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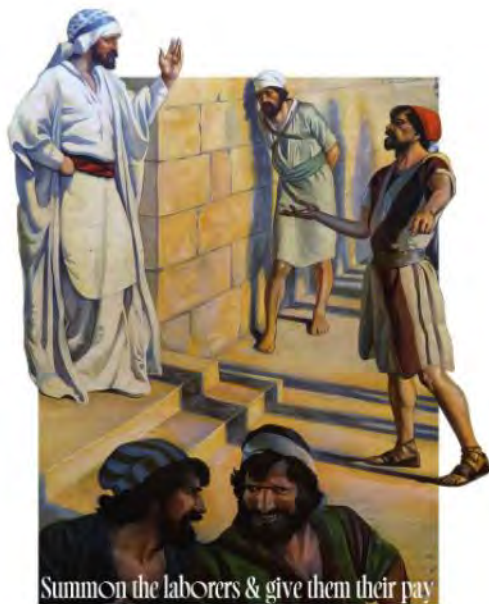
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Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
 Sunday 7:30, 9:00 am, 11:00 am
 Tuesday 6:00 pm
 Wednesday 7:00 am
 Thursday 7:00 am
 Friday 7:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 5:30-5:45 pm
 Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm



beginning with the last & ending with the first.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Management Unfair

Notice any difference between the attitude of Paul in the second reading and that of the workers in the Matthew's Gospel? The workers grumble because the latecomers got the same pay as those who worked all day. Paul has worked for the Lord for years, yet he thinks it is better to keep working than to claim his reward of eternal life.

The workers grumbled because the landowner gave the same wages to the ones who only worked for an hour. (You can imagine the picket signs: Vinedressers Local on Strike: Management Unfair!) Matthew was referring to the Jews who had served God for centuries and now see newcomer Gentiles claiming equality in the church. They were complaining about God's generosity in reaching out to all peoples, not just the chosen few. God's generosity is the real point. Contrast that with Paul, who loves the Philipians so much that he is willing to put off his heavenly reward if he can help any more people come to Christ. That is the attitude that Jesus hopes for in all his disciples. We can care more about bringing Jesus to others than we do about our own comfort or even our lives. We can do this because we know the Lord's ways are not fair—they are more generous than we can imagine!

Tom Schmidt

Pastor's Letter



Dear Family:

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." In a society that valued eldest sons, God favored younger sons like Jacob or David to lead Israel. In a world hostile to foreign women, God made outsiders like Jael, Rahab, and Ruth important to Israel's salvation. In a culture that inflicted fearsome penalties for betrayal, God forgave Israel repeatedly, patient for the day when his people would keep their word. God even worked to overcome Israel's self-inflicted disasters. He sent prophets to correct Israel's greedy kings and ensured that the nation would survive the damage they inflicted. These acts of mercy characterize the generous God that Isaiah speaks of in this Sunday's first reading.

In the Gospel passage, Jesus points out this same divine mercy in the parable of the workers in the vineyard. The daily wage for laborers was enough for a small extended family of several adults and children to purchase bread and vegetables for the day's meals with a bit left over for taxes and other expenses. Observant Jews had to be especially careful to keep enough for Sabbath days when they refrained from labor. The vineyard owner was thus making sure all his laborers could eat regardless of the work they put in. His concern was for the effect of the wage, not its value as a symbol of effort. Likewise, Jesus reveals, God's mercy is not a currency to be earned, but a gift to support the life of any who humbly ask for it.

"Conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ," Paul implores in this Sunday's second reading. The ways of the world confuse our minds. We will never understand God through logic or study. Only by trusting in Christ and living his Gospel will the truth of God's Word make any sense.

Some questions for reflection:

Which of God's ways strike you as strange?
How has living out God's ways changed your life?

What do you think motivates the landowner to be generous, and what can his motivations teach us about God's generosity?

Peace,

Fr. Greg

Ritualsong

Readings & Songs this Weekend

Readings	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time #1260
Entrance	Gather Us In #929
Preparation	<i>Instrumental</i>
Communion	Eye Has Not Seen #819
Sending Forth	Go to the World #641

Join us for one of our Town Hall meetings concerning our 100 year campaign Sunday, September 24 following 7:30am and 9am Masses or Sunday, October 1 following 11am Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration

An Invitation to Prayer



These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. 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."

—Mt. 11:28-30

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.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of September 24, 2023

Sunday Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Monday

Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5;
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

Ezr 9:5-9; Tobit 13:2, 3-4, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1-6; Lk 9:7-9

Friday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Saturday

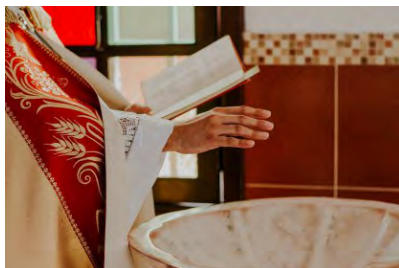
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jeremiah 31:10-13;
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 or
Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm
 Church Office Third Floor
 Monday, October 9, 2023
 Monday, November 6, 2023
 Monday, December 4, 2023
 Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass
 Saturday, September 23, 2023
 Saturday, October 28, 2023
 Saturday, November 25, 2023
 Saturday, December 16, 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.

Church Dedication for October: The Holy Rosary

Major Feast: Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7)

The Rosary is one of the most powerful forms of prayer that the Church gives to the faithful; popes, saints, even the Blessed Mother herself have spoken on the importance of praying the Rosary. Like Padre Pio who said: "Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother." It's a simple but profound way to meditate on the life of Jesus and to grow closer to Mary who will always lead us to her Son.

How to celebrate: Pray the Rosary (or pray a decade of the rosary).

Join us to pray the Rosary at the home of Betty Aucoin, 57765 Senator Gay Boulevard each Wednesday during the month of October at 7pm. For more information, you may call Betty at 225.776.1685 or Derryl Comeaux at 225.687.3950.

St. John School

2023 Distinguished Graduate Nomination

If you know an Eagle alum who has done great things since graduation, nominate them for this year's Distinguished Graduate Award! The nomination form is in the news section of www.stjohnschool.org, and allows you to list the service and professional accomplishments that set your nominee apart! Nomination forms are due Oct 1—only completed nomination forms will be considered.

Blessing of the Pets Prayer Service

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of animals and the ecology, the blessing of pets will take place at St. John Elementary on Wednesday, October 4 from 8-9am. Pets will be blessed on the concrete parking area between St. Clement Church and St. John Elementary. Please make sure all dogs are leashed.

Fathers Club \$10,000 Raffle

Fathers Club \$10,000 raffle tickets are \$100 each and are available for purchase by contacting Mike Markins at 225.955.5276 or a Fathers Club board member. Raffle drawing will be held Saturday, November 18th at 6pm at the Fathers Club Bingo Hall. There will be music, food, games, and lots of fun! Early buyer drawing is Saturday, November 4th. Buy a ticket before this date and the winning early buyer ticket receives \$1,000. The person who sells the early buyer ticket will receive \$500.



A Vocation View

Called to Ministry

Today's readings encourage us to present our lives to God in the form of prayer and petitions that are full of gratitude. Let us, therefore, pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. If you think God is calling you to a Church

vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.

Altar Society

Altar Society Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, September 27 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

Pilgrimage to St. Jude Shrine

A Day of Prayer and Relaxation

A pilgrimage to the International Shrine of St. Jude in New Orleans is planned for Monday, Oct. 23, 2023. It's a beautiful day of getting together, relaxing with friends and our Lord in prayer.

The cost of the trip is \$50. For more information and if you feel you would like to join us, please call Cecilia Blanchard (985.513.2252).

Coffee & Donuts

October 1, 2023

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

Lee Ann Howard & Amy Bradford (9am Mass)



Parish Activities October 2023

Sunday, October 1

Town Hall Meeting St. John the Evangelist
Following 11am Mass

Monday, October 2

Bible Study Conference Room 4-5:30pm

Thursday, October 5

Bible Study Conference Room
1:30-3pm & 6:15-7:45pm

Sunday, October 8

LOLOL Blood DriveChurch Parking Lot
8am-1pm

Ladies of Peter Claver Meeting Parish Hall
2-4pm

Holy Spirit Prayer Group...St. John the Evangelist
4-6pm

Monday, October 9

Catholic Daughter Meeting Parish Hall
2pm

Bible Study Conference Room 4-5:30pm

Baptism Seminar Conference Room
7pm

Thursday, October 12

Bible Study Conference Room
1:30-3pm & 6:15-7:45pm

Sunday, October 15

PSR Family Mass St. John the Evangelist
11am Mass

K. C. Chicken Dinners K. C. Home
11:30am-1pm

Monday, October 16

Bible Study Conference Room 4-5:30pm

Wednesday, October 18

Mandatory 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting
6pm Parish Hall

Thursday, October 19

Bible Study Conference Room
1:30-3pm & 6:15-7:45pm

Saturday, October 21

Evangeline Presentation...St. John the Evangelist
4pm Mass

Sunday, October 22

Catholic Daughters Quarterly Communion
9am MassSt. John the Evangelist
Blessing of Graves: Noon at St. John Cemetery
1:30pm at Grace Memorial

Monday, October 23

Bible Study Conference Room 4-5:30pm

Tuesday, October 24

Altar Society Meeting Conference Room
9:30am

Thursday, October 26

Bible Study Conference Room
1:30-3pm & 6:15-7:45pm

Friday– Sunday, October 27-29...Acadian Fest.

Saturday, October 28 Baptisms

Sunday, October 29

Acadian Festival Parade — ****NO 11AM MASS****

Monday, October 30

Bible Study Conference Room 4-5:30pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 30-4pm 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; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; Kurt, Carlo & Andrew Canova, Johnny Zito, Jr.; Ronnie Palermo, Brown Family, Palermo Family; Kolby Lorio; Ione Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr., Joseph Emile Sharon, Jr., "J. E." Sharon, John Hawley Landry, Kathleen Landry; Fr. Patrick Joseph Carroll

Sunday, October 1-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, October 1-9am 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; Fred Hebert, George & Gloria Ramirez, Agnes & Jimmy LeBlanc; Glynn Hebert, A Special Intention; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn; Jessel & Eula Ourso; Virginia Simon; Felix Fernandez, Jr.; The Calvaruso Family; Clarence "Pete" & Mary Berthelot; Devin & Douglas Durand; Larry Skidmore; Dwayne Strickland

Sunday, October 1-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Bobby & Bootsie Dupont; Murray & Dixie Suffrin; Brenda Fremin, Luke & Mary Fremin, Charles & Rosa Drago, Ellis & Enola Fremin; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn; Maggie Dunn; M/M Thomas Keith & Family, Betty Keith; John "Sonny" Bunch; the Currier Families

Tuesday, October 3-6pm Mass

Patrick & M/M Narcisse Gaudet; Maggie Dunn

Wednesday, October 4-7am Mass

Margie & A. J. Doiron

Thursday, October 5-7am Mass

Mayon, Callahan & Clement Families

Friday, October 6-7am Mass

Bill Toups, Jr.



Sanctuary Candle

September 24, 2023

St. John the Evangelist

Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry
Agnes & Sam Colletti

St. Clement of Rome

Walter Mazone & Joann Nolan

September 24, 2023

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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