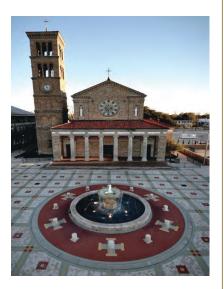
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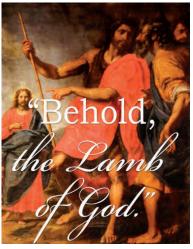
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Masses

Saturday Vigil	
Sunday7:30am, 9:0	00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wednesday	
Thursday	7:00 am
Friday	

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 14, 2024

Hello, God

Just before our first reading it says that "the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions." (1Sam 3:1) I imagine most people today would think that was true. Do you think God has stopped talking? People apparently felt that way in Samuel's time. Let's look at the reading to see what Samuel's experience can teach us.

At first Samuel thinks it is Eli calling him. It is not unusual for people to miss a sign from God. If you have a talent that you are proud of, perhaps it is a sign that God wants you to use that talent to help others. Or if a friend tells you she is concerned about your health, it could be God's way of telling you to get help. Try to see God speaking in whatever happens to you and you may hear a lot more than you think.

Samuel also gets help from Eli. Eli began to recognize that the Lord was speaking to Samuel. Sometimes we need help discerning what the Lord is telling us. A good spiritual director can help. He or she will probably ask how often you pray. In our reading Samuel finally speaks directly to God, instead of going back to Eli. So if you wonder what God plans for your life, try spending more time in prayer with him. I bet we have all had times where we didn't know if we are doing God's will because we didn't take time to pray. But don't do all the talking. Give God some quiet time to hear his response. For God hasn't stopped talking; we just stopped listening.

Tom Schmidt



Pastor's Letter

Dear Family:

The genre of today's first reading is that of a "call narrative." While many call

narratives are in Scripture, the call of Samuel is unique. Other such narratives depict an individual hearing the voice of God and understanding who it is that is speaking (consider, for example, Abraham, Isaiah, and Jeramiah). Samuel does not grasp whose voice is calling him. The priest Eli, however, understands this call and instructs Samuel in how to respond, should he hear that voice again. Verses that are cut from today's text are especially interesting since within them we learn that by responding faithfully to God's call, Samuel has difficult words that he must deliver to his mentor, Eli.

In the Gospel selection from John, we are presented with a remarkable story. Like the first reading for today, it can be described as a call narrative. The scene opens with John the Baptist standing with two of his disciples when Jesus walks by. When John refers to Jesus as the "Lamb of God," John's disciples immediately leave him to follow Jesus. It is as if John has fulfilled his responsibility to these two men. He has helped them to recognize Jesus. Andrew, one of John's disciples who left John and followed Jesus, in turn "found his own brother Simon Peter" and "brought him to Jesus."

Seemingly evident in today's selections from First Samuel and the Gospel of John is that people of faith are called to assist one another in recognizing the mystery and presence of God among them. Clearly, the priest Eli, John the Baptist, and Andrew were instruments of God.

Some questions for reflection:

How and to whom can you be a witness for Jesus today?

What does it take to "stay" or "remain" with Jesus?

How has Christ changed your vision? What has he enabled you to see and see differently?

I am away visiting my brother and family this weekend for our celebration of family Christmas. Please give a warm welcome to Fr. Jon Koehler and Father Paul Counce. I'll return for morning Mass on Wednesday, January 17th.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

Ritualsong

Readings & Songs this Weekend

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time #1198

Entrance: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light #693

Preparation: *Instrumental*

Communion: Eat This Bread #1033

Sending Forth: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise #548

We welcome the PSR students, who are celebrating the Eucharist with us, to 11am Mass.



January Devotion of the Month

The Holy Name of Jesus

The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. After the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit, the angel Gabriel appeared to St. Joseph and told him that the Child's name should be called Jesus, meaning "God Saves." According to Jewish law, on the 8th day after his birth a male child was to be circumcised, receive his name, and become a full member of God's covenant people. According to the old Roman liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus was celebrated on January 1st, eight days after Christmas, the same day that He was given His sacred name. Currently we celebrate the Solemnity of the Mother of God on January 1st and honor the Holy Name of Jesus on January 3rd. For Catholics, Jesus' sacred name is the object of a special devotion symbolized by the monogram "IHS," (sometimes called a Christogram), which is the first three letters of the Greek spelling of His name.

Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore! He is Waiting for You!

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.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars

Monday, January 15, 2024 Monday, February 5, 2024 Monday, March 4, 2024

Saturday, January 27, 2024 Saturday, April 27, 2024

Baptism Seminars are held in the third floor church office conference room at 7pm. The Baptisms are usually held on the fourth Saturday of the month following 4pm Mass. 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. There are no Baptisms during Lent.

Growing in Faith

Winter/Spring Bible Study

Bible Study began Thursday, January 11, 2024 on the Book of Revelations from 1:30-3pm and the Thursday night group are discussing "1Corinthians—The Church and the Christian Community" from 6:15-7:45pm. The Monday group will conclude their study on the Gospel of Mark from 4-5:30pm beginning Monday, January 29.

All sessions take place in the church office conference room and are free to attend. It is not too late to join us.

A Vocation View

Chosen for Consecrated Life

"Come, and you will see." How are you being called to come and see how you can build up the kingdom of God as His



co-worker? Consider the generous service of priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225-336-8778 or via email: jjohnson@diobr.org.

Our office will be closed Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Please note that Tuesday, January 17, 2024 a Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Holy Communion will be celebrated. Masses will begin again on Wednesday, January 18.

Holy Spirit Prayer Group

A Community of Faith Praying for **Others**

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet Sunday, January 14 from 3-5pm in church. For more information, contact the church office at 225.687.2402.

St. John School Grandparents' Day Mass

Grades 6-12

Sunday

Wednesday, January 17 — 11am St. Clement of Rome Chapel

Scripture Readings

Week of January 14, 2024

Sunday 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4,7-10;

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20:

Jn 1:35-42

1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, Monday

21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28;

Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51;

Ps 144:1- 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, Thursday

9-14; Mk 3:7-12

Friday 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11;

Mk 3:13-19

Saturday 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27;

> Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21 Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9;

1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Historical Tidbit About Catholicism in Iberville Parish and St. John the **Evangelist Catholic Church**

Did you know our church was very purposefully designed?

Architectural meanings in our church – altar faces the east in direction of Jerusalem, Altar is Jesus' head, communion pew is his arms, nave is his body, foyer area is his feet. Statues – St. Anthony is waving to welcome everyone into church; Sacred Heart of Jesus has open arms; St. Joseph, St. Rose and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton dedicated to families; St. Paul welcoming inquirers to the faith; St. Peter holding keys to kingdom of God given him by Jesus. The center aisle is 172' long.

- What do the Latin words, "Non est hic allud nisi domus Dei et porta coeli," above the front door mean? "This is nothing else but the house of God and the gateway to heaven." Genesis 28:17
- What do the Latin words "Offertur nomini meo oblatio munda" over the altar mean? "And everywhere they bring sacrifice to my name, a pure offering." Malachi 1:11

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St. John the Evangelist Christmas Eve Children's Mass



The St. John 4pm Children's Mass on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2023 was a joyful event heralding the coming of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thanks to the participants of the Nativity reenactment and their parents.

Performers are Julia Mae Agosta, Camille Berthelot, Robbi-Claire Boudreaux, Charlie Bourgeois, Trevor Bourque, Brooklynn Cagnolatti, Thomas Cagnolatti, Audrey Couch, Madison David, Jade Deshotel, Emma Giroir, Holt Hebert, Elliott LoBue, Daniel Rowland and Conner Wilkinson.

Special thanks to the coordinator of the program, Mrs. Jennifer Adams, with the help of her daughters Hope and Christa, who prepared the children for the presentation.

Photo credit Jennifer Adams



Nativity Scene in Church

The church will remain open until 3:30pm Sunday, January 14 for anyone who would like to make a prayerful visit to Our Lord and Savior at the crèche.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 20, 2024-4pm Mass

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Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Vincent A. & Dr. Larry Ferachi, Ferachi & Hebert Families; Roland "Dougie" Rivet, Hebert & Rivet Families; Alcee & Pauline Becnel, Evans & Virgie Dugas; Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim & NuNu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Basilia Tella Cotoli: Lorraine "Catty" Hebert, Mary Kay Marchand Hudson, Hebert & Clement Families; Catherine & Andrew Roucher; M/M A. J. Rodriguez, M/M Alger Rodriguez, M/M Vives Vicknair, Scott Marino; Anthony "Tonto" Pizzolato; M/M Frank Ragusa & Family, M/M Placito Mancuso & Family, M/M Mose Gibson & Family, J. D. & Ella Collins & Family; Ruth & Bill Ostergren; Bill Toups, Jr.; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Lapeze Family, Ragusa Family; Lawrence J. Melancon; Dr. Jessie & Pat DeLee

Sunday, January 21-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, January 21-9am 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; Mary Annie Gregoire, Marie Martinez; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso

Sunday, January 21-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Nolan Bueche III; Roy A. Hebert Family, J. Gerald Dupont, Sr. Family; Mary Font, Leslie Font, Jr., Ross Campesi, Sr., Marion Campesi

Tuesday, January 23-6pm Mass

David G. Hebert, Clancy Ostergren, Roy & Myrle Hebert

Wednesday, January 24-7am Mass

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Allain

Thursday, January 25-7am Mass

Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry, Agnes & Sam Coletti & Family

Friday, January 26-7am Mass

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You are Covered in Prayer

Prayer Blankets

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.



Sanctuary Candle

January 14, 2024

St. John the Evangelist Trista Clair Parro

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Coffee & Donuts

January 21, 2024



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Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

Altar Society Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, January 17 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Angels for Angels

Make an Impact on the Life of a Child

The Angels for Angels program helps 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.

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

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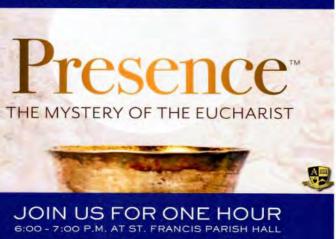
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JANUARY 17, 2024 1. GOD IS WITH US

JANUARY 24, 2024 2. THE STORY OF THE EUCHARIST JANUARY 31, 2024 3. BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

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