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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

Some who are last will be first,



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21, 2022

Looking Good

Don't you love it when the underdog wins? When the Cardinals beat the Yankees for the championship or the Blues beat the Redwings, or the Rams beat anyone? Even when I watch a game with no St. Louis teams playing, I still like to root for the underdog. That is what I like about today's Gospel: the last will be first and the first will be last.

Some say that Jesus was talking about the leaders of the Jews, the scribes and Pharisees. These refused to follow Jesus, while ordinary Jews who did not feel threatened by Jesus' teaching became disciples.

In a way, you can understand why the leaders rejected Jesus. They made a nice living out of the offerings made by ordinary Jews. And who could argue with them? They worked for God. How dare Jesus say that they would be cast out, while people from the rest of the world would enter the Kingdom of God!

And how about us? Remember that the Gospel was not written for non-believers. Are we threatened by Jesus' message? Just as the scribes and Pharisees considered themselves important in God's eyes because of their office, do we consider ourselves "saved" because we call ourselves Christians? Are we generous to the poor, or just to our friends? Do we follow our consciences or do we follow the crowd?

Entry into the Kingdom of God is not a fashion statement. We don't get there by looking good. We are invited by Jesus to be last on earth so we can be first in the Kingdom.

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August 21, 2022

Dear Family:

Our readings from Isaiah and Luke focus on the theme of salvation. Is God's saving love offered to only a few? To only the Jews? To a select community? To everyone? According to the closing chapter in the Book of Isaiah, the Lord announces: "I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory" (66:18). The text proceeds to make clear that many foreigners will be welcomed on God's holy mountain. This theme of a universal invitation from our saving God is not unusual in this prophetic book.

"Go out to all the world and tell the Good News," from the closing verses of the Gospel of Mark, is the refrain for the responsorial psalm from Psalm 117, is itself universal in nature, inviting all nations and all peoples to offer praise to God.

The Gospel passage from Luke invites us to reflect more closely on the message of Jesus as he makes his way to Jerusalem. In a manner not uncommon in Luke, a question is raised. Whose question is this? Is it really from an unknown individual or do many wonder, "Lord, will only a few people be saved"? Who will be saved? How will that be determined? Jesus does not give a clear response to the question.

Some questions for reflection:

- How does the invitation to all to dwell in the kingdom of God reflect God's love? How does that correspond to your love and compassion for people unlike yourself?
- Consider learning more about another religious denomination. How do the practices of the tradition resonate with practices of the Catholic faith? How do they differ?
- If Jesus were to have answered the question in the Gospel directly, how do you imagine he would have responded? Spend some time reflecting on your answer to this question.

You may have noticed that our Maintenance Building behind the Church is nearly completed. We have also received updated news from the pew manufacturer that we might have our pews for St. Clement Chapel by the end of October. This is good news since we were originally told late January of 2023 was the anticipated date of delivery. As I wrote to you earlier in this process, we are preparing to request a loan from the diocese for the completion of these two projects. If there are parishioners out there or friends of the parish and/or school who have extra funds and want to help us with these expenses, please pray and respond to our needs if possible. As always, we are grateful for all your support in prayer and treasure.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

**CATHOLIC
THINKING ABOUT IT?
OR KNOW OF SOMEONE
THINKING ABOUT IT?**

RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a faith journey open to all unbaptized or baptized adults who wish to explore the possibility of becoming Catholic.

If you are interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith and even exploring the possibility of becoming Catholic, please join us this fall for a wonderful faith journey. Classes are held every Sunday following 9am Mass from 9:40am until 10:50am in the church office conference room. The dates for RCIA are Sunday, September 11, 2022, then every Sunday until December 4, 2022.

RCIA resumes after Advent on Sunday, January 8, 2023 following 9am Mass from 9:40am until 10:50am, then every Sunday at 9am Mass until Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 8, 2023.

For information, call Donna Carville at 225.687.2402.

**2022 ST. JOHN SCHOOL
FISHING & CORNHOLE TOURNAMENTS**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

FISHING TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN: 4:30 AM - 6:30 AM

PIERRE PART STORE PARKING LOT OR JACK MILLER'S STORE

WEIGH-IN: 3:30 PM AT BAYOU PLAQUEMINE WATERFRONT PARK

CONTACT CHRIS COUCH FOR MORE INFORMATION (PCOUCH81@YAHOO.COM)

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MUSIC, FOOD, DRINKS & DOOR PRIZES AT WEIGH-IN.

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GO EAGLES!

WELCOME We welcome the Knights of Columbus to 4pm Mass Saturday, August 20 as they celebrate their Quarterly Communion with us.

**Parish School of Religion Family Mass
Wednesday, August 24, 2022**



Father Greg will welcome all PSR students and their families Wednesday, August 24 to 6pm Mass. Parishioners are invited to join us at St. John Church in welcoming our PSR Families at this special "Back to School" Mass.

Note: Registration for PSR 2022-2023 continues. Visit our website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org to find registration forms under the FORMATION tab to register online.

For more information, contact the St. John Director of Religious Education, Wanda Ashley at the church office, 225.687.2402.

**Daily Scripture Readings
August 22-28, 2022**

Monday, August 22:
2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday, August 23:
2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday, August 24:
Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Thursday, August 25:
1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday, August 26:
1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday, August 27:
1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday, August 28:
Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Baptism Seminars and Baptisms

Baptism Seminars



Monday, September 5, 2022
Monday, October 3, 2022
Monday, November 7, 2022
Monday, December 5, 2022

Baptisms

Saturday, August 27, 2022
Saturday, September 24, 2022 (During Mass)
Saturday, October 22, 2022
Saturday, November 26, 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.

RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time #1256
Entrance: Gather Us In #929
Preparation: **Instrumental**
Communion: Eat This Bread #1033
Sending Forth: City of God #876

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
"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." Matthew 11:29-30

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.



**GROWING IN FAITH
FALL BIBLE STUDIES**

Church History Taught from a Solidly Catholic Perspective
Beginning Monday, September 5, 2022 at 5pm

This is our story, our family. As Catholics, we are the inheritors of holy men and women who over two thousand years built a great civilization and spread the gospel throughout the world. The history of the Church is not just the recitation of popes and saints; it is a story of adventure, intrigue, rebellion, reform, and devotion. In this study you will learn about the important people, places, and events in two thousand years of Church history, presented in twelve easy-to-remember color-coded time periods. You will discover the true stories behind the Crusades, the Spanish Inquisition, and the Protestant Reformation. You will also learn about the massive persecution of Christians in the twentieth century. Throughout, you will be gaining an understanding of the workings of the Holy Spirit in our Church. The better we know our history, the better prepared we will be to face the future. Study Guide and timeline are \$35.

The Gospel according to Mark
Beginning Thursday, September 8, 2022

Mark, the shortest of the four gospels, offers an action-packed diary of the true Son of God, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, beginning with his baptism by John the Baptist that began his 3-year public ministry. Mark wrote this diary for Peter, the leader of the original twelve disciples and the first Pope of the Catholic Church, while he was in Rome evangelizing before his martyrdom.

The study of Mark's account of Jesus will start on **Thursday, September 8, 1:30-3pm or 6:15-7:45pm.** Please call the church office or Donna Carville at 776-3205 to sign up today and get your study guide for \$10.

Mass Intentions — August 27-September 2, 2022

Saturday, August 27-4pm 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; Vincent E. Ferachi, Dr. Larry G. Ferachi; Tommy Griffon; Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry & Families, Agnes & Sam Coletti Families; Douglas Breaux & Family, Salvador F. Spano & Family; Henry Vadnais, Jr.; Amanda Himel, Gus Himel; Sidney “Benny”, Rose & Sid Quatrevingt, Quatrevingt Family; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Bobby & Bootsie Dupont; Lonnie Michel, Baco Romero; John W. Wilbert, Jr.; Bret Thompson; Kearney Sr., Sadie & Kearney Jr. Thibodeaux, Vernon Suggs; George Gullotto; Scott Marino, M/M Alger Rodriguez, Sr.; Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Colletti & Ferachi Families, Landry Families; For A Special Intention

Sunday, Aug 28-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners



Sunday, Aug 28-9am 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; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P. W. Albert, Jr.; M/M George Ourso, Sr., Georgie & Denny; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Virginia Simon; V. J. Vicknair, M/M Vives Vicknair, Valerie, Edward & Windy Simpson, Eddie & Selma Vicknair, Eva Simpson

Sunday, Aug 28-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Murray & Dixie Suffrin: Brenda Fremin; Sam “Buttie” & Lucille Leggio Distefano; Nellie, Pascal & Leon Graffeo, Jimmy Barbee; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn, Sr.; George “Brother” Michel, Alvin J. Daigle, Sr. Family, Alvin J. “Peta” Daigle, Jr., Edith E. Guillot; Christopher Stassi, Ralph Stassi, Jr.; Denise Miranda; Flo Ourso; Sister Mary Kay Viellion

Tuesday, August 30-6pm Mass

Mary Ann Gregoire; David E. Wendt, Jr.

Wednesday, August 31-7am Mass

Robert, Betty & Lee Mooney, Sylvia Gascon

Thursday, September 1-7am Mass

Mrs. Ethel P. Businelle

Friday, September 2-7am Mass

Yvonne G. Melancon

**Monthly Offerings/Contributions/Collections
(Weekend, Mail-ins, Online, Other)
July 2022**

Stewardship.....	\$48,525.00
Repairs and Maintenance.....	\$ 6,297.00
Other Collections/Income.....	\$ 7,159.00

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**Sanctuary Candle
August 21, 2022**

**St. John the Evangelist
Jaynell Lopez, Albert Lopez, Jr.
Johnson & Lopez Families**

**St. Clement of Rome
Kye Boudreaux & Darrel Boudreaux**

**Coffee & Donuts
August 21, 2022**



**Gary & Dolores Pruitt (7:30am Mass)
Bobby Blanchard & Buté Richard (9am Mass)**



Altar Society

Altar Society Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, August 24 at 8am.

An envelope marked Altar Society has been included in the August packet of contribution envelopes. If you would like to join the Altar Society or renew your membership, kindly place your yearly dues of \$20 in the Altar Society envelope provided or in a regular envelope. You may drop it in the collection at any weekend Mass or mail it to 57805 Plaquemine Street.

From the Desk of the Business Manager:
**When paying your Altar Society dues, please remember to write a separate check made payable to the “Altar Society”, or you may pay with cash. Please do not include the dues in your monthly stewardship offering. The financial business of the Altar Society is not a part of the overall Parish of St. John and is handled completely by their treasurer. Thank you.
Medric**



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