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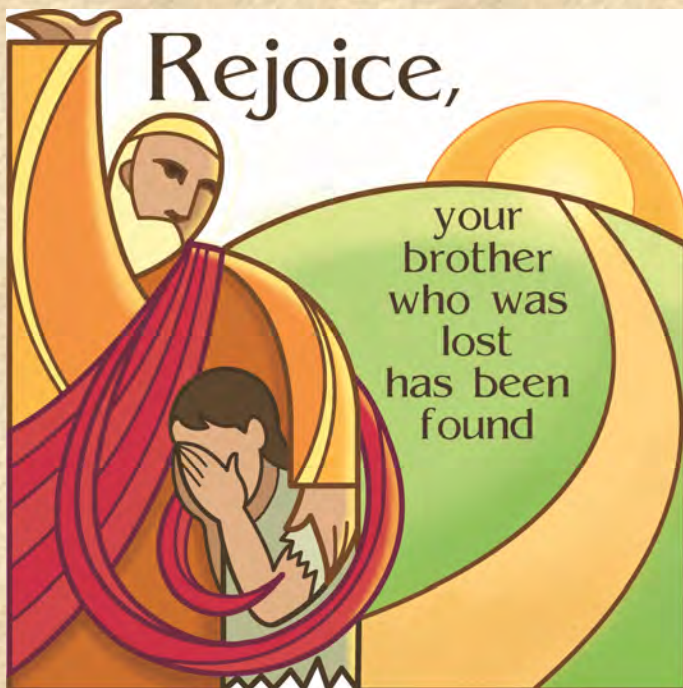
Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri.	7:00 am

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



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2022 Just Look at the Cross

The common theme of today's readings is forgiveness. The Gospel is one familiar to us all, and Paul in the second reading highlights his story of receiving God's mercy. But the first reading might cause us to wonder if God was always so forgiving. God and Moses come across like a couple of parents deciding whether they should punish their children. One, the Lord, points out how bad Israel has been. The other, Moses, points out how good God is, in the promise to make them a great nation. The important point is that God relented and forgave the people.

In each case, great sins are forgiven--not because the people deserved it, but because they were loved.

My favorite line in the second reading is "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15)--not to find the wealthiest people to build his kingdom, or the nicest, or the holiest; he came to save sinners.

The Pharisees and scribes did not get this. That was one of the reasons they wanted to kill Jesus. And yet, when they did just that, Jesus' death on the cross brought forgiveness for us all.

Remember the story in Genesis 18, of Abraham bargaining with God not to destroy Sodom if he could find a few good people? Maybe he should have "reminded" God of that divine mercy instead of hoping to find enough good people to spare the town. Sometimes we can't believe that God would love us so much as to forgive any sin. Just look at the cross if you need a reminder.

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September 11, 2022

Dear Family:

One of the themes in today's readings is forgiveness, a need for which each of us is very aware. In the reading from Exodus, we hear that the Israelites sinned by turning away from God and worshiping an idol they had made with their hands. Moses, once again, intercedes for the people by imploring God to remember the saving deeds that God had done on behalf of this chosen people.

Meanwhile, the passage from the opening chapter of the First Letter of Timothy presents us with a confession of Paul, the well-known persecutor of the early followers of Jesus. Paul speaks boldly of his arrogance, his sinfulness, and the unbounded mercy of God. It was God's gracious love that touched Paul's heart and transformed him into an apostle.

Today's Gospel from Luke puts together three parables, each of which is worthy of more attention than we can provide. The first two parables, the shepherd who has lost a sheep and the woman who has lost a coin, are very similar. Both the man and the woman are overjoyed that something lost has been found, and therefore, both celebrate. The well-known parable of the prodigal son is a reminder that God's love for each of us, those who have worked tirelessly to be faithful and those who have strayed and are loved, is deeper than we can possibly imagine.

Some questions for reflection:

- Recall a situation when you knew that only God's saving grace could lift you up from distress. How did feeling God's mercy affect you?
- Which of today's three parables captures your imagination? What feelings and images in those parables touch you?
- With which of the two sons do you identify? Consider journaling with a sibling about the parable, and be open to the other's experience.

This weekend will be the first weekend the 9:00 a.m. Choir will be back leading our songful praise at our Sunday Eucharistic Celebration. We pray they have had a good summer break and that God will bless them and us as we move through the rest of this liturgical year. Medric Smith, Jr., our Music Director, has asked me to invite new members to the choir. I know the pandemic caused some of us to shy away from choir participation. Come Sing With Us! Let us Praise the Lord together in Song. Please prayerfully consider continuing, joining and/or returning to the Choir.

It is amazing to recognize that 21 years ago today the attack on our country took place. Thousands died that day and many have died due to illnesses caused by this tragedy. We keep them in mind. We hold them in prayer. We will not forget. God Bless Our Country!

Peace,

Fr. Greg

Daily Scripture Readings September 12-18, 2022

Monday, September 12:

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 13:

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 14:

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Thursday, September 15:

1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Friday, September 16:

1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, September 17:

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday, September 18:

Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13
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Baptism Seminars and Baptisms



Baptism Seminars

Monday, October 3, 2022

Monday, November 7, 2022

Monday, December 5, 2022

Baptisms

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

“Do not be afraid.” —Luke 5:10

Let Jesus' words to Peter settle in your heart as well. Let them convince you that it's perfectly safe to come into the presence of God. On the contrary, it's the most rewarding, joyous, saving thing you could ever do—and you can do it every single day!
“The Word Among Us” Daily Meditation
September 1, 2022

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.



Welcome Back!

We welcome the beautiful voices of our choir back to 9am Mass this Sunday, September 11, 2022.

If you have been giving thought to how you can best serve your parish, perhaps it may be the perfect opportunity for you to join our ranks in this all-important ministry of the church family.

People have told me many times, “Oh, I can't sing!” Or “You don't want ME in your choir!” My answer to those statements is always “Yes, you can!” and “Yes, we do!” There is a popular quote that is attributed to St. Augustine that you probably have heard many times: “He who sings prays twice.” Another saying that comes to mind is one by Henry Van Dyke: “Use what talents you possess: The woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.”

So, I invite you to come and see what it is all about. For now, we will only be singing at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Rehearsals will begin at a later date. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have. We have a chair for YOU in the choir loft!

Medric

RCIA



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. RCIA begins 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 more information, call Donna Carville at 225.687.2402.

RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time # 1265

Entrance: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #806

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: All Who Hunger #1032

Sending Forth: O God beyond All Praising #725

Holy Spirit Prayer Group



The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet Sunday, September 11 from 4-6pm in church. 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. We will pray the Rosary at 4pm followed by the meeting. All are welcome! For more information, contact the church office at 225.687.2402.

Miss Evangeline 2022 and Runners-up



Congratulations to the young ladies who were chosen as Miss Evangeline 2022-2023 and the runners-up. Pictured, l to r, are second runner-up Chloe Markins, Miss Evangeline 2022-2023 Anna Catherine Bradford and first runner-up Caroline Gilbert.

Miss Anna Catherine Bradford is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Bradford, Miss Caroline Gilbert is the daughter of Keith Gilbert and Linda Gilbert and Miss Chloe Markins is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Hutch Markins. The young ladies attend St. John High School.

The International Acadian Festival will take place at the Mark A. “Tony” Gulotta Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park October 28-30, 2022.

Mass Intentions — September 17-23, 2022

Saturday, September 17-4pm 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; Kristina Mellema; Scott Jude Marino, A. J. & Nera Rodriguez, Anthony Sr. & Mary “Dee” Marino, Kids of St. Jude; Jimmy & Gloria Hebert, Bryan Hebert & Daughter, James Hebert & Daughter; Vincent E. Ferachi, Dr. Larry G. Ferachi; Kerne M. Coreil, Sr.; Andrew & Catherine Roucher; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P. W. Albert, Jr.; Polly Vadnais, Henry Vadnais, Sr.; Faye & Paul Troxclair; Mayon, Callahan & Clement Families; M/M Frank Ragusa & Family, M/M Placito Mancuso & Family, Mose Gibson & Family, J. D. & Ella Collins Family; Wayne Gary, Bernice & Cyprien Gary, Jerry Fontenot; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Ione & Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Emily & Adam Vercher, Harry Vercher, J. C. & Connie Vercher; Lonnie Michel, Baco Romero; Magdalen Gibson; Flo Ourso; Kearney Sr., Sadie & Kearney Jr. Thibodeaux, Vernon Suggs; The Souls in Purgatory in Honor of St. Joseph

Sunday, September 18-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners



Sunday, September 18-9am 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; Bill Toups, Jr.; Roland E. Daigre, Sr.; Roth & Mars Families; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Virginia Simon; V. J. Vicknair, Emily & Paul Bourgeois; Valerie, Edward & Windy Simpson, Eddie & Selma Vicknair, Eva Simpson; Guillot, Berthelot, Schlatre & Cavet Families; Flo Morales Ourso; Denise Miranda

Sunday, September 18-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Arnold Fourroux; Keely, Adeline, Brinley & Brian Donaldson; Brenda Fremin; Sam “Buttie” & Lucille Leggio Distefano; Irwin & Ione L. Wilbert; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Myrle Hebert; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn, Sr.; George “Brother” Michel, Kerry E. Daigle, M/M Anatole Michel; Colby Gomez, Pitre & Gomez Families; Victor Joseph Canella; Christopher Stassi; Sister Mary Kay Viellion

Tuesday, September 20-6pm Mass

Joshua “Josh” Landry, Harry & Vivian Banta, Caliste “Joe” Landry, Jr.; Fred & Josephine Hamilton, Thelma & Winley Alexander; Mary Ann Gregoire, Alma Gregoire; Roy A. Hebert, Myrle Hebert, David Hebert

Wednesday, September 21-7am Mass


Alfred & Mercedes Carville

Thursday, September 22-7am Mass


Mary Ann Gregoire

Friday, September 23-7am Mass

John W. Wilbert, Jr.




Sanctuary Candle
September 11, 2022
St. John the Evangelist
John Caffarel
St. Clement of Rome
Walter Mazone




God is the Father with open arms. Who will preach this Good News of reconciliation? Consider service as a priest or deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Josh Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

Coffee & Donuts
September 11, 2022



Lou Anna Canella & Lionel Schexnaldre
(7:30am Mass)

Lee Ann Howard & Amy Bradford (9am Mass)



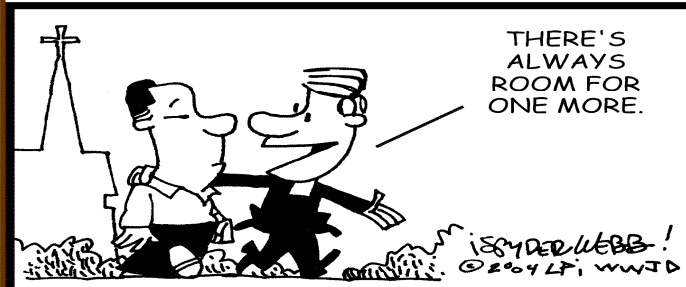
Altar Society

Altar Society Team 2 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, September 14 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome!

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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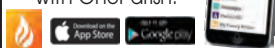
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