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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

*The last will be first,  
and the first*



*will be last*

## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2020

Management Unfair

Notice any difference between the attitude of Paul in the second reading and that of the workers in Matthew's Gospel? The workers grumble because the latecomers got the same pay as those who worked all day. Paul has worked for the Lord for years, yet he thinks it is better to keep working than to claim his reward of eternal life.

The workers grumbled because the landowner gave the same wages to the ones who only worked for an hour. (You can imagine the picket signs: Vinedressers Local on Strike: Management Unfair!) Matthew was referring to the Jews who had served God for centuries and now see newcomer Gentiles claiming equality in the church. They were complaining about God's generosity in reaching out to all peoples, not just the chosen few. God's generosity is the real point. Contrast that

with Paul, who loves the Philippians so much that he is willing to put off his heavenly reward if he can help any more people come to Christ. That is the attitude that Jesus hopes for in all his disciples. We can care more about bringing Jesus to others than we do about our own comfort or even our lives. We can do this because we know the Lord's ways are not fair--they are more generous than we can imagine!

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September 20, 2020

Dear Family:

Both of our Old Testament passages today refer to God's people as a vine that God has planted deliberately and carefully. Despite God's efforts, something goes wrong with the vine in both cases. While Isaiah 5 clearly faults Judah, the vine, for failing God's intention with its social injustice in the eighth century BC and threatens its destruction, Psalm 80 is a plea for God to restore this ravaged vine.

Matthew's parable extends this metaphor by referring to God as a landowner who planted a vineyard and rents it out to tenants, but these tenants end up trying to take over the vineyard with violence, including the killing of the landowner's slaves and heir. The parable ends with a similar declaration as Isaiah 5: God expects a harvest or produce of righteous fruits and will not tolerate injustice.

Paul writes to a Philippian community that is struggling with conflict and division. In our passage today, Paul offers what seems like indispensable ingredients to peace - even the peace of God that "surpasses all understanding". Note how Paul contrasts thanksgiving with worry. Conflict and chaos happen when gratitude gives way to anxiety. Anxiety makes people insecure, self-interested, competitive, and hungry for power; what eventually results then is social discord. (Sound familiar?) In contrast, if we can trust God's providential care, we can share with God in prayer what are our needs, be gentle with each other, focus on what is good, and live in joy and peace, even if we do not know what life will bring or understand how everything will work out. Failing to be grateful to God is failing to trust in God and turning away from the peace of God.

Some questions for reflection:

What makes you anxious today?

How do we place limits on God's love?

What fruit may God expect from us?

Peace,

Fr. Greg

**FIRST MEMORIAL MASS FOR THOSE WHO DIED DURING OUR PANDEMIC SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Our parish will celebrate the first of two Memorial Masses for parishioners who died during the pandemic. The first will take place Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in our church. This first Mass will honor the memory of those who died during the pandemic from March 20th through June 1st. The second Mass will take place on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in our church. This Mass will honor the memory of those who died from June 1st through August 31st. This Mass is open to all. Please spread the word and let families know of this effort for us to celebrate the lives of those who died during this time. Let us bring the comfort of fellowship to those who have lost loved ones.

## First Holy Eucharist



We welcomed Victoria Elizabeth Dupre to the Table of the Lord as she received the Eucharist for the first time Sunday, July 12, 2020. Victoria is pictured with Father Greg Daigle.

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

## Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

### Baptism Seminars

Monday, October 5, 2020  
Monday, November 9, 2020  
Monday, December 7, 2020

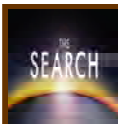


### Baptisms

Saturday, September 26, 2020  
Saturday, October 24, 2020  
Saturday, November 28, 2020  
Sunday, December 26, 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.



## "The Search" Fall Bible Study Thursday, September 24, 2020

"The Search" is a thought-provoking, compelling series that tackles the biggest questions of every human heart. In seven visually stunning episodes, participants journey together as they explore: Why are we here? What is life all about? What happens when we die? At a time like this, there is a great need to connect people to their parish, to each other, and to God's plan for their lives.

We will meet in the parish hall to accommodate the COVID 19 social distancing requirements. Please wear your mask. Study guides have been ordered and will cost \$10. Classes will be:

Thursday afternoon — 1:30-2:45pm

Thursday evening — 6:15-7:30pm

Monday evening — 6:00-7:15pm

In addition, please visit

[www.stjohchurchplaq.formed.org](http://www.stjohchurchplaq.formed.org) to register for "Formed", a Catholic website chock-full of great studies, movies, books etc. which our church has subscribed for us. "The Search" session 1 is already posted if you'd like to see it prior to September 24.

## St. John Altar Society



The St. John Altar Society will be selling booklets based on the four Gospels. The booklets contain six-minute daily reflections in light of each of the Gospels. Supplies are limited. You may purchase your set of four books for \$5 at the St. John Church Office from 9am until noon, Monday through Friday.

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The next Altar Society meeting will be held in the parish hall from 9:30-10:30am Tuesday, September 22, 2020.

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Altar Society Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, September 23 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

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## Daily Scripture Reading — September 21-27, 2020

**Monday, September 21:**

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

**Tuesday, September 22:**

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday, September 23:**

Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday, September 24:**

Ecc 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

**Friday, September 25:**

Ecc 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday, September 26:**

Ecc 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45

**Sunday, September 27:**

Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

## Mass Intentions — September 19-25, 2020

### Saturday, September 19-4pm 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; Catherine & Andrew Roucher; Michael Laurent; Trista Parro, J. E. & Angela Dupont, Kathy Fulton; Vincent A. Ferachi, Dr. Larry G. Ferachi; Murray & Dixie Suffrin; Mayon, Callahan & Clement Families; Michael “Boo” Santangelo, Mike & Rita Santangelo, Clay & Julette Bourg; Kerne M. Coreil, Sr.; Dace K. & Earline R. Hahn, Kim Baggett, Luke Baggett; Wayne Gary, Cyprien & Bernice Gary, Jeanette Woolam; Paul Ortis, Earl & Mary Devillier; M/M Frank Ragusa & Family, M/M Placito Mancuso & Family, Mose Gibson Family; J. D. & Ella Collins Family; Ione & Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Brennan Bujol, Pim & NuNu Clebert; Eddie & Virginia Clebert, Sidney & Lillie Gomez, Edmund & Louise Bujol; Florence Blanchard; Rusty Haydel; Randolph Willis; William Toups, Jr.; Edna Perrault



### Sunday, September 20-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

### Sunday, September 20-9am 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; LTC Craig T. Robinson, Francis, Shirley & Gasper Pizzolato, Jr.; Jep Daigle, Eddie & Virginia Clebert, Ulger & Nilda Daigle, Clebert & Daigle Families; Harold, Sr., Barbara & Frances Himel; Theresa Crescionne, Victor Crescionne, Michelle Family & Crescionne Family; Benny & Annie Vaughn; Medric Smith, Sr., Margaret Smith, Bridget Smith Mann; The Currier Family; Virginia Simon; William Toups, Jr.; Stephen Patin

### Sunday, September 20-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Mary Wilbert Higdon; Irwin & Ione L. Wilbert; Arnold “Buck” Fourroux; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Brenda Fremin; Colby Gomez, Robbie Pitre; Bobby Tullier, M/M Verner Comeaux, Sr., M/M Russell Rivet, Sr., Tommy Rivet; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Isaac Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn; Brennan Eugene Bujol; William Toups, Jr.

### Tuesday, September 22-6pm Mass

Dr. Micah Day, Tony & Frances Savariste; Richard G. Rizer; Rusty Haydel; Philip Neubig

### Wednesday, September 23-7am Mass


Joe Nathan “Pepper” Jackson

### Thursday, September 24-7am Mass

Fred & Beverly Allain

### Friday, September 25-7am Mass

Marion Mascarella

 Life in service of the Lord is never dull, and often challenging. Consider life as a priest, brother or sister.

For help as you think about this, contact Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, [amerrick@diobr.org](mailto:amerrick@diobr.org).



### Sanctuary Candle September 20, 2020

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St. Clement of Rome Church  
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Pim & NuNu Clebert  
Louise & Edmund Bujol

### 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.





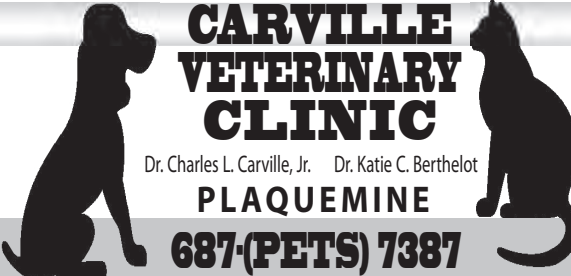
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