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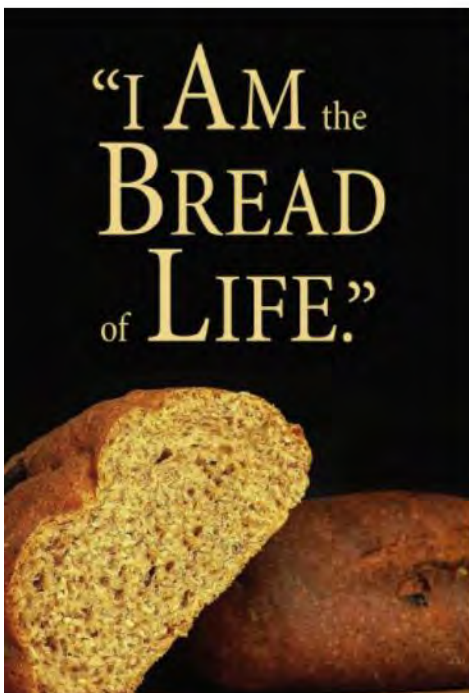
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## Masses

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



## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11, 2024

### Chicken or Egg?

“Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” (Mt 6:12) You could read that line as a warning that God only forgives those who forgive others. Paul reverses that conditional meaning to say that we forgive because God has already forgiven us. So which came first, the chicken or the egg?

In a sense, both are needed: Jesus died on the cross to show that God forgives sins you haven’t even committed yet. We have to want to be forgiven and accept that gift from God. And we also have to be willing to forgive those who have hurt us. There are many ways to do that.

One is to forgive in your heart. If it is someone you love, you know they didn’t mean to hurt you and so you don’t get angry at them. If you don’t love the one who hurt you, you still need to forgive, so you can let go of the hurt. (And be forgiven for not loving your neighbor!)

Paul also tells us to be kind and compassionate (Eph 4:32.) We can go to the next step after forgiving in our hearts: We show our forgiveness in our actions. A friend or relative might get a hug; others might get a handshake or words of forgiveness.

Jesus showed how much God wants to forgive us by his death on the cross. Because we are forgiven, we are then able to forgive others. So while God’s love and forgiveness are always first, we must be able to forgive others so that we can accept it from God.

Tom Schmidt



August 11, 2024

Dear Family:

I pray the summer rest and recreation has been a time of great blessing for you all. We have reached the time of the beginning of a new school year. All our prayers are with you as the rhythm of school time leads the way. With each new beginning we often reach out in prayer to God. What follows are three prayers for us as we begin this school year.

#### For Parents and Grandparents

***Blessed are you Lord God of all creation for you have given us the ability to learn, to grow, to love and to serve. I give my child(ren) to you today and every day. Keep him/her safe and his/her schoolmates safe and protected. I ask that this school year you would use every person, every experience and every lesson to shape him/her into your image to grow in his/her fruit of your Spirit. God, grow in his/her heart. Teach him/her to sacrifice, like you did, giving up what he/she values for the good of others. Bless the teachers and administrators, God. Keep them safe. These men and women who have committed to invest in the next generation. Give them discernment and wisdom to see each student's unique abilities and gifts. Multiply their preparations and may their plans be fruitful. Fill the day with moments of wonder. Remind them of their special place in the lives of their students and give them confidence in their abilities. And for all the parents/grandparents, Lord, I pray for peace. Give us plenty to do so we don't have time to worry or grow anxious. Help us to be extraordinarily grateful for the privilege of parenting. Fill us with wisdom as we watch our children grow. Grant us patience and kindness as they stretch their wings. Hold us close to you as we learn to let them go. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

#### For Students

***Blessed are you Lord God of all creation who teach us your ways through your son Jesus. Thank you for being beside me. Thank you for this new school year. Please be there to hold my hand. Please help me to relax and enjoy the day. Bring new friendships into my life. Bring new possibilities to learn and grow. Help me to pray in my heart to you if I am anxious. Help me to remember that you are always with me. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

#### Child's Primary School Prayer

***Dear God,  
Be with us today.  
Fill our hearts with joy.  
Fill our minds with learning.  
Fill our classrooms with peace.  
Fill our lessons with fun.  
Fill our friendships with kindness.  
Fill our school year with love. Amen.***

Have a great first week of school.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

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## The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Thursday, August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we will honor Our Heavenly Mother.

Mass times are:

**7am Mass — St. John Church**

**8:30am St. John School Mass — St. Clement**

**6pm Mass — St. John Church**

The St. John Church Office will be closed Thursday, August 15 in observance of The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

### Prayer for Protection from A Hurricane

*Our Father in Heaven,  
through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor,  
spare us during this hurricane season from all harm.  
Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature.  
Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



### Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

#### Baptism Seminars

Monday, September 9, 2024

Monday, October 7, 2024

#### Baptisms

Saturday, August 24, 2024 (During Mass)

Saturday, September 21, 2024

Saturday, October 19, 2024

The Baptism Seminars are held on the third floor of the church office at 7pm. The Baptisms are usually held on the fourth Saturday of the month following 4pm Mass.

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.

### Ritualsong

#### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time #1249

Entrance: All Are Welcome #925

Preparation: \*\*Instrumental\*\*

Communion: Eat This Bread #1033

Sending Forth: Where Charity and Love Prevail #809

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### Eucharistic Adoration

#### Come and Adore. Jesus is Waiting for YOU.

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.

### Scripture Readings

#### Week of August 11, 2024

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8, Ps 34:2-9;

Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Monday Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;

Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday Ez 2:8—3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103,

111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday Ez 9:1-7, 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6;

Mt 18:15-20

Thursday Solemnity of the Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10bc,

11-12ab, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27;

Lk 1:39-56

Friday Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:59-63;

Is 12:2-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-19;

Mt 19:13-15

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20;

Jn 6:51-58

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## One Minute Meditations

### St. John Vianney

Difficulties with his studies almost cost St. John Vianney the priesthood.



Ordained because of his goodness, he had a gift for reading souls. As the Curé (pastor) of Ars, France, he was confronted with people who were indifferent to Christ and comfortable in their lifestyles. To remedy this, he spent many hours fasting and praying. He spent as many as sixteen hours a day hearing confessions. His spiritual insight and good example reclaimed thousands of lapsed Catholics.

### Don't avoid the fight

The ongoing battle for holiness can wear us down. The truth is that even if we fall a thousand times, we fight with Christ by our side. The effort pleases Him more than an easy and comfortable victory. He reminds us: Everyone who wants to be His disciple must take up their cross and follow Him.

*"God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar."*

St. Maximilian Kolbe



## Savor the fullness of Scripture

"To get the full flavor of an herb, it must be pressed between the fingers; so it is the same with the Scriptures. If you want to get the full flavor of the

Scriptures, crush them by reading and meditation." St. John Chrysostom. Immerse yourself in God's Word to grow in holiness in this life and be happy in the next. Here's how:

**Get a Catholic Bible:** Ensure you have a Catholic Bible, which contains all the inspired books. The Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition (RSVce) is an excellent choice, offering clear translations and helpful footnotes. It's also available online.

**Read and listen:** The Holy Spirit is

the ultimate guide to understanding Scripture. Pray for His guidance (John 16:13) and pay attention when a verse or word stands out to you.

Reflect on these moments as they often serve as conversation starters with God in prayer.

**Savor slowly:** Praying with Scripture is like enjoying a fine meal. Take it slowly, savoring small portions to fully appreciate its richness. Choose a random or favorite verse and meditate on it deeply.

**Keep a record:** It's not necessary to journal daily, but keeping a regular prayer journal helps document lessons, thoughts, and Bible verses that strike you from your time in prayer. This "oasis" can be a source of encouragement during tough times.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics have seven Sacraments?

Sacraments are "efficacious signs, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church" to convey grace (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*). Grace is a share in God's divine life. Just as food, rest, and medicine maintain our bodies, the Sacraments maintain our



souls. The number of Sacraments was fixed at seven by the Council of Trent on March 3, 1547. These are Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Confession, Holy Orders, Matrimony, and Anointing of the Sick. Each has its roots in the New Testament Scriptures.

## Use distractions to reconnect with God

The strain of a busy life can distract us from making holiness our focus. Yet, we have no hope of achieving holiness or true happiness unless God remains our focus. Pope Francis reminds us, "If the events of our life... risk suffocating the gift of prayer within us, it is enough to contemplate a starry sky, a sunset, a flower, to reignite the spark of thanksgiving." Use moments of distraction as opportunities to reconnect with God.

**Combat tunnel vision:** When confronted with a

problem, it's okay to pause and troubleshoot. If discouragement dominates your thoughts and prayers, step outside yourself. Go for a walk, chat with a friend, read a psalm, or pray for the souls in Purgatory. These actions can help shift your focus and renew your perspective.

**Cultivate holy wonder:** Appreciating the beauty of creation can be a natural gateway to prayer. Stroll through a park, admire the flowers, or listen to the birds and the wind. Such beauty often reconnects us to God when words fail.



### from Scripture

#### John 6:60-69, Live-giving truth

The sixth chapter of St. John's Gospel is foundational for Catholic understanding of the Eucharist. In this reading, Jesus declared that He is the Bread of Life and unless we eat His flesh and drink His blood, we will not have eternal life.

Jewish dietary laws strictly prohibited the consumption of blood, making Jesus' offer of His own shocking and offensive. His listeners failed to see beyond the graphic interpretation of His words and many abandoned Him.

Even the Apostles were troubled by this teaching. Yet, when Jesus asked if

they too would leave, Peter spoke for the group, saying, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).

Peter recognized the divine truth and life-giving power in Jesus' teachings, despite their challenging nature.

As followers of Christ, we are reminded to echo Peter's words:

*"Master, you have the words of eternal life."* This chapter not only emphasizes the importance of the Eucharist in Catholic faith but also highlights the need for trust and faith in Jesus' teachings, even when they are hard to understand.



### Q & A How do saints pray?

What do "holy people's" prayers sound like? We imagine sublime and poetic musings on God's perfection. In fact, the saints, while very holy, are also human and intimate with God. Here's a brief glimpse into some saintly prayers to inspire your own:



"If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few!" St. Teresa of Avila uttered this humorous phrase after being thrown from her cart into the mud. It reflects her candid and down-to-earth relationship with God.

"Beware of Philip, Lord. He may yet betray you." St. Philip Neri, known for his wisdom, humor, and impulsive nature, knew his own weaknesses. Rather than make excuses for himself, he confessed his errors and asked for increased graces to remain faithful to God.

"Jesus, may I put on a good face!" This prayer was recommended by St. Josemaría Escrivá to someone tasked with an "unpleasant and repulsive" chore. St. Josemaría said that sometimes the hardest cross can be fulfilling our toughest responsibilities with "a good face."

### Feasts & Celebrations

**August 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal (1641).** Born wealthy in Dijon, France, Jane married the Baron de Chantal and had four children. Widowed after only seven years, she founded the Order of the Visitation with St. Francis de Sales, for those unable to enter a convent.

**August 15 - Solemnity of the Assumption.** Declared a dogma of faith in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, this celebrates Mary's being taken up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life. Today is a holy

day of obligation.

**August 19 - St. John Eudes (1680).** Born on a farm in Normandy, France, John became a priest and parish missionary. He founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (Eudists) in 1643 to promote devotion to the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts.

**Aug. 24 - St. Bartholomew the Apostle (1st Century).** Bartholomew is thought by some scholars to be the Apostle, Nathanael (John 1:46). After Jesus's Ascension, Nathanael spread Christianity to India and Armenia, where he was martyred.



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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, August 17-4pm Mass**

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**Sunday, August 18-7:30am Mass**

St. John Parishioners

**Sunday, August 18-9am Mass**

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**Sunday, August 18-11am Mass**

Cindy Dickerson; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Margaret Landry, Sidney Hedges, Jr.; Wayne & Colby Gomez, Pitre & Gomez Families; Marie Kocke

**Tuesday, August 20-6pm Mass**

Bret Thompson; Fr. Joseph Leo Wingler

**Wednesday, August 21-7am Mass**

Ed Bahry

**Thursday, August 22-7am Mass**

Lorraine "Catty" Hebert, Mary Kay Marchand Hudson, Hebert & Clement Families

**Friday, August 23-7am Mass**

Larry Skidmore, Walter Mazone, Hilda Carter



**Sanctuary Candle**

**August 11, 2024**

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**August 18, 2024**

**Ed & Anne Reeves** (7:30am Mass)

**Lee Ann Howard & Amy Bradford** (9am Mass)



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Altar Society Team 2 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, August 14 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.



August 11, 2024

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Called By Name**

**Chosen for Consecrated Life**

"I will raise him on the last day."  
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