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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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2023

... the one who hears the word of the kingdom.
(Matthew 13:19)

What was “the word of the kingdom” that Jesus refers to in today’s Gospel passage (Matthew 13:19)? Simply this: “The kingdom of heaven is at hand” (4:17). It’s the “word” that Jesus proclaimed when he launched his public ministry. He had come to usher in God’s kingdom, and he wanted his disciples—and all of us—to help it expand and grow and bear fruit. So let’s look at this familiar parable of the sower and the seed from the perspective of bearing fruit for God’s kingdom.

Jesus doesn’t want us to be the seed that falls on the path—the people who never really understand the scope of God’s call to them. Our faith isn’t just a matter of following a set of rules. Jesus invites us to something greater: cooperating with him in making his kingdom a reality wherever we live and work. And if we think we aren’t worthy or talented enough, he wants us to recognize that those thoughts are from the evil one!

Jesus also warns us not to become the seed that falls on rocky soil—those who feel overwhelmed by the hardships and sacrifices involved when we say yes to God’s call. He knows that we can persevere only when we are rooted in him and focus not just on the difficulties but also the blessings of following him.



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

He spoke to them at length in parables, saying:
“A sower went out to sow.”
Matthew 13:3

Finally, taking up Jesus’ call to bear fruit for his kingdom means making it the most important priority in our lives. He doesn’t want us to be like the seed among thorns and let other concerns distract us from his own concerns.

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July 16, 2023

Dear Family:

This weekend's scriptural theme can be seen in our Responsorial Psalm: "The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest." After listening to the Gospel parable about the sower and the seed, it is our desire to be the "good soil" on which the sower will sow His word.

In my preaching a few Sundays ago, I mentioned how feelings of low self-esteem cause so much anxiety especially among our young people. I recently read the May 2023 letter of Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly published in the May 2023 Edition of Columbia Magazine. Mr. Kelly is the leader of the Knights of Columbus. He is a Catholic layman with children of his own. In his letter he addresses the daunting pressures upon our young people. He points out how these pressures are often intensified by social media: hypersexualization, fashionable ideologies, the temptation to compare oneself to peers whose identities are an illusion.

He asks, "What can Catholic parents do?" He goes on to answer this question by saying that "the most important foundational thing we can do is pass on the beauty of our Catholic faith to our children. It is the most powerful bulwark against the false gospels being pushed on our children."

Let us remember that our Catholic faith offers a coherent and attractive vision of the human person. It clarifies for our children that they have inherent dignity and are deeply loved by God who has given them life for a purpose. They are part of something much larger than themselves as they are part of an ancient struggle between good and evil, light and darkness and are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses" (Heb 12:1). It reminds us that victory through Christ enables us to be called children of God.

Supreme Knight Kelly goes on to quote a sociologist, Christian Smith, of the University of Notre Dame who has observed four traits in parents who successfully pass on their faith to their children.

First, these parents are genuine and authentic in their practice of the faith. If the faith of the parents is joyful and lifegiving for the family, the children will be attracted to it.

Second, they adopt a parenting style that is authoritative but also abundantly affectionate. Children need rules, of course, but they also need personal warmth. This combination helps children embrace faith for the long haul.

Third, they regularly talk to their children about their faith - what they believe, what they do, and why. Discussions about faith need to be a consistent part of our everyday life, not compartmentalized or awkward.

Lastly, these parents introduce children to relationships that reinforce their beliefs. Children need to be around friends and other families who take their faith seriously.

Of course, none of this is easy. When asked what was the most difficult job in living our faith, Pope Francis replied that it was parenting children. Still, we have confidence that God who brought order out of watery chaos at the beginning of creation can do it again, helping us bring order out of the cultural chaos of our day. We can be sure that in countercultural living our children can experience real joy and genuine hope in Christ. In this way, they become a light to the world.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:
“But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.”
— Matthew 6:6

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.



Are you willing to sell everything you own and follow the Lord? Once you accept the Lord into your life as a priest, sister or brother - you will not miss those things you have ‘given up.’ Rather, you will rejoice in what you have ‘found.’ If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.

Daily Scripture Readings — July 16-22, 2023

Sunday, July 16:

Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

Monday, July 17:

Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1-8; Mt 10:34 – 11:1

Tuesday, July 18:

Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 19:

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday, July 20:

Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30

Friday, July 21:

Ex 11:10 – 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday, July 22:

Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time #1236
Entrance: Gather Us In #929
Preparation: **Instrumental**
Communion: Take and Eat #1025
Sending Forth: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light #693



Eucharistic Revival Retreat

Bishop Duca, to highlight this year of Eucharistic Revival championed by Pope Francis, has provided four dates to allow clergy and staff to come together, encounter the Eucharistic Lord and be renewed by His presence.

The St. John Church office staff will be attending the Eucharistic Revival Retreat Tuesday, July 18 at Manresa House of Retreats in Convent, LA. Therefore, our office will be closed on this day.

Baptisms and Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm

Church Office Third Floor

Monday, August 7, 2023

Monday, September 4, 2023

Monday, October 2, 2023



Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, July 22, 2023

Saturday, August 26, 2023

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Saturday, October 28, 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.



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.

Golf Tournament Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the 29th Annual St. John Golf Classic!

1st Place: Team Caleb Kleinpeter - Senator

2nd Place: Team Edward Jones - Chris Reeves

3rd Place: Team Barker Brothers Plumbing

Thanks to all the golfers who came out to play!

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 Saturday, July 22 from 3-6pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 58715 Price Street.

To purchase bisque tickets or for more information, contact Mike Markins at 225.955.5276 or Dwayne Boudreaux at 225.776.7522.

Uniforms for Kids Distribution

Pre-K thru 8th grade
No Charter School Uniforms
MSA – Pants and Shorts only

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 Dry Ave by First Baptist Church (blue roof). Turn L on Price St. K of C is on L across from the baseball field.

Please bring your ID, SNAP print out and Social Security Cards for your children.

Mass Intentions — July 22-28, 2023

Saturday, July 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; Trista Parro, G. E. Lively, Wes Lively, Julie Chaisson; Patrick Gaudet, Iris & Audrey Callegan; Aubrey Quebedeaux, Mit, Aline & Wally Comeaux; J. Hubert Millet, Milda Millet, Louis Family, M/M Harold Marionneaux; Catherine & Andrew Roucher; Michael Laurent; Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim & Nu Nu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Derley Barbier; Sidney “Benny”, Rose & Sid Quatrevingt, Gulotta Family; Paul & Jenise Ortis, Earl & Mary Devillier; Randy, Lucy, Peter & Florence Morales; Anthony & Carmella Orcino, Caliste “Joe” & Gloria Landry, Kimberly & Josh Landry, M/M Eldon Flatau

Sunday, July 23-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners



Sunday, July 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; Kristina Mellema; Frank, Josie, Anthony & Victor Canella; Rosemary Cox; Harold Sr., Barbara & Frances Hymel; Josephine A. Ourso; Alberta Buquoi, Mary Jo Primeaux; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Virginia Simon; Angelo F. Mancuso, Connie Mancuso, Seraphine Stein; Frank, Josie, Anthony & Victor Canella; Maggie & Joe Gullotto, George Gullotto, Lola & A. J. Adams

Sunday, July 23-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; O. J., Buster & Pearl Hidalgo Songy & Families; Brenda Fremin; Harry Marionneaux, Charles, Doris & Paul Barbier; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Ezora & Sidney Hedges; Victor J. Canella; The Drago & Bobby Freeman Families

Tuesday, July 25-6pm Mass

Father Jimmy Jeanfreau

Wednesday, July 26-7am Mass

Llewelyn LeDoux

Thursday, July 27-7am Mass

Marie Marionneaux

Friday, July 28-7am Mass

Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families



Sanctuary Candle July 16, 2023

St. John the Evangelist
Ruth “Se Se” Bechel

St. Clement of Rome
Kathy D. Fulton & Pat Dupont



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who are shut-in...

Community Lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Community Lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion weekly to those who are unable to attend Mass. They may be ill, confined to their homes, care facilities or in the hospital. Families of the sick are encouraged to notify the church parish office at 225.687.2402.

If you are a Eucharistic Minister and are willing to help with this important ministry, please call the church office.

Altar Society



Altar Society Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, July 19 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.



Coffee & Donuts July 23, 2023

Ed & Anne Reeves (7:30am Mass)

Steve & Faith Maddox (9am Mass)





Altar Servers

Any boy or girl in the 4th grade or older interested in becoming an Altar Server and assisting at Holy Mass is invited to join. The ministry of Altar Server is a wonderful way for our young children and youth to involve themselves in service at the Table of the Lord.

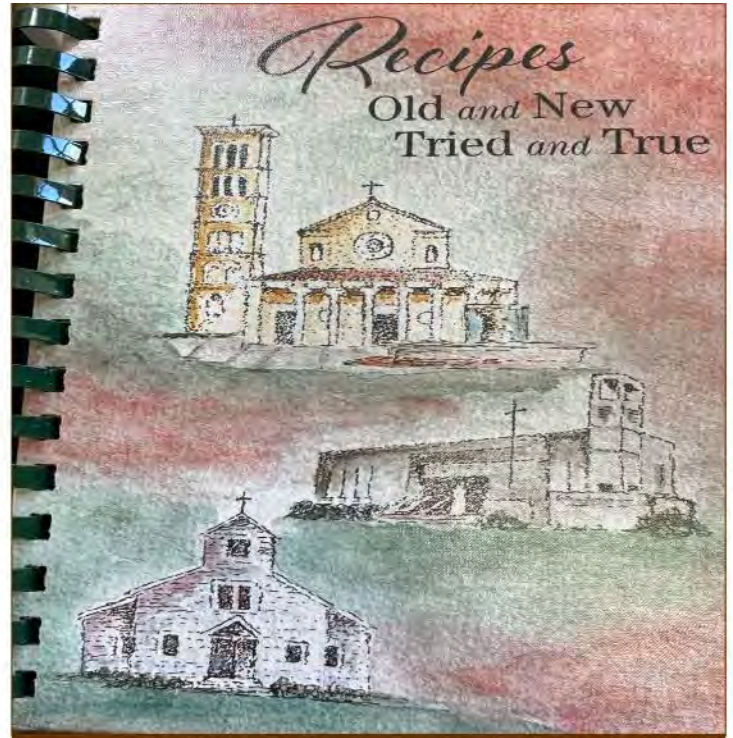
Access the registration form located on our website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org, under the FORMS tab. Upon completion of the application, someone will contact you regarding a brief training.

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.

If you are able to make a positive impact in a child's life in our community, please call Dr. Katie Berthelot at 225.776.2809 or the church office at 225.687.2402.



Looking for a gift for a friend? The Altar Society cookbooks, *Recipes Old and New Tried and True* (\$20) make wonderful birthday, anniversary or holiday gifts. Come by and pick one up from the church office!



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