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Masses

Saturday Vigil.....4:00 pm
 Sunday....7:30am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am
 Tuesday6:00 pm
 Wednesday7:00 am
 Thursday7:00 am
 Friday7:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 4, 2024

Don't Look Back

It's bad enough that the Israelites were grumbling against their leaders. But they also complain to God that they were better off as slaves in Egypt. After all God did to bring them to freedom, now they want to go back to slavery. Before we judge them too harshly, we might ask ourselves if we ever act like that. For us, it might be looking back on our slavery to sin.

We might confess the sin and say we'll never do that again, but we often can't resist the memory of our past sins. As we hold on to the past, the temptations come back and draw us to repeat our offenses. Even though we know we are better off putting it behind us, we sometimes find it difficult to move on.

So how do we free ourselves from the past? Should we look to the future, instead? If we want to make the world, or just our community, a better place we can make plans. If those plans are ever going to work, we have to begin now. Jesus doesn't tell us to dwell in the past or dream of the future. No, he keeps us focused on the present moment, telling us to believe in Him now, His Father gives us true bread and Jesus is that bread of life.

Those words are just as true today. We may look fondly at the past, but if we don't let Jesus be born again in us, and if we don't take up our crosses each day—we are missing the chance to experience Jesus in us and in the people we live and work with each day.

Tom Schmidt



Pastor's Letter

August 4, 2024

Dear Family:

Our readings begin with the worries of the Israelites who find themselves out of their element. Despite their desires to be their best selves in relationship with God, they are city people now in the Sinai wilderness, wondering what they have done. They question what the future may hold.

In the Gospel, John prepares us for the Bread of Life discourse by gathering those who witnessed the sign of the miraculous feeding of the crowd (6:1-15) and are now wondering about whether Jesus had crossed the sea by another miracle. Jesus' opening challenge to the crowd's superficiality insists that they work for food that endures for eternal life -- nourishment that the Son of Man gives. The crux of this food's true gift is in the future. Facing the question of authentic faith in God's continual presence, Jesus further challenges them to be nourished by believing in the One sent by God.

The next scene opens with the crowd asking Jesus for a sign. As John often indicates, these crowds and religious leaders are locked into a closed system of religion. They affirm what God has done for them through Moses and show no inclination to look elsewhere. Jesus challenges them to transcend that limited understanding and see the "true bread" that God continues to give from heaven. The crowd again intervenes, leading Jesus to identify himself as the true Bread of Life. He is the One sent by God who comes to do the will of God, to draw all who believe in him into eternal life, both here on earth and hereafter in heaven.

Some questions for reflection:

John's gospel demands that we open ourselves to the miraculous, to God working in the world now as we claim that God has worked in the past. How do you respond?

Paul further counsels us to let go of old ways and embrace the truth of Christ and the renewal that Christ gives. What does this mean for you?

Do you have practices that help you renew your spirit and put on the new self created in you by God's way of righteousness, holiness, and truth? If not, what might you do to fill this need?

Peace,

Fr. Greg

100 Year Campaign News

We continue to be grateful for all of you who are contributing to our 100 Year Campaign. We are quite close to our goal and to starting phase 1 of our projects (a new roof). Some parishioners have called and asked if they could send their donations earlier than they had planned just to help us get to our starting point. Of course, we welcome early donations. If there are other parishioners out there who would like to do the same, we will be grateful. Once again, thanks to all who are praying for our success and/or donating to the campaign. Our next Campaign Committee meeting will be Sunday, August 18th. We will offer you new updates after that meeting.



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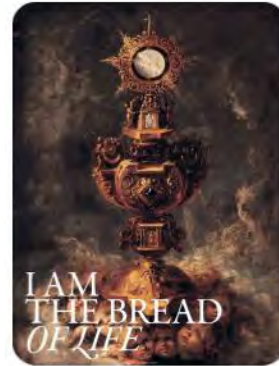
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time #1246

Entrance: I Am the Bread of Life #1029

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: All Who Hunger #1032

Sending Forth: Sing a New Church #848



PSR — Register NOW!!

PSR registration and Sacramental Prep for 2nd and 11th grade students is open for the 2024-2025 school year. You may access registration forms on our church website, stjohnchurchplaq.org under the FORMATION TAB. Schedules are posted.

Volunteer teachers are requested for PSR classes and Children’s Liturgy (after 9am & 11am Masses). Please call the church office at 225.687.2402 if you can help.

Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore. Jesus is Waiting for YOU.

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

He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” —Mark 6:31

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To volunteer for a scheduled hour or as a substitute, contact Patricia Ebert at 225.385.1501 or Bern Ebert at 225.385.1500.



Back to School Rosary

Join the St. John School Family for their Back to School Rosary on Monday, August 5 at 6:30pm at the St. John High School Grotto.

Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm

Church Office Third Floor

Monday, August 5, 2024

Monday, September 9, 2024

Monday, October 7, 2024

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, August 24, 2024 (During Mass)

Saturday, September 21, 2024

Saturday, October 19, 2024

Dates are subject to change. Please contact Lily Skidmore at the church office, 225.687.2402, during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.



August Devotion: The Immaculate Heart of Mary

The heart of Mary is full of love for God, and, because she is sinless, hers is the only human heart capable of loving God the way we were meant to. The image of the Immaculate Heart recognizes Mary’s extraordinary holiness and the great love she has for her son that we are called to imitate.



The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, August 15

We will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Thursday, August 15 with Masses as follows:

7am — St. John Church

8:30am — SJS Mass at St. Clement Chapel

6pm — St. John Church

The Pope’s Prayer Intention for August For Political Leaders

Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW THINKING OF

Becoming Catholic

AN INVITATION TO COME AND SEE

TUESDAY
AUGUST 20
6:30-7:30
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REGISTER
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OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

OCIA is a faith journey open to all unbaptized or baptized Christians who wish to explore more about the Catholic faith and the possibility of becoming Catholic. Current Catholics who may be looking for a refresher about their faith may also attend the inquiry classes in the Fall of 2024.

A "Come and See" session will be hosted by Fr. Greg Daigle on **Tuesday evening, August 20**, from 6:30-7:30pm in the parish hall. Please call the church office to register as well as encourage others to call who may be inquiring about the Catholic faith.

OCIA inquiry classes about our Catholic faith continue every Sunday from 9:30am-10:45am in the church office conference room starting on Sunday, September 8, 2024 through December 8, 2024. After the Christmas season, OCIA catechumenate classes will resume until Easter Vigil Mass with some of the classes being held after 4pm Mass on Saturday for topics like a tour of the church, church history and Holy Orders by outside speakers.

A schedule of topics will be included in upcoming bulletins. For more information, please call Donna Carville at 225.687.2402.

Uniforms for Kids Distribution



The “Uniforms for Kids” program, held on July 23, 2024 at the K. C. Hall, was able to supply **120** families of our community, some with more than one child, with new school uniforms. The remaining uniforms were delivered to the parish schools along with underwear donated by the Catholic Daughters and the Altar Society for their use in those emergency situations that may arise.

Helping with distribution of uniforms are team members, standing, l to r, Sandra Bizette, Nadine Carlin, Bobbie Cavalier, Marie Pugh, Denny Landry, Connie Hebert, Crystie Brocksmith, Sue Gilchrist, coordinator Gwen Hayes, Jennifer Markins and Donna Carville. Seated at the table, l to r, are: Rita Jean Mooney, Audry Blank, Kathleen Doyle and Joyce Quebedeaux. Student helpers seated in front are Addie Blanchard and Caroline Doyle. Not shown is Carolyn Wilson.



Assisting with the heavy lifting for “Uniforms for Kids” distribution are K. C. members, l to r, David LoBue, Barry Lamothe, “Punchy” Daigle, “Boonie” Boudreaux and Ralph Rivet. Not pictured are student helpers, Luke and Jacob Berthelot.

In Loving Memory...

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the following person who donated a memorial gift to St. John the Evangelist Church 100 Year Capital Campaign in loving memory of:

Jennie André

**Donated by:
Stacey Decuir**

Called By Name

Chosen for Consecrated Life

“The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven.” Reflect upon the sacred nature of the divine bread and contemplate if He is calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.



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A grateful acknowledgement is made to the following people who donated a memorial gift to St. John the Evangelist Church 100 Year Capital Campaign in loving memory of:

Kolby Lorio

**Donated by:
Dad, Kacy & Grandparents**

Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

Annual dues of **\$25** are due in August. Dues are the main source of income for the Altar Society to serve both St. John’s and St. Clement’s needs. Use the envelope provided in your August stewardship packet or drop an envelope marked “St. John Altar Society” in the church collection. Please make checks out to St. John Altar Society.

Altar Society Team 1 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, August 7 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 10-4pm 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; Vivian W. Landry; Joseph Graves, W. A. Graves Family, Michael Rarick, Thomas Morales Family; Catherine & Andrew Roucher; Wilfred C. Benoit; Rose Marie Canella LeBlanc, Jamie Cedotal Landry; Ruth & Bill Ostergren; Ruth & Jimmy Keller, Larry Percle, "Se Se" Becnel, Michael Shepherd; Faye & Paul Troxclair, Carolyn Bordelon; Amanda Himel, Augusta Himel, Oleus Blanchard, Enola Blanchard; Jenise & Paul Ortis, Earl & Mary Devillier; Larris Denais; Blake Pizzolato

Sunday, August 11-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, August 11-9am 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; Guy Hopkins & Family; Anthony & Margie Vitale, Lloyd & Lillian Bouchereau; Henry Daigle, Sr.; Anthony "Pet" Cilano; Ann Hymel; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Lawrence & Winnie Miller, Paul & Myrtle Richard, Edward Miller; The Calvaruso Family; Denise Miranda; Jason Guidry; Josie, Frank, Victor & Anthony Canella; Mack, Laura & Michael Lazzaro & Lawrence, Kolby Lorio, "Butch" & Sadie Tullier; Newton Raffray, Jr.; Ida Gaudet Family, Paul Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond; Linda Seneca Raffle

Sunday, August 11-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Michael Shepherd, Ruth "Se Se" Becnel, Ruth Keller, Pauline Becnel; The J. Omer Hebert Family; Edward Kocke, Jr.; Kathy Oliver; William H. Middleton, Middleton & Clouatre Families; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Isaac Vaughn, Sr., Nilda Vaughn; The Currier Families, Betty Keith & Family; Cameron Edward Whatley; Jacqueline Hemenway

Tuesday, August 13-6pm Mass

Colt Rivet; Leigh Dupre; Roland "Dougie" Rivet, Hebert & Rivet Families; Patricia Nelson; Dwight Marix, Carlisle Marix

Wednesday, August 14-7am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Schexnaildre & Nicolosi Families

Thursday, August 15-6pm Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

O. J., Buster & Pearl Hidalgo Songy & Families; Eddie & Virginia Clebert, Ulger & Nilda Daigle, J. A. & Pim Clebert, Alvin J. "Pecan" Daigle; Victor J. Canella, Anthony F. Canella, Frank & Josie Canella; Sylvia Rivet; Joann Daigle; Newton Raffray, Jr.

Friday, August 16-7am Mass

Niece, Nephews, Great niece & Great-great nieces



Sanctuary Candle

August 4, 2024

St. John the Evangelist

Joseph Rockforte

St. Clement of Rome

Wayne Gomez

Coffee & Donuts

August 11, 2024

George & Patricia Ramirez

(7:30am Mass)



Steve & Faith Maddox (9am Mass)



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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings

Week of August 4, 2024

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

Monday

Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Wednesday

Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10-13; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

Friday

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35c-36b, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday

2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8, Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51



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