's second reading, "Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober". Matthew, meanwhile, knew that Christ's coming was delayed, so he emphasized the development of Christian life. The "talents" that the master left behind are the divine wisdom and example we have received in the Gospel. The enterprising servants are those disciples who use the time of Christ's delay to multiply the generosity, forgiveness, compassion, and mercy that they had received. The servant who buried the talent is the disciple who knows Christ's teachings but has done nothing to embody and share them with others. It is in magnifying the divine wisdom we have received that we prepare ourselves for our Lord's unexpected return.

Some questions for reflection:

How do you practice patience?

How have you shared the grace God has given you?

"Come, share your master's joy." To what joy does Matthew refer?

Prayers and best wishes for you all to enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving. Deacon Ricard, myself, and our church and school staff send you all our prayers of blessing for our National Holiday.

Peace and Happy Thanksgiving,

Fr. Greg

Let Us Give Thanks

The Vigil Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated Wednesday, November 22 at 6pm.

Our office will be closed Thursday, November 23 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Catholic Daughters Bake Sale

The Catholic Daughters will be selling baked goods on Saturday & Sunday, November 18 & 19 before and after all Masses.

Please support the Catholic Daughters in all the good works they do for our Church and Community.

Women's Advent Silent Retreat

Worship and Fellowship

When: Saturday, December 9, 2023
10:30am-3pm

Where: St. John the Evangelist Church Parish Hall

Lead by: The Holy Spirit & Gwen Hayes

A light lunch will be provided. Register today by calling 225.687.2402.

Ritualsong

Readings & Songs this Weekend

Readings: Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time #1290

Entrance Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #806

Preparation *Instrumental*

Communion All Who Hunger #1032

Sending Forth Abundant Life #683



Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars

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.



Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore! He is Waiting for You!

“Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.” (Mt. 7:7-9)

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.

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.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, located near the devotional candles, will remain during the month of November. You may write the names of loved ones in the book at your convenience.

Scripture Readings

Week of November 19

Sunday	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128: 1-2-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 or Mt 25:14-15, 19-21
Monday	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday	2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8,15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday	1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44 Thanksgiving: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 138:1-5, 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10-12, Lk 19:45-48
Saturday	1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6,16,19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Bringing Christmas Joy

Christmas Cards for Inmates

The Catholic Community at Louisiana State Penitentiary and the Chaplain's Department are again inviting our parish to participate in the Christmas card program. Their goal is to provide each inmate with at least 5 cards and envelopes.

Anyone interested in donating new religious Christmas cards should drop them off at the St. John Church office by Thursday, November 30. Deacon Alfred Ricard will be taking the cards to the prison.

We can accept Birthday and Get Well cards also. Religious cards are preferred.

Advent Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be set up in church Saturday, November 25, 2023 for you to take a candy cane with a child's name. If anyone pulls #142-271 and wants to buy clothing, you may text Dr. Katie Berthelot at 225.776.2809 for sizes which have been provided by Iberville Elementary. Gifts are due Sunday, December 10. Please buy gifts and share the joy of Jesus' birth with the children.

Sorting will take place Friday, December 17 in the Parish Hall with distribution on Saturday, December 18.

Save the Date

St. John Parish Open House
Saturday, December 2, 2023
5-7pm (Following 4pm Mass)
St. John Rectory

A Vocation View

Called to Religious Life?

“To those who have, much will be given!” Are you willing to share your talents and abilities by announcing the Good News of Jesus Christ as a priest, sister, or brother? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.



2024 Church Calendars

The 2024 church calendars are available to our parishioners at the entrances to the church. You may pick up your calendar after any weekend Mass.

Special thanks to Wilbert Funeral Services.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 25-4pm 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; Trista Parro, Larry Dupont, Capt. John & Myrtle Lively; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; M/M John Caffarel, M/M G. E. Marix; J. W. & Sue Bryant, Mrs. E. J. Clifton; Johnny Zito, Jr., Johnny Zito, Sr., Andrew & Josephine Canova, Carlo & Kurt Canova; Robert & Leana Brady, Cleveland & Lucy Boudreaux; Alfred & Mercedes Carville, Lester & Mary Carville, Edmund & Louise Bujol, Reid & Jerry Rainey; Janice Brown; Faye & Paul Troxclair, Carolyn Bordelon; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Nora Vitale; Ione Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Angelo F. Mancuso, Connie Mancuso, Seraphine Stein; Randy, Lucy, Peter & Florence Morales; Rose Marie LeBlanc, LeBlanc & Canella Families; Charles & Marion Clement; John Hawley Landry, Kathleen Landry; Michael Laurent, Jack Laurent; Gerald "Lil Jerry" Mire; Allen Cavalier; Earlene LeBlanc

Sunday, November 26-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, November 26-9am 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; Frank, Josie, Anthony & Victor Canella; Mary Ann Gregoire; Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Agnes & Sam Colletti & Family, Vincent M. Ferachi & Family; Gary Ourso, Sr., Gary Ourso, Jr., Gerrit Ourso; Lawrence & Winnie Miller, Edward Miller, Paul & Myrtle Richard; Mitchell Dufour, Boudreaux & Dufour Families; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; George Gullotto, Maggie & Joe Gullotto, Lola & A. J. Adams; James Roucher; Dr. Vincent Leggio, The Tony Leggio Families; M/M Dudley LeBlanc

Sunday, November 26-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Brenda Fremin; Ignace & Vivian Tullier; William H. Middleton, Bill Middleton III, Clouatre & Middleton Families; Isaac Jr., Brent Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn; James & Marie Miranda, Denise & Glenda Miranda; David Borden Tidmore; Ann Bryant Wilbert Arbour

Tuesday, November 28-6pm Mass

Ronnie Dugas, M/M Fallon Trabeaux, Alvin Dugas, Russell Naquin, Jr., Fal Naquin; Fr. Jimmy Jeanfreau; A Special Intention through the Intercession of St. Peregrine, St. Jude, St. Joseph & Mother Mary

Wednesday, November 29-7am Mass

Llewelyn LeDoux

Thursday, November 30-7am Mass

Larry Skidmore & Walter Mazone

Friday, December 1-7am Mass

M/M Jules J. Noel, Jr.

Workbooks for Lectors

Proclaiming the Word

The 2024 Workbooks for Lectors have been placed in the credenza in the Baptistry. Lectors, please pick up your copy at your convenience.



Sanctuary Candle

November 19, 2023

St. John the Evangelist
Bootsie & Bobby Dupont

St. Clement of Rome
Colby Gomez

Coffee & Donuts

November 26, 2023

Derryl Comeaux,
Bobbie Cavalier &
Janis Rockforte
(7:30am Mass)

Steve & Faith Maddox (9am Mass)



Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

Altar Society Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, November 22 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



November 19, 2023

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Give Thanks to the Lord for he is Good

Psalm 118:1



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