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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



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."
Matthew 10:38

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 2, 2023

Death no longer has power over him. (Romans 6:9)

It's easy to skim over Paul's words here. Of course death has no power over Jesus! He has already died and come back to life. But the power of Jesus' resurrection did more than make him able to pass through walls and ascend into heaven. Paul also says that Jesus has "died to sin once and for all" (Romans 6:10, emphasis added). He isn't the only one whose life has been changed. By his death and resurrection, he has destroyed the power of sin and death over everyone. And Baptism gives us access to all the blessings of his risen life!

Now, experience tells us that Baptism doesn't mean that we can walk through walls as Jesus did. And it certainly doesn't guarantee a life of sinless perfection. But it does release us from the permanence of sin and death.

Because Baptism unites us with Jesus, the deathless one, we have the hope of a resurrection to the same eternal life that Jesus knows. Death is no longer a tragic end for us; it's the doorway to a new, glorious beginning!

Because Baptism immerses us into Jesus' own dying and rising, we are no longer hopelessly tethered to sin. We have received a new grace enabling us to say no to temptation whenever we choose. We are now free to "live in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).

If this sounds too good to be true, be assured that it's both very good and very true. Spend time today reading this passage over and over. Ask the Spirit to show you how you—yes, even you—are indeed set free from the power of sin and death!

"Jesus, I praise you! By your cross and resurrection, you have set me free!"

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July 2, 2023

Dear Family:

Our readings this weekend show the way God's blessing transforms believers and those with whom they come in contact. Our responsorial psalm emphasizes the way God builds up those who believe. Simple trust in God's promises brings rejoicing, illumination, exaltation, strength, and security. Those who respond with their whole selves to God's promises of justice and eternal love find themselves transformed by joy.

In the second reading, Paul focuses on the effects of discipleship. Baptism allows us to become like Jesus Christ. We live eternally because Christ was first victorious over death. We will rise in glory because Christ now lives in the glory of the Father. In Paul's mind, baptism allows a disciple to become everything that Jesus Christ was and is.

If Christians are to be like Jesus, they must undertake a similar mission to change the lives of those around them. Christians bear the Holy Spirit wherever they go, and that Spirit is always at work. Prophets in ancient Israel foreshadowed this reality. Kindness to them resulted in blessings, as the first reading recounts. The Shunammite woman's deepest wish - to become a mother - received its fulfillment because of her generosity to the prophet Elisha.

Jesus imagines a similar reality for his disciples. In the section of Matthew's Gospel from which this passage comes, Jesus offers words of encouragement to his disciples just as they are about to go out on their missionary journeys. As Elisha and other prophets bore God's blessing to any who helped them, so God would bless any who showed kindness to the bearers of Christ's Gospel.

Christ's disciples today must remember the blessing they can be to others. Christ's Spirit is a twofold source of grace, first for the disciple who bears it and then for any who receive them.

Some questions for reflection:

What does the Shunammite woman's hospitality indicate about her faith?

How has Christ helped you become more like him?

How has another person's life changed because of Christ at work in you?

With the coming of the National observance of Independence Day, hot days are in our forecast for a while. No doubt, we have all felt that the Church Air Conditioning system is finding it difficult to keep up. Dr. Susanne Greggio from the Diocesan Office visited both our St. John and St. Clement buildings. Help is on the way. Let's continue to pray the current system at St. John can hold on until we have the go ahead to replace.

Our 100 Years Campaign Committee will have another meeting this month as we begin preparing to come to you, the faithful of St. John Church, for your help in this campaign.

For those wondering when we will begin offering the Precious Blood at weekend Masses, we will begin on Sunday, August 6th for the Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord.

I pray you are all enjoying a summer of rest and recreation.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

TUESDAY, JULY 4TH ADORATION

On, Tuesday, July 4th there will be Exposition, Adoration and Benediction beginning at 5pm in the church. During that time, the Adoration Chapel will be closed and adorers are welcome to spend their prayer time before the Eucharist.

The Divine Praises and Benediction will begin at 5:45pm. Tuesday evening Mass will follow at 6pm.



St. John Altar Society

Due to much higher cost of candles plus tax and shipping, the 5-day and 14-day candle prices will increase to cover these costs by the St. John Church Altar Society. Devotional candles at the candle stand in church will be \$5 and the large Sanctuary Candles will be \$20 effective July 1. Any profit made is given back to the church to buy Communion hosts and wine and upkeep of altar linen.

Team 1 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, July 5 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

Daily Scripture Readings July 2-8, 2023

Sunday, July 2:

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

Monday, July 3:

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1b-2; Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday, July 4:

Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday, July 5:

Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday, July 6:

Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8

Friday, July 7:

Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1-5; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday, July 8:

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17

ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

Math Teacher Wanted



St. John School is looking for a high school math teacher for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. If you or anyone you know is interested in finding out more about this exciting opportunity, please contact Cherie Schlatre at cschlatre@stjohnschool.education.

Fathers Club Crawfish Bisque



The St. John Fathers Club members are selling Crawfish Bisque tickets for \$25 per quart. The bisque, cooked by Tugar Martinez will be available for pick up on Saturday, July 22 at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Contacts for bisque tickets or for more information:
Mike Markins — 225.955.5276
Dwayne Boudreaux — 225.776.7522

RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time #1230

Entrance: Gather Your People #940

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service #868

Sending Forth: Lead Me, Guide Me #759



Our office will be closed Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.
GOD BLESS AMERICA!!

Knights of Columbus Fireworks Sale

The Knights of Columbus will be selling fireworks at the K. C. Hall, 58715 Price Street July 1, 2, 3 and 4 from 2-8:30pm each day.

Parishioners are encouraged to support the Knights of Columbus with their July 4th Firework sale. All proceeds help the K. C. fund their many charitable programs in our area.

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Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2023



TIME: 9:00 a.m. – Noon & 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Closed from Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Place: **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOME**
58715 Price Street
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Directions: Take LA 1 S; turn R at McDonalds onto Belleview Rd (Hwy 75). Turn R on Ory Ave by First Baptist Church (blue roof). Turn L on Price St. K of C is on L across from the baseball field.

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- 5:30 pm **BOAT PARADE HONORING VETERANS DEPARTS** from landing on Bayou Plaquemine across from Iberville Parish Jail. To enter boat parade have boat in water at 5 pm – no fee to enter boat parade, patriotic boat decorations encouraged
- 6 pm **VETERANS CEREMONY**
- 7 pm **JITTER BUG DANCE CONTEST**
- 9 pm **INCREDIBLE FIREWORKS DISPLAY** with patriotic music by Plaquemine Council 970 Corp.

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Alhambra Semi-Annual Mass



Photo credit Connie Brown

Celebrating their Semi-Annual Mass with us Saturday, June 10 were Alhambra members, l to r, front, John Sasser, Alcee Becnel, Jimmy Ramirez, Chuck Brown and Medric Smith, Jr. On the second row are Bill Greenfield and Dennis Badeaux and third row, Mike Panepinto, Father Greg Daigle, Mayor Ed Reeves and Pat Wilbert.

Mr. Alcee Becnel was presented with a certificate of recognition for being an active Alhambra member for 47 years. Congratulations, Mr. Bec!!



A Grateful Acknowledgement from the Catholic Daughters & St. John Fathers Club
These support organizations which work toward the betterment of our church, parish and community would like to thank all of our parishioners for their generosity on Father's Day weekend.

Baptisms and Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars
Monday, July 10, 2023
Monday, August 7, 2023
Monday, September 4, 2023



Baptisms
Saturday, July 22, 2023
Saturday, August 26, 2023
Saturday, September 23, 2023

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 the church office at 225.687.2402 during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.

Mass Intentions — July 8-14, 2023

Saturday, July 8-4pm 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; Roland “Dougie” Rivet, Hebert & Rivet Families; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Lapeze Family, Ragusa Family; Sue S. Landry; Joseph Graves, W. A. Graves Family, Michael Rarick, Thomas Morales Family; Michael Laurent; Ignace & Vivian Tullier; M/M Edmond Gomez & Family; The Lazzaro Family, Kolby Lorio, “Butch” & Sadie Tullier; Evelyn Varnell; M/M Thomas Keith & Family; Sadie & Tony Mancuso; Linda Hebert

Sunday, July 9-7:30am Mass - St. John Parishioners

Sunday, July 9-9am 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; Anthony “Tonto” Pizzolato; Alcee & Pauline Becnel, Evans & Virgie Dugas; Lorraine “Catty” Hebert, Mary Kay Marchand Hudson, Hebert & Clement Families; Anthony Marino, Sr.; Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Agnes & Sam Colletti & Family, Vincent M. Ferachi & Family; John M. Dill; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Jep Daigle, Eddie & Virginia Clebert, Ulger & Nilda Daigle; Virginia Simon; Margaret “Maggie” Edline Dunn; Rose Marie LeBlanc; Myrle Ostergren; Anthony Cilano; For A Special Intention through the Intercession of St. Peregrine, St. Jude, St. Joseph & Mother Mary

Sunday, July 9-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Buck Fourroux; Kathy Kocke, Oliver & Edward Kocke, Jr.; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; Brenda Fremin; William H. Middleton, Bill Middleton III, Clouatre & Middleton Families; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Ezora & Sidney Hedges; James & Marie Miranda, Denise & Glenda Miranda

Tuesday, July 11-6pm Mass

Case, Gum & Schuler Families; Dorothy, Laura Lynn & Norman Jr. Grass

Wednesday, July 12-7am Mass

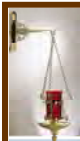
Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Schexnaldre & Nicolosi Families

Thursday, July 13-7am Mass

Larry Skidmore, Alex & Alice Nolan

Friday, July 14-7am Mass

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Sanctuary Candle July 2, 2023

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Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Dupont

A Vocation View

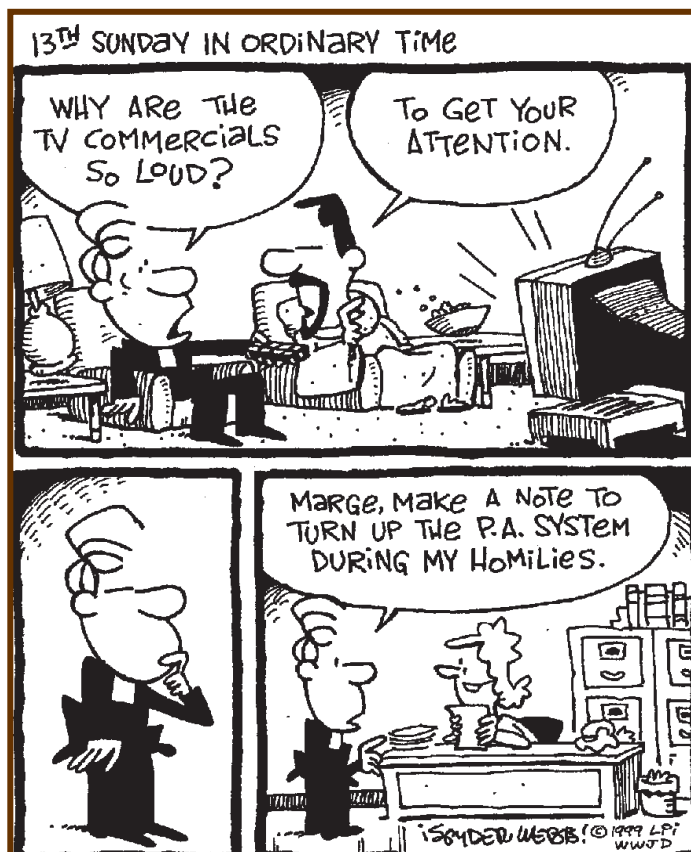
The Lord is sower of seeds of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. By prayer and a spirit of generosity, be encouraged to offer your talents and abilities if you feel God may be calling you to a Church vocation.

If you think God is calling you, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.



Coffee & Donuts July 9, 2023

Guy & Sabrina Ruggiero (7:30am Mass)
Bobby Blanchard, Susie Burns & Michelle Sharon
(9am Mass)





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