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9:00 am

Tuesday 6:00 pm Wed., Thurs., Fri. 7:00 am

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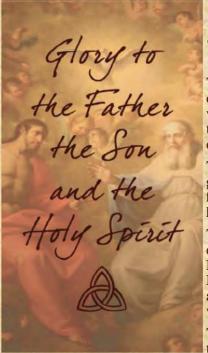
Marriage: Please contact the pastor a minimum of

six months before the wedding.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 

 Tuesday
 5:30-5:45 pm

 Saturday
 3:00-3:30 pm



#### The Most Holy Trinity June 4, 2023

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Corinthians 13:13)

This familiar verse from St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians is one of the clearest passages in the New Testament that talks about the Holy Trinity. And while Paul's prayer does not even begin to exhaust the depth and complexity of the Trinity, it can certainly give us some insight. So let's ponder these words to explore how each Person of the Trinity might want to be with all of us today.

THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST Jesus has made God's saving grace available to us. He pours out that grace in the form of mercy from God for us sinful human beings. He manifests that grace every time he forgives and heals and restores us. And he offers that grace to you, anew, each day.

THE LOVE OF GOD Love is the foundation of everything God the Father does. Why did he create? Out of love. Why did he send his Son into the world? Because he loved us and wanted to redeem us. Why did he send the Holy Spirit? Because his love naturally and freely flows outward toward us. It's a creative and generous and expansive love. And your heavenly Father wants to fill you with that love today.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT The Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity, is the communion of love between the Father and the Son. Because,

in a sense, he is fellowship, he gathers us into that communion. He enflames our hearts with love for God. He draws us out of isolation or sin and into unity with God and with the people around us. That's the "fellowship" he offers you today—fellowship with him and with his people.

As you join your fellow parishioners in worshipping this triune God at Mass today, know that he is pouring out his grace on "all of you" (2 Corinthians 13:13). So go ahead and open your heart to receive it.

"Holy Trinity, you are a mystery. Help me to say yes to your work in my life today."

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#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

An Invitation to Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament

A Reading from the letter of St. James 4:6-10: Be subject therefore to God, but resist the devil and he will flee from you ... Be sorrowful and mourn and weep ... Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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.

#### **Baptisms and Baptism Seminars**



Baptism Seminars—7pm Church Office Third Floor Monday, June 5, 2023 Monday, July 10, 2023 Monday, August 7, 2023

Baptisms—Following 4pm Mass Saturday, June 24, 2023 Saturday, July 22, 2023 Saturday, August 26, 2023

Dates are subject to change. Please call Lily at the church office (225.687.2402) during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.

#### Summer Program for Youth "Learning to Love Like Jesus" St. John Church and Parish Hall



Our Summer Programs will replace the Vacation Bible School. It is our intent to reach all our youth in the Church Parish.

The schedule is set up to accommodate smaller groups and to focus more attention on each child's spiritual path through fun and fellowship.

June 5, 6 & 7 — 4 & 5 year-olds — 10am-Noon June 12, 13 & 14 — 6 & 7 year-olds — 10am-Noon June 19, 20 & 21 — 8, 9 & 10 year-olds — 10am-Noon June 26, 27 & 28 — Pre-teens & teens — 6-7:30pm

Any questions? Please send an email to Wanda Ashley, wandaashley681@gmail.com with your contact email or cell phone number.

#### **Important Acadian Festival Notice**

Any 2023-2024 Senior girl attending Plaquemine High School, Iberville West Math, Science and Arts Academy or St. John

High School or lives in Plaquemine and attends a school outside of Iberville Parish is eligible to apply online at <u>acadianfestival.org</u> to be considered for the Acadian Festival Princess Court.

Application period will be June 1 – June 30, 2023. You will receive confirmation when your application has been successfully submitted.

There will be no calling of members in the application process. The Acadian Festival Committee and/or the Knights of Columbus are not responsible for contacting girls to apply.

#### **RITUALSONG**

#### (Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: The Most Holy Trinity #1188

Entrance: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

#659

Preparation: \*\*Instrumental\*\*
Communion: Take and Eat #1025

Sending Forth: All Creatures of Our God and King

**#706** 

#### A Grateful Acknowledgement

You! A grateful acknowledgement is made to all the parishioners who provided hospitality for our traditional May Devotion of praying the Rosary at their homes throughout the month of May.

#### Daily Scripture Readings June 4-10, 2023

Sunday, June 4:

Thank

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13;

Jn 3:16-18

Monday, June 5:

Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 12:1-12

**Tuesday, June 6:** 

Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-9; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday, June 7:

Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9;

Mk 12:18-27

Thursday, June 8:

Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Ps 128:1-5;

Mk 12:28-34

Friday, June 9:

Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10; Mk 12:35-37

Saturday, June 10:

Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tobit, 13:2, 6efgh, 7-8; Mk 12:38-44

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#### Catholic Daughter's Annual Bake Sale

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. John #1214, will have their annual Bake Sale on Father's Day Weekend, June 17 and 18.

Specialty cakes may be ordered by calling Anita Gilchrist at 225,776.8087 or 225,659.2514.

The sweets will be sold outside the main doors of church before and after all Masses. What better way to honor Dad on Father's Day than to treat him to a Catholic Daughter sweet?

#### **Angels for Angels**

The Angels for Angels program has been able to help children in our local schools with much needed items. Teachers contact the Angels for Angels with a specific need for a specific child in their classroom. Volunteers are needed to relieve the burden some teachers face who use their own monies to purchase these items.

Please call Dr. Katie Berthelot (225.776.2809) or the church office (225.687.2402) to participate in this worthy cause.

### St. John the Evangelist High School Graduation 2023



Congratulations to the St. John High senior class, shown above, following their graduation ceremony at St. John the Evangelist Church on Thursday, May 11, 2023.

Evan Avants Maddox Bennett Jonathan Berthelot Anna Catherine Bradford Mary Kathleen Bradford Emily Burleigh

Anna Claire Campbell

Kassie Carville Anna Curry Peyton Dardenne Lenin Engolio Caroline Gilbert Lauren Glaser

Eleyna Hanks Lila Haydel

Ronald Horn, Jr. Andrew Kleinpeter

Clay LeBlanc

Salutatorian Morgan LeBlanc, daughter of Todd and Wendy LeBlanc

Colin LeGrange Madelyn Little Ali Mancuso Chloe Markins Mya Myles Madelyn Parnell

Madelyn Parnell
Emma Perry
Kynleigh Rhymer
Baylie Romero
Wyatt Taylor
Seth Thibeau
Takia Wesley

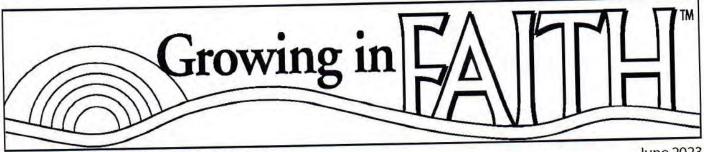
Jacko Xiao

Valedictorian Oscar Xiao,

son of Mr. Mei Tong Xiao and Mrs. Hui Dong

May God continue to pour out His blessings on these graduates and their families, that they may continue to grow in faith and love throughout the years.

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Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

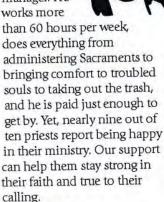
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# One Minute Meditations

#### Pray for priests daily

The average parish priest is celebrant, teacher, counselor, minister, and financial manager. He works more



#### Love at home

"God has created us so we do small things with great love. I believe in that great love that comes, or should come from our heart, should start at home: with my family, my neighbors across the street, those right next door. And this love should then reach everyone." Saint Teresa of Calcutta

"The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who begets a wise son will be glad in him" (Proverbs 23:24).



## God so loves the world

In 1673, Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French nun, and revealed the intensity of His love in the image of the Sacred Heart, "Behold the Heart which has so loved [mankind] that it has spared nothing...in order to testify Its love."

God's love is intense: The famous image illustrates the reality of a love that is intense, extravagant, passionate, and eternally faithful. Display the Sacred Heart image in your home or workplace to remind you that His extravagant love is for you.

His Heart is our safe place: Jesus advised St. Faustina: "Do not bargain with temptation but lock yourself

immediately in my Heart." Seek His protection often throughout the day, "O Sacred Heart of

Jesus, I place all my trust in You."

God shares our nature: The Sacred Heart illustrates the mystery of the Incarnation - when the Son of God became (sinless) man. He "worked with

human hands; he thought with a human mind ... with a human heart he loved" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #470). He

shared and understands our human condition.

Our hearts can conform to His: When we put others needs before our own, find the good in others, and show patience, we love like Christ. We do this with His help, "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like Yours!"

# Why Do Catholics Do That()

## Why do Catholics believe the **Eucharist is more than a symbol?**

Catholics have it on divine authority that Jesus is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life" (John 6:54). When the priest, acting in the person of Christ, consecrates the

bread and wine, we believe that Jesus becomes truly present. Scientific investigations of the hundreds of Eucharistic miracles support this amazing mystery. In the Eucharist, Christ fulfills His promise to remain with us "to the end of time" (Matthew 28:20).

## The best father on Earth

Scripture doesn't tell us that St. Joseph was born with special graces, yet he was chosen to raise God's Son. The Bible doesn't say that he had a gift of prophecy, yet Joseph never doubted God's word. He was an ordinary man who lived an extraordinary life.

Ever faithful. It would have been hard for any man to believe his fiancée was pregnant by the Holy Spirit. As a faithful Jew, though, Joseph knew what was written about the birth of the Savior. His devotion to God's

Word helped him recognize God's will.

Steady protector. At a moment's notice, Joseph left everything behind to whisk his family to safety (Matthew 2:13-15). Joseph's hard work and skill helped keep his family safe in a foreign land.

Good man. Scripture calls St. Joseph, a "righteous man," meaning he lived a virtuous life (Matthew 1:19). For example, he was compassionate by his treatment of Mary. Who better to raise the Son of God and care for his Mother than the best father on Earth?



### Matthew 10:26-33, "Be not afraid"

In this Gospel passage, Jesus teaches us that the only thing we should fear is God, who has the final say in judgment over us. This is the virtue of reverence

(holy fear) - not fearing God as if He were a tyrant, but fearing to offend Him because He is good, holy, wise, and infinitely worthy of our honor and love.

If we faithfully follow Jesus Christ, we will encounter persecution.

Even in the United States, we face efforts to undermine Catholic beliefs and values. These attacks don't hurt us physically, but can eat away at our faith, our self-respect and respect for others, and ultimately, our happiness.

> Jesus' advice to His followers 2,000 years ago applies to us today. Instead of being afraid, we can trust God, who watches over all the details of our lives and who wants us in Heaven even more than we want to be there. He won't make all our

problems disappear but He will give us the strength and grace we need to get through them, especially through daily prayer and the

Sacraments.



June 1 – St. Justin Martyr (c. 165). Justin was a Christian convert who searched for Truth. After his conversion, he held debates with pagans. When ordered by a pagan judge to renounce his faith or die, St. Justin responded, "Nobody in his senses would give up truth for falsehood." He was martyred for his faith.

June 4 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Today, we honor the central mystery of our Faith - that there is one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus revealed this mystery

after the Resurrection (Matthew 28:19).

June 9 - St. Ephrem the Deacon (373). Born at Nisibis in Mesopotamia, he became a deacon and taught catechism classes, opposed heresy, and wrote hymns, prayers, and commentaries on Scripture.

June 29 - SS. Peter and Paul (1st Century). Peter was the apostle chosen by Jesus to lead the Church - an ordinary fisherman, made extraordinary by God's grace. A persecutor of the Church, Paul became the Great Apostle, also transformed by grace.



## What can I do to & promote respect A for life?

All Catholics are called to protect the dignity of life from conception to natural death. While casting votes for candidates who pledge to protect life is important, there are many options outside the voting booth.

Assist pregnancy support centers. Many centers offer counseling, material



assistance, and even provide daycare. Find one in your area and volunteer your time, talents, or

treasure in support.

Speak up. When you hear or read about a story in the news in which the value of life is demeaned, write a letter to the editor and to government leaders supporting life-affirming and non-violent solutions.

Consider becoming a foster parent. Many local social service agencies are overwhelmed by the number of children whose families cannot care for them. Contact your local social services department to inquire about the necessary training and certifications you'll need to take in a child who needs a temporary shelter.

Visit local nursing homes and offer residents the gift of companionship. Many older people feel lost and forgotten and would welcome the attention.

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#### Saturday, June 10-4pm 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; Trista Parro, Marie Berthelot, Judy & August Shanski: Aubrey Quebedeaux, Blanche, Raymond & Saul Quebedeaux; Joseph Graves, W. A. Graves Family, Michael Rarick, Thomas Morales Family; E. J. Settoon; M/M Tony Falcon, Anthony Falcon, Camille Tempanaro, M/M Ray Murry, M/M Earl Quatrevingt, M/M C. J. Saurage, M/M Ronald Lee Gary, Tommy, Brian, Jay & Randy Quatrevingt, M/M Frank Tempanaro, Brandi Quatrevingt, Sharkey Altazin; M/M Edmond Gomez & Family; The Lazzaro Family, Kolby Lorio, "Butch" & Sadie Tullier; Angelo F. Mancuso, Connie Mancuso, Saraphine Stein; Evelyn Varnell; The Currier Family; Anthony & Carmella Orcino, Caliste "Joe" & Gloria Landry, Kimberly & Josh Landry, M/M Eldon Flatau; Sadie & Tony Mancuso

#### Sunday, June 11-7:30am Mass - St. John Parishioners

#### Sunday, June 11-9am 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; Frances Santangelo LeBlanc, Rita & Mike Santangelo, Anatole Santangelo; Rosemary Cox; Scott Jude Marino, A. J. & Nera Rodriguez, Anthony & Mary Marino, Kids of St. Jude; Bill Toups, Jr.; Mitchell Dufour, Boudreaux & Dufour Families; Denise Miranda; Flo, Allen & Paco Ourso; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Virginia Simon; Merle Ostergren; Anthony Cilano; Douglas & Devin Durand

#### Sunday, June 11-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Michael Shepherd, Ruth "Se Se" Becnel; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; Brenda Fremin; George "Brother" Michel, Alvin J. Daigle, Sr. Family, Alvin J "Peta" Daigle, Jr., Edith E. Guillot; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Ezora & Sidney Hedges; James & Marie Miranda, Denise & Glenda Miranda; Ann Bryant Wilbert Arbour

#### Tuesday, June 13-6 pm Mass

Rosemary Cox; Case, Gum & Schuler Families; Steve Pasqua

#### Wednesday, June 14-7am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Schexnaildre & Nicolosi Families

#### Thursday, June 15-7am Mass

Frances A. Him

#### Friday, June 16-7am Mass

Buté Richard



#### Sanctuary Candle June 4, 2023

St. John the Evangelist Lorraine "Catty" Hebert, Mary Kay Marchand Hudson, Hebert & Clement Families

> St. Clement of Rome My PaPa & My Momma

## **Anointing of the Sick**

Mass, our parish celebrates the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for those who are seriously ill, experiencing depression, battling cancer treatments, disabled in any way, the elderly and those who are to undergo surgery in the near future.

Father Greg will administer the Anointing of the Sick, Tuesday June 6, 2023. Four to six months is recommended between anointing unless otherwise urgent.

#### Coffee & Donuts June 11, 2023

Derryl Comeaux, Bobbie Cavalier & Janis Rockforte (7:30am Mass)

Roger & Rosalind Sadden (9am Mass)

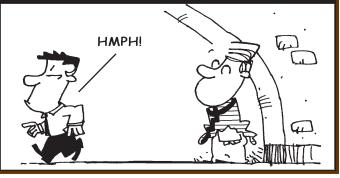


#### **Altar Society**

Altar Society Extra Team 1 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, June 7 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.









### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention June 2023**

For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

#### You are Covered in Prayer

May you feel His presence-Experience His Peace-Draw from His strength-Rest in His love-

May God bless and keep you in His loving care.

If someone you know is having major surgery or has been diagnosed with cancer or any other grave illness, please let us bring you a prayer blanket to help get you through this tough time. It matters not the age, all who need it will receive it.

Contact Jane Gauthreaux at 225.413.7157.

#### **A Vocation View**

Pray On your journey in life, listen to the father, Son and Spirit, for guidance toward a life of fulfillment and happiness. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.

## A Directed Retreat

Come away for a while... Five-day Silent Directed Retreat

Monday, June 26 - Sunday, July 2, 2023

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> register at franu.edu/retreat or by phone at (225) 526-177









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