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Masses

Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday7:30am, 9:00 ar	n, 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



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 1, 2024

Laws of Love

When someone mentions laws and/or commandments, we usually think of them as burdens that we have to bear to be good citizens or church members. But if you listen carefully to the first reading from Deuteronomy, you get the sense that the laws Moses presented to the people of Israel were a gift from God, something to be proud of. Moses gives two reasons for this. Moses presents the laws as wise and just, so much so that other nations would praise and envy the Israelites for having such laws. Some of the nations around at the time had kings who used the law to keep themselves in power and make them wealthy.

The second reason was that they showed how much God cared for his people, that he would guide them in their everyday lives and hear their prayers. Though God is greater than they could comprehend, he is also nearer than we think. This brings us to Jesus, who shows us the Father and who made the law both simpler and more challenging.

Jesus simplified the laws by showing us that loving God and loving our neighbors as ourselves was the basis of all God's laws. The challenge is to do more than simply avoid hurting or cheating others. We are to love one another as Jesus loves us. That means reaching out to those in need, forgiving our enemies, caring for the sick or dying. And don't forget about loving God: How often do we even think about Him, thank Him for all we have, or take time to listen to Him? Do we love Jesus so much that we want other people to know him too? If we are willing to accept the challenge to love God and neighbor, we will not have to worry about breaking laws. Tom Schmidt

Mission Appeal for the Catholic Diocese of Warangal, India

Spreading the Word of God

Please give a warm Plaquemine welcome to Fr. Albeen Vatti who will be celebrating Eucharist with us and making a missionary appeal this weekend, August 31-September 1 in support of the Tribal Evangelization and Health Programs in the Catholic Diocese of Warangal, India.

Fr. Vatti is a diocesan priest from the Diocese of Warangal, India presently working for the Catholic Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi.

A second collection will be taken, and we kindly ask for your support of the mission of the Universal Church. Please make your check payable to St. John the Evangelist, and include "Mission Appeal (MCP)" in the memo line.

He said to them, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." —Mark 16:15

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:

Roselyn Sanchez

Donated by: Stacey Decuir

OCIA

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. 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 9:30-10:45am in the church office conference room starting <u>Sunday</u>, <u>September 8</u> through Sunday, <u>December 8</u>, 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 church history, Holy Orders and a tour of the church by outside speakers. A schedule of topics will be included in upcoming bulletins. For more information, please call Donna Carville at 225.687.2402.

Ritualsong

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time #1258

Entrance: For the Beauty of the Earth #734

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: Christ, Be Our Light! #692

Sending Forth: Let All Things Now Living #747



Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore. Jesus 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 Patricia Ebert at 225.385.1501 or Bern Ebert at 225.385.1500.



Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars

Monday, September 9, 2024 Monday, October 7, 2024 Monday, November 4, 2024

Baptisms

Saturday, September 21, 2024 Saturday, October 19, 2024 Saturday, November 23, 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.

Parish Activities - September 2024 Sunday, September 1 Missionary Priest at All Masses......Church Monday, September 2 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED Sunday, September 8 OCIA Begins......Conference Room 9:30-10:45am Ladies of Peter Claver......Church 11am Mass Holy Spirit Prayer GroupChurch 4-6pm Monday, September 9 CDA MeetingParish Hall 2-3pm Baptism Seminar Conference Room Wednesday, September 11 SJS Grandparents MassSt. Clement 11am Sunday, September 15 OCIA......Conference Room 9:30-10:44 PSR MassChurch 11am Thursday, September 19 Bible Study begins......Conference Room 1:30-3pm, 6:15-7:45 Saturday, September 21 Baptisms......Church Following 4pm Mass Sunday, September 22 OCIA......Conference Room 9:30-10:45am Monday, September 23 Bible Study Begins Conference Room 4-5:30pm Tuesday, September 24 Altar Society Meeting Conference Room 9:30am Thursday, September 26 Bible Study Conference Room 1:30-3pm, 6:15-7:45pm Sunday, September 29 OCIA......Conference Room 9:30-10:45 Monday, September 30 Bible Study Conference Room 4-5:30pm

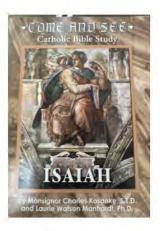
Our office will be closed Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

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Growing in Faith

Bible Study

Our Fall/Spring Catholic Bible Study will be on the book of **Isaiah**, one of the greatest prophets of the Old Testament and clear links to Jesus. It will take us both the fall and spring to do this study because of its fullness of wonderful news from our Lord and Savior - prophecies about the birth of Jesus and about His life as our suffering servant.

Classes will begin on **Thursday, September 19** from 1:30 -3pm and 6:15-7:45pm; Monday classes begin **Monday, September 23** from 1-2:30pm.

The study guides (\$25) are available in the church office. You may pick up your copy now or at the first class. Please make checks payable to St. John Church.

Coffee & Donuts

September 8, 2024

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



Tom & Germaine Bradley (9am Mass)



Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

September 2024

St. John the Evangelist

Rev. Gregory J. Daigle

One Minute Meditations

St. Peter Claver

served.

Born into a farming family in Spain in 1580, St. Peter joined the Jesuits at the age of twenty and was ordained in 1615. While serving in Colombia in 1610, he was horrified by the slave trade. Rushing to meet each arriving slave ship, he brought water, medicine, food, and clothing to the enslaved people on board. He taught them about God and baptized nearly 300,000 individuals. St. Peter lived humbly and penitentially, in solidarity with those he

Don't delay to seek Love

Don't wait to become perfect before seeking God's love, or you never will. The good news is, we don't have to. God already loves us infinitely. When we accept His love and grace with open hands, it will transform our hearts.

"My steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you" (Isaiah 54:10).

Find true peace

As Catholics, we understand that the key to true happiness and peace lies in proclaiming Christ as our Lord and following Him faithfully. By knowing Jesus, experiencing His love, keeping His Commandments,

and serving Him in others, we will find genuine joy, fulfillment, and peace.

Know Jesus and experience His love: God invites each of us to enter into a deep friendship with Him (John 15:15). This friendship is characterized by mutual respect, intimacy, and cooperation. Jesus reveals His love for us through the Scriptures, the Sacraments of the personal, everlasting love for you. That's a prayer He is eager to answer.

Love Him back: Do you know someone who claims to care but ignores what you say? Jesus, our greatest Friend, asks us to listen to Him. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments"

(John 14:15). By living the Ten Commandments and the Eight Beatitudes (see Matthew 5:3-ff), we demonstrate our love for lesus.

Serve Him in our neighbors: For Mother Teresa, serving the poor was synonymous with serving Jesus (Matthew

25:40). She prepared their beds and treated their wounds as if He were the next to use them. By performing ordinary tasks with love and intentionality, we can experience true and lasting happiness.

Why Do Catholics Do That

Church, and especially through the

Mass. In prayer, ask God to reveal His

Why are there Church's precepts?

Just as families have household rules guiding how each member contributes to supporting the home, the Catholic Church has issued rules, called precepts, that act as the principal

obligations of every Catholic. These are: attend Mass every Sunday and Holy

Day of Obligation, receive Communion and attend Confession at least once annually, study Catholic teaching, observe the Church's marriage laws, give children religious training, to strengthen and support the parish community, do penance, and join in the Church's mission.

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Growing in Faith™

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Mistakes can be blessings

Do you dread making mistakes and feel remorse when you do? Instead, realize that mistakes are simply outcomes we didn't expect and can lead to growth.

Start by admitting your mistake. You can only learn from a mistake if you admit you made one. Acknowledging the error takes the focus away from assigning blame and moves it toward understanding a future course of action.

Enlist help. Talking to someone else about what happened gives you the benefit of another's experience.

He or she may have made a similar mistake or know of a solid solution. Plus, describing the event forces you to think it through and may even help you see opportunities you didn't know were there.

Decide on change. Ask, "What will I do better next time?" Real growth and change happen when you see possibilities for improvement.

Benefit from mistakes. If you can learn from the current error, you may be able to avoid a future one.

Remember, God is the only one you know who doesn't make mistakes.

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Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48, The demands of discipleship

In this Gospel passage, the disciples hear about an unfamiliar man who healed in Jesus' name. Their initial reaction was one of jealousy. They seemed more concerned about losing the spotlight than the healing itself. Jesus put things into perspective. The

man shared their goal of building up God's Kingdom.
They gained an ally, not an enemy.

Discipleship requires a change of heart, lifestyle, and habits. Jesus was very clear: if we choose to follow Him, we cannot harbor private sins on the side. If our sins lead others into sin, our responsibility is even greater.

These are serious words, but the opposite is great news: "Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will

be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven"
(Matthew 5:19). God rewards us for the good we do for others. Our example holds powerful influence.

Being a faithful disciple isn't easy. Embracing unfamiliar coworkers, rooting out sin, and setting a good example can be challenging, but we are not alone, nor are we without grace. Whatever God asks us to sacrifice, the reward will be infinitely greater.

Feasts & 🖊 🔘 Celebrations

Sept. 3 - St. Gregory the Great (604). St. Gregory resigned as chief prefect of Rome to become a monk at the Abbey of St. Andrew. As Pope, he used his political skills to make peace with the invading Lombards, save Rome from famine, and restore order within the Church itself.

Sept. 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows. In Luke 2:35, Simeon predicted Mary's sorrows as "a sword piercing" her soul. Despite her sorrow, Mary stood at the foot of the Cross, dignified and fearless while others ran away.

Sept. 27 - St. Vincent de Paul (1660). St. Vincent de Paul was devoted to the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick. He founded several hospitals and ransomed over 1,200 galley slaves from North Africa.

Sept. 29 - The Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. Three archangels entrusted with important missions to mankind, such as St. Gabriel's visit to the Blessed Mother, announcing she was to be the Mother of God.



Q&A

How can I get better at defending my beliefs?

A good way to be able to explain your beliefs is to have solid information handy.

To start, keep a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church handy. It summarizes what we believe and why, with an excellent glossary to help navigate. You can buy it from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (www. usccb.org, 800-235-8722).

Read some common questions and answers about Catholic faith and practices by Church experts. For example, a helpful resource, Catholic Answers to Catholic Questions, by Paul Thigpen, Ph.D., is available at Our Sunday Visitor books (www.osv.com, 800-348-2440). Or, ask your priest for a Church-approved recommendation.

Know the common misconceptions. There are many misunderstandings about the Catholic Faith. Knowing what the Church actually teaches on topics like the Eucharist, Mary, the Saints, and salvation will prepare you to clarify these points.

Don't forget to ask for help from the Holy Spirit. In fact, just let the Spirit do the talking.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 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; O. J., Buster & Pearl Hidalgo Songy & Families; John & Ann Ruiz, Joseph Ruiz, Lena P. Brooks; Tina & Jake Loyacano, Vincent M. Ferachi, Dudley Landry Family, Joe Coletti Sr. Family; Yves & Vera Ramirez, Jerry & Jane, Kirsch Kember; Mary & Chuchie Flatau, Anthony & Carmella Orcino, Orcino & Flatau Families; Brennan Bujol, Pim & NuNu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Derley Barbier; John E., Cecile D. & Maurice E. Brown, Joan B. Heath, Brown & Duhon Families; Ronnie Palermo, Brown Family, Palermo Family; M/M L. J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; Pauline Hebert; Alfred, Mercedese, Lester & Mary Carville, Reid & Gerry Rainey, Edmund & Louise Bujol; Sidney "Benny", Rose & Sid Quatrevingt, Gulotta Family; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; Larry Percle, "SeSe" Becnel, James, Wade & Chuckie Keller; M/M Tony Falcon, Anthony Falcon, Brandy Quatrevingt, M/M Frank Tempanaro, Camille Tempanaro, Paula Morales, M/M Ray Murry, M/M Earl Quatrevingt, M/M C. J. Saurage, M/M Ronald Lee Gary, Tommy, Jay, Brian & Randy Quatrevingt; Hubert Millet, Milda Millet, M/M Tony Louis, M/M Harold Marionneaux; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Lapeze Family, Ragusa Family; Carol Brandt, Raymond & Amanda Ducote; M/M J. E. Dupont, Pat Dupont, Kathy D. Fulton, M/M Wilton Watts, Francis LeFleur; Souls in Purgatory Who died from COVID; M/M Victor Crescionne, Crescionne Family, Michelle Family, Sister Joycelin Staempfli

Sunday, September 8-7:30am Mass — St. John Parishioners

Sunday, September 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; Frances Santangelo LeBlanc, Rita & Mike Santangelo, Anatole Santangelo; Dudley & Marie Ragusa LeBlanc, Terry Landry, Sr. & Jr., Kynlee Bueche; Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry, Agnes & Sam Coletti & Family; Rosemary Cox; Anthony & Margie Vitale, Lloyd & Lillian Bouchereau; Joe & Maggie Gullotto, George Gullotto, A. J. & Lola Adams; Clinton & Wendell Fournerat; Roland "Dougie" Rivet & Rivet Families; Anthony "Pet" Cilano; Rose Marie Canella LeBlanc, Jamie Cedotal Landry; Robert Jude Grace, Dianne Grace; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Shane Smith; Gladys "Butsy" Palermo, Peter A. Palermo, Patrick Burleigh, Douglas Brewer; Alberta Buquoi, Michael Clause, Mary Jo Primeaux; Denise Miranda; Jason Guidry; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Seneca Rafflee; Souls in Purgatory Who died from COVID

Sunday, September 8-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Michael Shepherd, Ruth "SeSe" Becnel, Pauline & Alcee Becnel, Jr.; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Patrick, J. P. & Anna Gaudet; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; Pat Messina; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Margaret Landry, Sidney Hedges, Jr.; Dianne Grace; Paul, Doris & Charles Barbier, Harry Marionneaux

Tuesday, September 10-6pm Mass

Colt Rivet, Leigh Dupre; J. R. Boudreaux, Virgie Junot & Family; William H. Middleton. Middleton & Clouatre Families; Christopher Stassi; Matthew, Doris, Guy & The Allen Family; Souls in Purgatory Who died from COVID; Louis Marix; Dominick Campesi

Wednesday, September 11-7am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Schexnaildre & Nicolosi Families

Thursday, September 12-7am Mass

Cathie, Earle Sr. & Debbie Blanchard

Friday, September 13-7am Mass

Ed Bahry

Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

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



Sanctuary Candle
September 1, 2024
St. John the Evangelist
Mr. John Caffarel

St. Clement of Rome Larry Skidmore & Walter Mazone

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings

Week of September 1, 2024

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27;

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102;

Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14;

Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21;

Lk 4:38-44

1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1-6; Thursday

Lk 5:1-11

1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, Friday

39-40; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21;

Lk 6:1-5

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

The Pope's Prayer Intention for September

For the Cry of the Earth

Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental

disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.



Called By Name Chosen for Consecrated Life

"Keep the commandments of the Lord." Seek a life deeply aligned with His divine will and purpose. If you feel He is

calling you to become a priest or religious brother or sister, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.





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