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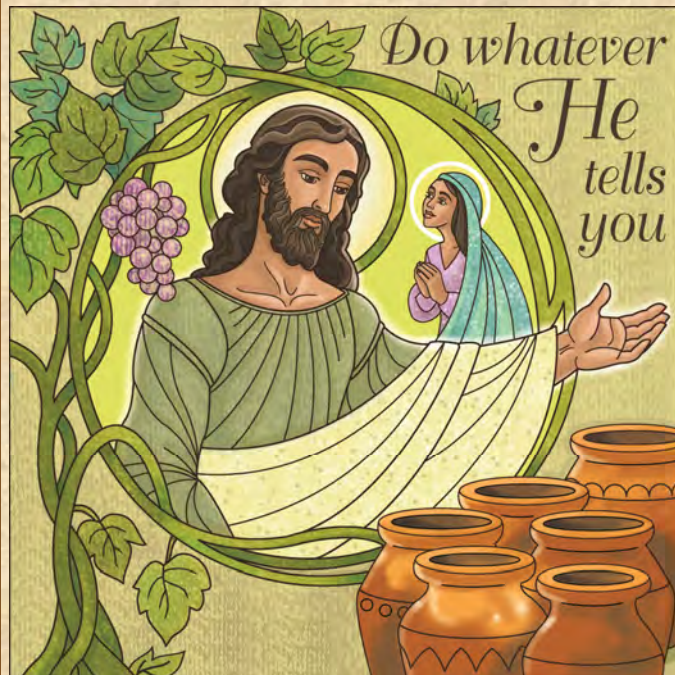
Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri.	7:00 am

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



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2022

Flipped-out Pharisees

The Gospel reading for this Sunday is not only the first miracle in John's Gospel--it is also John's first mention of Jesus' mother. I used to find it odd that he addressed her as "Woman." But in that time the word was more respectful; it could even be affectionate. Jesus does help as his mother requested, but he does so in a way that is a lesson about God's love.

You have probably heard how the Jewish people in Jesus' time performed purification rituals before eating anything. The cleansings were a sign that they wanted to be like God, completely free from sin. Eventually, it came to mean that you could not approach God until you cleansed yourself. Jesus could have made the wine in bottles or wineskins. But he used the "six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings" (John 2:6). That meant that once they were full of wine, no one could wash themselves from the jars. I wonder how many Pharisees flipped out when they saw that.

The point of this is that no one can cleanse themselves. We don't purify ourselves in order to come to God--we come to God to be purified. God is the only one who can make us holy. God offers this to sinners especially, because sinners who know they need forgiveness are the only ones to receive it. God never forces mercy on anyone. It is offered to those who ask for it. The amount of wine symbolizes the extent of God's mercy. As there was now more than enough wine for the wedding, God has more than enough mercy for those who need it. Wine is also a symbol of joy in the Old Testament. There is no greater joy than knowing that you have been forgiven by the Lord.

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"If the heart wanders or is distracted, bring it back to the point quite gently and replace it tenderly in its Master's presence. And even if you did nothing during the whole of your hour but bring your heart back and place it again in Our Lord's presence, though it went away every time you brought it back, your hour would be very well employed."

—St. Francis de Sales

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.



Nativity Scene in Church

The church will remain open until 3:30pm Sunday, January 16 for anyone who would like to make a prayerful visit to Our Lord and Savior at the crèche.

Daily Scripture Readings January 17-23, 2022

Monday, January 17:

1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 18:

1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 19:

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 20:

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 21:

1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 22:

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Sunday, January 23:

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Baptism Seminars and Baptisms

Baptism Seminars

Monday, February 7, 2022

Monday, March 7, 2022

Monday, April 4, 2022



Baptisms

Saturday, January 22, 2022

Saturday, February 26, 2022

Saturday, April 23, 2022

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.



Job Opportunity

St. John School is looking to fill a full-time maintenance manager position. Anyone interested can send résumé or inquiries to Byron Braud, Bbraud7@gmail.com.

RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time #1199

Entrance: Gather Your People #940

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: One Bread, One Body #1027

Sending Forth: O God beyond All Praising #725



A Grateful Acknowledgement

A grateful acknowledgement is made to Wayne Triche and Ivan & Jennifer Cabrera for their charitable donation of bicycles to our Giving Tree program. Their generosity provided 22 children with a joyous Christmas.

Holy Spirit Prayer Group



The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet Sunday, January 16 from 3-5pm in church. We will pray the Rosary at 3pm followed by the prayer meeting. The mission of the prayer group is to offer praise to God, and intercessory prayers for individuals, our community and the needs of the world.

For more information, contact the church office at 225.687.2402. All are welcome. Please come join us!



Growing in Faith

Winter/Spring Bible Study began Thursday, January 13. Available Sessions are 1:30-3pm or 6:15-7:45pm for "Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance." Discover your inheritance as a child of God in an 8-part Bible Study featuring Jeff Cavins.

Monday sessions will begin January 17, 6-7:30pm, for "St. Peter" — The Epic story about the spread of Christianity throughout the Roman Empire, focusing on St. Peter, the leader of that new religion.

Bible study provides an enjoyable avenue for growing in faith. It is not too late to join us and there is no fee for either study.

Life March South



Louisiana Right to Life will sponsor Louisiana Life March South, "Together for Life" Saturday, January 22 from 10am-noon in downtown Baton Rouge.

The event will begin at Fourth Street and march to Galvez Plaza behind the Old State Capitol for a program with music, prayer and speakers. For more information, visit prolifelouisiana.org/marchsouth.

"Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being's entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or sovereign ... you must weep that your own government, at present, seems blind to this truth."
—Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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(continued in future bulletins)

Mass Intentions — January 22-28, 2022

Saturday, January 22-4pm 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; Dorothy “Nona” Hebert; Andrew & Catherine Roucher; Elsie Chenevert; Philomena & Joseph Rosso, Addie & Michael Cangro; Brandon & Eddie Schouest, Jr., Josie & Eddie Vicknair, Jr., V. J. Vicknair; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Connor J. Brown, Theresa R. Hebert; Faye & Paul Troxclair, Myron Hebert; M/M Frank Ragusa & Family, M/M Placito Mancuso & Family, Mose Gibson Family, J. D. & Ella Collins Family; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Shannie Verret; The Nick Mancuso Family, Roger Adams, Carlo Mancuso Family; Joe Zito; Wayne Gary, Milton, Doris & Jerry Fontenot; Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Coletti Family, Ferachi Families, Landry Families; M/M Alger Rodriguez, Sr.; Lorraine “Catty” Hebert, Mary Kay Marchand Hudson, Hebert & Clement Families

Sunday, January 23-7:30am Mass — St. John Parishioners

Sunday, January 23-9am 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; Virginia Simon; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; M/M Joseph Matassa, Jr., M/M Edwin M. Reeves, Sr.; David Gerald Hebert

Sunday, January 23-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Brenda Fremin; Rodney Bourgeois; Sam “Buttie” & Lucille Leggio Distefano; Patrick Gaudet, J. P. & Anna Gaudet; Christopher Stassi; Hilda Rose Landry Family

Tuesday, January 25-6pm Mass

Joshua “Josh” Landry, Harry & Vivian Banta, Caliste “Joe” Landry, Jr.; Ronald, Brandon & Dudley Landry Families, Agnes & Sam Colleti Families; Samuel & Lillie Engolio Distefano; J. Gerald & Gloria Dupont, David Hebert

Wednesday, January 26-7am Mass

Vivian & Leonard Kelly

Thursday, January 27-7am Mass

Roy A. Hebert

Friday, January 28-7am Mass

Robert, Betty & Lee Mooney, A. J. Doiron



Sanctuary Candle January 16, 2022

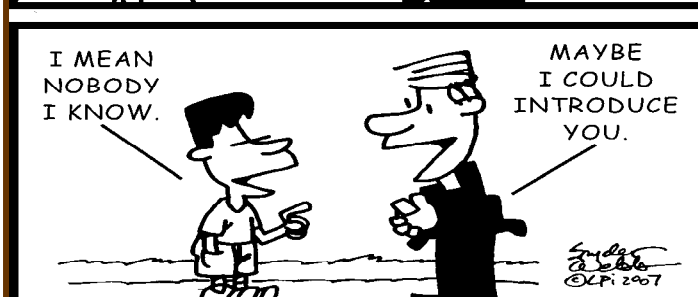
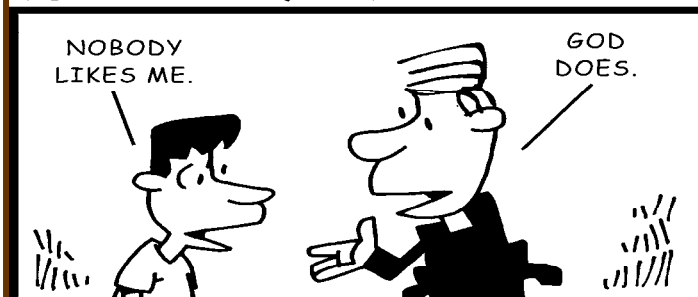
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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. John Altar Society

Altar Society Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, January 19. The St. John Altar Society cleans the church, assists the sacristans and provides assistance as needed for parish receptions.

Monthly meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month in the church office conference room. Our next meeting will be January 25 at 9:30am. Come join us!



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Anyone needing a 2021 contribution statement for tax purposes should call Susan at the St. John Church Office (225.687.2402). Statements will be printed upon request.

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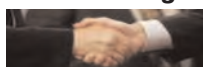
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