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Masses:

Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	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



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2020

A Truly Wise Person

The ending of today's Gospel speaks about "the new and the old." Jesus is saying that a person "instructed in the kingdom" has wisdom both old and new; in other words, that person learns from the past as well as from the present. Let's look at each of those.

We learn from the past by studying it. So the wisdom of the kingdom comes first from the scriptures. The more familiar we are with the word of God, the more wisdom we possess. We can also learn from the lives of the saints and writings of the Church. If you only have time to go to Mass on Sunday, just listening to the homily can help to apply the scriptures to your life.

One way we can learn from "the new" is to learn from our mistakes. That includes learning from

our sins. When we are truly sorry, we make an effort to change our ways. We can also learn from the mistakes and the successes of our friends. As we share our faith with them, we share the stories of our lives, both good and bad. God can speak to us through a friend or relative whose advice we seek. A truly wise person is one who has received a lifetime of good advice.

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July 26, 2020

Dear Family:

Paul's words in Romans 8:28-30 are best understood when read within the context of the verses before and after them. The surrounding verses lead us to understand God's goodness and generosity.

After the gift of kingship, God further offers Solomon the freedom to ask for any gift he desires. The contrast that the text highlights in terms of what Solomon did not request (namely, longevity, wealth, or his enemies' demise) suggests that his choice of gift is impressive because of both its content and its objective. He wants a wise, discerning, and understanding mind to govern the people. He wants something for the public good and not something solely for himself. Because of Solomon's good choice, God ends up giving to him even other gifts that Solomon did not name.

The parables in today's reading from Matthew are also about choices and whether we have the discernment to choose wisely. Such choices, according to these parables, may involve the giving up of other valuables and often incur sobering consequences.

Some questions for reflection:

What examples would you give to illustrate God's goodness and generosity?

What single gift would you request of God to bring about the greatest public good?

Psalm 119 presents God's Word as giving understanding, but God's Word (for example, parables) are often difficult to understand. What do people need to do to better interpret, discern, and understand what they find in the Bible?

Our staff and some of St. John School's Administrative Team met last week to attempt to plan for the coming year. We usually accomplish this in May but have been delayed due to the pandemic. Nonetheless, it was a good day and we went forward and worked through our calendar for the year. While there is still lots of which to be unsure, we hope our plans are possible and come to fruition.

Representatives from Our Lady of the Lake Hospital came to our St. John School campus to assist us in preparing for the opening of school in the midst of our current pandemic. Thanks to OLOL and our school team as we prepare for a new school year.

I am truly grateful for your support of our church during these difficult days. Your prayers, ministries and your ongoing monetary support continue to bless us. We've included a simple financial report for now to keep you all updated. Because of your constancy we've been able to take care of some important repairs during this time. The doors of the church have been repaired and painted. Our recent air conditioning problem in the church is (at least for now) fixed. St. John School and St. John Church Parish have together taken care of repairs to St. Clement Rectory (used to provide residence for the ACE teachers from Notre Dame University) and St. Clement Chapel as well.

Without your support this would not have been possible. Thank you to everyone. The growth in the number of persons giving through our online method has grown and many find it quite simple. Should you be interested in this way of offering to our church, please call the office. Many have continued to offer their treasures by mailing in their envelopes with donations. Thanks to everyone for your great generosity of spirit.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

March 2020

<u>Income</u>	
Stewardship	\$ 52,480
Maintenance & Repairs	4,435
Special Collections	<u>1,314</u>
	\$ 58,229

<u>Expenses</u>	
Administrative	\$ 41,442
Parish Share	14,165
Operations/Maintenance	<u>10,807</u>
	\$ 66,414

Net Profit or Loss <\$ 8,185>

April 2020

<u>Income</u>	
Stewardship	\$ 42,237
Maintenance & Repairs	3,935
Special Collections	3,558
Extraordinary Donation	<u>25,000</u>
	\$ 74,730

<u>Expenses</u>	
Administrative	\$ 32,409
Parish Share	14,165
Operations/Maintenance	<u>18,319</u>
	\$ 64,893

Net Profit or Loss \$ 9,837

May 2020

<u>Income</u>	
Stewardship	\$ 47,924
Maintenance & Repairs	4,586
Special Collections	<u>840</u>
	\$ 53,350

<u>Expenses</u>	
Administrative	\$ 34,221
Parish Share	(waived)
Operations/Maintenance	<u>10,014</u>
	\$ 44,235

Net Profit or Loss \$ 9,115

June 2020

<u>Income</u>	
Stewardship	\$ 62,221
Maintenance & Repairs	9,713
Special Collections	<u>678</u>
	\$ 72,612

<u>Expenses</u>	
Administrative	\$ 38,278
Parish Share	(waived)
Operations/Maintenance	<u>21,725</u>
	\$ 60,003

Net Profit or Loss \$ 12,609

- ✓ 20% increase in the number of parishioners using the Online Giving product
- ✓ Increase in the number of mail-in contributions
- ✓ Waiver of Parish Share obligation by the Diocese for the months of May and June

First Holy Eucharist



We welcomed Caleb John LaPrairie to the Table of the Lord as he received the Eucharist for the first time Sunday, July 5, 2020. Pictured with Father Greg Daigle are Caleb, center, with his family.

May God continue to pour out His blessings on the members of this family, that they may continue to grow in faith and love throughout the years.

Daily Scripture Reading July 27-August 2, 2020

Monday, July 27:

Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 28:

Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 29:

Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday, July 30:

Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6b; Mt 13:47-53

Friday, July 31:

Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, Aug 1:

Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday, Aug 2:

Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

Distinguished Graduate



Ms. Ellie Hebert has been chosen as St. John School's Distinguished Graduate for 2020. A 1977 graduate, Ellie is the owner and operator of Peacock Communications.

Ellie has worked as both a reporter and editor of the Post/South newspaper, started Louisiana Woman magazine, and taught journalism at LSU. She has been honored by the Iberville Chamber of Commerce, Zonta International, and the Louisiana Press Association.

Ellie has graciously volunteered her time and talents to the Friends of the Plaquemine Lock, the St. John School Continue the Legacy Campaign and numerous other organizations. She and her family have been lifelong supporters of St. John School.

Congratulations Ellie!

Baptisms & Baptism Seminars



Baptism Seminars

Monday, August 3, 2020

Monday, September 14, 2020

Monday, October 5, 2020

Baptisms

Saturday, July 25, 2020

Saturday, August 22, 2020

Saturday, September 26, 2020

Saturday, October 24, 2020

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 Skidmore at the church office (225.687.2402) during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.

Join the parishioners who are using ONLINE GIVING for automated giving to St. John. To sign up for ONLINE GIVING, visit www.stjohnchurchplaq.org.

Treats Sent to Our Military From St. Joseph Altar



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
438TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY ADVISORY GROUP
KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

13 April 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR SAINT JOSEPH'S ALTAR

FROM: MAJOR TODD A. BOURGEOIS, 438 AEAG/LNO

SUBJECT: Thanks for Support!

1. On behalf of the men and women of the 438th Air Expeditionary Advisor Group, I want to thank you for your support. Many of our troops have been here for over six months, and some for over a year. With the hardships of spending extended time in a combat zone, it raises morale amongst our unit to know that people back home support us and care about our well-being.
2. I also wanted to inform you that all of the goodies that your organization sent were promptly consumed with great prejudice by multiple individuals. Again, from everyone here, we thank you for thinking of us here, and we flew a US flag over Afghanistan to show our appreciation!


TODD A. BOURGEOIS, Maj, USAF
438 AEAG/LNO

NOTICE!!

While the Adoration Chapel is closed, the church will remain open following morning Mass on Wednesdays and Thursdays until noon. The air conditioner and lights will be on to give parishioners an opportunity for prayer and reflection comfortably in church.



A Grateful Acknowledgement

The Knights of Columbus conducted a blood drive on July 11. A grateful acknowledgement is made to the response of the 28 donors.

Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control. The Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a storm-less eternity awaits us. Amen.

Composed by Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981), Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956-1973), following Hurricane Audrey in 1957

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Are you willing to sell everything you own and follow the Lord? Once you accept the Lord into your life—as a priest, sister or brother—you will not miss those things you have “given up”. Rather, you will rejoice in what you have “found”.

If God is calling you to a church vocation, contact Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org.

Mass Intentions — July 25-31, 2020

Saturday, July 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; John, Sr., John, Jr., Madeline & James Roth, Adolph, Sr., Adolph, Jr., Ida Mae Jumonville, Freddie Hebert; Connie Vercher, Adam H. Vercher, Emily Vercher, Donald R. Vercher, Vercher Family; George & Carol Allain, GiGi Allain, Barbara Bajon; M/M Frank Ragusa & Family, M/M Placito Mancuso & Family, Mose Gibson Family, J. D. Collins Family; Iris & Audrey Callegan, Patrick Gaudet; Brennan Eugene Bujol; Mary & Chuchie Flatau, Anthony & Camella Orcino, Orcino & Flatau Families; Margaret Aucoin Canova; Clyde Favron

Sunday, July 26-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, July 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; Kristina Mellema; Connor Brown; Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Agnes Ferachi Coletti, Vincent M. Ferachi, Peter Ferachi; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; Alberta Buquoi, Mary Jo Primeaux, Lane Panepinto; Frances Santangelo LeBlanc, Mike & Rita Santangelo, Anatole Santangelo; Willie & Edna Dupre; Edward Kocke, Jr.; Gladys "Butsy" Palermo, Peter A. Palermo, Patrick Burleigh; Benny & Annie Vaughn; The Currier Family; Virginia Simon

Sunday, July 26-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Stephen, T. N. & Ray Patin; Brenda Fremin; Bobby Tullier, M/M Verner Comeaux, Sr., M/M Russell Rivet, Sr., Tommy Rivet; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Isaac Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn; Dom Engolio, Frances & Mike Savariste, Frank Savariste

Tuesday, July 28-6pm Mass

Murray & Dixie Suffrin; Richard G. Rizer

Wednesday, July 29-7am Mass

Alice & Alex Nolan

Thursday, July 30-7am Mass

Libby and Carroll Flatau

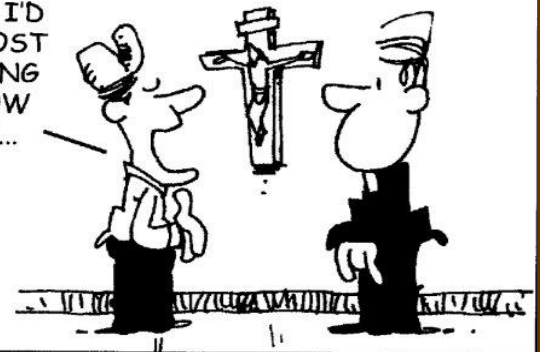
Friday, July 31-7am Mass

Allen P. Callahan



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I THINK I'D
DO ALMOST
ANYTHING
TO KNOW
JESUS...



HOW ABOUT
STARTING WITH
A SERIOUS
COMMITMENT
TO DAILY
PRAYER AND
BIBLE
READING?



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Sanctuary Candle

July 26, 2020

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Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux,
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Mary & Chuchie Flatau

Altar Society

Altar Society Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, July 29 at 8am.

Volunteers are welcome!





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