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## Masses

Saturday Vigil ..... 4:00 pm  
 Sunday....7:30am, 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

## Which of the Two did the will of his Father?

MATTHEW 21:31



## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 1, 2023

### The Understanding Father

Jesus must have shocked the priests and elders when he said that prostitutes and tax collectors would enter the kingdom of God before them. After all, his listeners had spent their whole lives being faithful to the Law. But Jesus' point was not so much about final salvation as about our daily choices.

Remember the parable about the two sons. The second son said what his father wanted to hear, with no intention of doing it. The first was honest about not wanting to go to the vineyard, but then decided to do it anyway. I suspect the father of those men knew what each would or would not do.

And whom do we want to imitate? Are we honest enough to look at our lives and repent of our hatred, our selfishness, or whatever keeps us in sin, and then to follow Jesus with our whole heart? We may not always like doing what God asks of us, but God is an understanding Father who can accept our weaknesses and forgive them when we are ready to return to him.

Tom Schmidt

## Pastor's Letter

Dear Family:

It can be a challenge to recognize God at work in ours and others' lives. In the first reading, Ezekiel pleads with Israel to recognize that it was not God but they who caused the invasion and social collapse they faced. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds Israel's priests and elders that, although they know how to draw near to God, they failed to recognize the desire of sinners to do the same.



First-century Jews believed tax collectors and prostitutes benefited from Israel's national humiliation. Tax collectors enriched themselves by plundering Jews on Rome's behalf. Prostitutes earned much of their living from the Roman soldiers who occupied Israel. Both groups symbolized Israel's oppression, and faithful Jews resented them thoroughly.

Such attitudes kept the faithful from noticing that many tax collectors and prostitutes had a real desire for change. Many responded with eagerness to the mercy that John the Baptist and Jesus showed them. The Gospels contain many stories of the sudden and total conversion of tax collectors and prostitutes. Their desire for change was real, and as they transformed their lives, they gave evidence that God was at work among them.

Resentments robbed many people of the humility that would have allowed them to see and join God's work. Pride obscured the need for grace, and persecution led them to believe they earned God's love through suffering. Such entitlement kept Israel's chief priests and elders from recognizing their need for divine mercy. Because of this, they were unable to identify the effects of divine mercy among sinners and they failed to join God's effort.

Such problems remain today. God's kingdom includes all parts of a polarized world. Christ's disciples must be able to recognize God's work wherever they find it and be willing to join in the task. This is how we, as Paul exhorts, can have in us the same attitude that is in Christ.

Some questions for reflection:

When has the work of grace surprised you?  
 How can you make Christ's humility your own?  
 If Jesus preached this parable today, who would our "tax collectors and prostitutes" be?

Thanks for all of you who stayed after Masses this month for the Town Hall meetings on the 100 year campaign. Your questions and insights will help us as we move forward with our plans. Please continue to pray for the success of our campaign.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

## Ritualsong

### Readings & Songs this Weekend

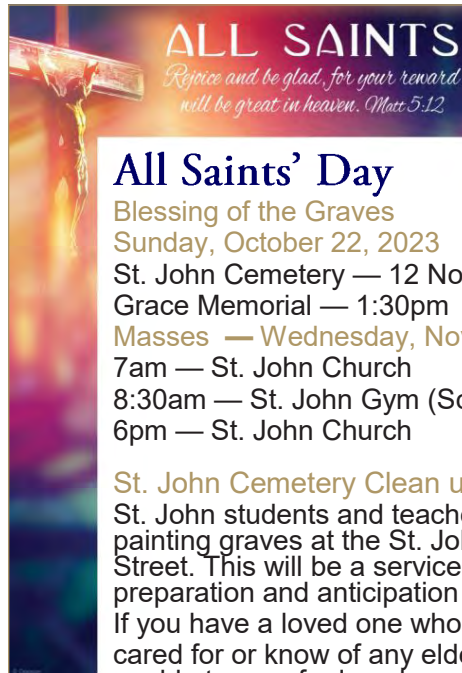
Readings Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time #1269  
 Entrance All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! #672  
 Preparation *Instrumental*  
 Communion Take and Eat #1025  
 Sending Forth Lead Me, Guide Me #759

Join us for a Town Hall meeting concerning our 100 year campaign Sunday, October 1 following 11am Mass.

## Anointing of the Sick

Every First Tuesday following 6pm 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 October 3, 2023.

Four to six months is recommended between anointing unless otherwise urgent.



## All Saints' Day

### Blessing of the Graves

Sunday, October 22, 2023

St. John Cemetery — 12 Noon

Grace Memorial — 1:30pm

Masses — Wednesday, November 1, 2023

7am — St. John Church

8:30am — St. John Gym (School Mass)

6pm — St. John Church

### St. John Cemetery Clean up Project

St. John students and teachers will be cleaning and painting graves at the St. John Cemetery on Main Street. This will be a service day for students in preparation and anticipation of All Saints' Day.

If you have a loved one whose grave is unable to be cared for or know of any elderly people who are unable to care for loved ones' graves, the students would be happy to help. You may call St. John School (225.687.6616) and leave your name and telephone number with the school secretary.

### Help Keep Our Cemetery Beautiful

A cemetery envelope has been added to the church contribution packet for the month of October. Please place your donation for the upkeep of St. John Cemetery on Main Street in Plaquemine in the envelope provided. It will be marked "Cemetery" and can be placed in the offertory basket at any weekend Mass.

Thank you for your generous contributions.



### October: Month of the Holy Rosary and Respect Life

#### Praying Together

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

#### 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 Joel Ducote at 225.776.0761. Raffle drawing will be held Saturday, November 18 at 6pm at the Fathers Club Bingo Hall. There will be music, food, games, and lots of fun!

Early buyer drawing is Saturday, November 4. 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.

### Knights of Peter Claver Inc.

#### Domestic Violence Awareness

The Knights and Ladies of St. Rose of Lima Unit 242 are taking our voices to the State Capitol. We are calling upon all citizens, community activists, government officials and the religious community to join us in our efforts to bring awareness to Domestic Violence!!!

Saturday, October 7, 2023 ~ 12:30pm-1:30pm

Steps of the Louisiana State Capitol

100 North Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA

*"We seek to implement and support programs that educate, empower, and eradicate Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking from our communities throughout the State of Louisiana."*

For more information, contact Ricky Sassau at Ricky.Sassau@KofPC.org or Jason Noel at Noel Jason@yahoo.com.

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention October 2023

#### For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

### 2023 Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

#### Baptism Seminars

7pm

Church Office Third Floor

Monday, October 9

Monday, November 6

Monday, December 4

#### Baptisms

Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, October 28

Saturday, November 25

Saturday, December 16

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.



### A Vocation View

#### Called to Ministry

The Lord is the shepherd who calls men and women to minister to His Church. As you pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, also be open to God's call in your 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](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org).

**St. John the Evangelist Church**  
57805 Main Street, Plaquemine, La 70764  
**October 8, 2023**  
**8:00am to 2:00pm**

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, October 7-4pm 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; Buté Richard; Aubrey Quebedeaux, Robert, Raymond & Saul Quebedeaux; Gerald Hoffman; M/M L.J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; Carol Brandt, Raymond & Amanda Ducote; J. Hubert Millet, Milda Millet, Louis Family, M/M Harold Marionneau; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry, Agnes & Sam Colletti & Family; Michael Laurent; M/M Vincent M. Ferachi, Cadence & Cassidy Diamond, Stephanie Rivere, Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Ferachi & Marino Families; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; John B., Cecile D. & Maurice E. Brown, Joan B. Heath, Brown & Duhon Families; Alfred, Mercedes, Lester & Mary Carville, M/M Edmund Bujol, Reid & Gerry Rainey; Jean Claude, Dalfray & Angele Cavalier, Nelia Simoneaux; Wayne Gary, Jerry Fontenot, Jeanette & Thomas Woolam; Angelo F. Mancuso, Connie Mancuso, Saraphine Stein; Kenneth "Klu" Brown; Carol Breaux Sims; M/M Victor Crescionne, Crescionne Family, Michelle Family, Sister Joycelin Staempfli; John "Shane" David Smith; John Hawley Landry, Kathleen Landry; A Special Intention through the Intercession of St. Peregrine, St. Jude, St. Joseph & Mother Mary; Jack Laurent

### Sunday, October 8-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

### Sunday, October 8-9am 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; Marie Ragusa LeBlanc, Terry Landry, Sr., Terry Landry, Jr., Kynlee Bueche; Tommy Griffon; M/M Sam Morales & Family; Rosemary Cox; Florence Pizzolato Forte, Anthony "Tonto" Pizzolato, Johnette & Alma Pizzolato; Belvin & Claire Bergeron; Bill Toups, Jr.; Mitchell Dufour, Boudreaux & Dufour Families; Michael Clause, Lane Panepinto; Denise Miranda; Flo, Allen & Paco Ourso; Benny & Annie Vaughn; Virginia Simon; Margaret "Maggie" Edline Dunn; Anthony Cilano; V. J. Vicknair, Emily & Paul Bourgeois; Cathie Blanchard

### Sunday, October 8-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Edward Kocke, Jr.; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; Brenda Fremin; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Ezora & Sidney Hedges; David Borden Tidmore; Ann Bryant Wilbert Arbour; John "Sonny" Bunch; The Currier Families; Father Thomas Scalon Ouyen

### Tuesday, October 10-6pm Mass

Case, Gum & Schuler Families; A Special Intention; J. A. Palermo, Rose Hernandez Boudreaux, Mary Alice & Frank Hernandez

### Wednesday, October 11-7am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Schexnaildre & Nicolosi Families

### Thursday, October 12-7am Mass

Anthony Vitale

### Friday, October 13-7am Mass

Joshua Barker

## Eucharistic Adoration

### An Invitation to Prayer

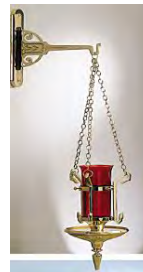
These words from Sacred Scripture are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: "So humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you." —1Peter 5:6-7

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 October 1, 2023

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
Monday	Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:2,16-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tuesday	Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1-7; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday	Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
Friday	Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43



## Sanctuary Candle

October 1, 2023

### St. John the Evangelist

Mr. & Mrs. J. Omer Hebert

### St. Clement of Rome

Brenda Comeaux

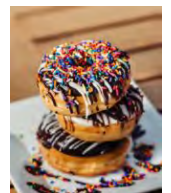
## Altar Society

Altar Society Team 1 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, October 4 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

## Coffee & Donuts

October 8, 2023

June Pinsonat, Sandra Bizette & Mary Jo Caffarel  
(7:30am Mass)



Patrick & Helen Pendley (9am Mass)

October 1, 2023

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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