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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
 Saturday3:00-3:30 pm



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 8, 2024

Royal Treatment

St. James is exaggerating a little when he describes how people might greet visitors or new members in the church. Sadly, prejudice is a sin that is just as prevalent today as it was 2000 years ago. Today we have laws for business and government to prevent prejudice. But the subtler forms of judging people by their race, clothing, speech, religion, etc. sometimes hide behind patriotism, faith, or the desire to protect our families.

One reason for prejudice is ignorance. When you get an e-mail that says “true Americans” are white, English-speaking Christians, there is probably some prejudice behind it. The only way to fight ignorance is with the truth. Jesus himself said the truth will set you free. (Jn 8:32) He told us that God loves all people, even sinners, so what right do we have to judge someone just because they are different?

A second reason for prejudice is fear. We are told that certain

neighborhoods are dangerous. Or an older adult sees three teenage boys walking down the street and because of her fear, she thinks they could be gang members. But remember how many times Jesus tells us in the gospels, “Do not be afraid.”

If we can learn to see Christ in all peoples, regardless of their race or lifestyle, we are beginning to leave prejudice behind. If we teach our children to respect the poor, the disabled, the homeless, we can help them to understand what James meant about God choosing the “poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom.” (Jas 2:5)

Tom Schmidt



Pastor's Letter

September 8, 2024

Dear Family:

This week's readings are powerful calls to attend to those who are the most marginalized in our societies. All four selections indicate that God is particularly interested in and concerned for those who need God most, what the Church has deemed God's "preferential option for the poor." Isaiah sends comfort to those who find themselves living in fear. Water, the power over which the Scriptures assign to

God alone, symbolizes God's sustaining the faithful in even the dire situations this world might impose. Psalm 146 likewise extols God's justice for the oppressed.

James' letter to the early Christian communities is known for his challenge to the rich. In our passage he focuses on God's impartiality in welcoming people from all social strata into relationship with God. He further suggests that the marginalized in this world are especially close to God. They are rich in faith and equal heirs in the kingdom of God. This message is especially powerful in a particularly hierarchical and classist society.

Mark continues this sort of teaching in his Gospel account of Jesus encountering a man limited in both hearing and speaking in the Gentile region of the Decapolis. Jesus, like the scriptural teaching about God, shows partiality for neither class nor ethnicity as he interacts with one who needs him and has been brought to him in faith.

Some questions for reflection:

The Scriptures challenge Christians to work for justice for all people, regardless of race, gender, class, or ethnicity. What more can you do to work for justice?

James summons us to cross social and class boundaries to welcome the "other" into our churches, our community, and our hospitable gatherings. How might you rise to this challenge?

Do you believe in miracles? If not, why not? if so, what do they look like in your twenty-first century context? Are there ways that we can better recognize God' miraculous activity in our lives and in the world around us?

I pray you all had a blessed Labor Day and that our days ahead together are blessed.

Peace,
Fr. Greg

100 YEAR CAMPAIGN UPDATE

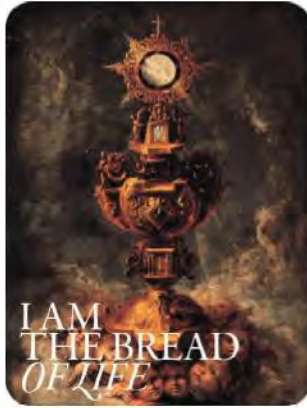
Our 100 Year Campaign Committee met recently to celebrate the good news of **YOUR** great generosity that has helped us to reach our Phase 1 goal. We are now preparing to receive bids for our roof and the work on the windows of our Church. There are still some matters to take care of as we move forward. A few more design plans and approval of those plans by the diocesan building committee and diocesan finance office will take place. Still, I am amazed that we have reached this point, due to your generous hearts, within a year's time. Nonetheless, there is much more to do.

Thanks so much for all you have done so far to achieve our goal of restoring our historic church building. So many of you continue to fulfill your pledges and make all this possible. We are humbled by your love and care for our church.

For those who missed it, earlier this summer there were two Saturday Vigil Masses when our church air conditioning did not work. Those who were here, can attest to how horrible it was those two Saturdays. Again, due to the great generosity of an anonymous donor, we were able to replace a control board that can also be used when we start construction on the second phase dealing with new air conditioning and heating.

I offer thanks and prayers of gratitude for you all. Thanks for giving to our campaign. If you have not yet contributed to the campaign, perhaps now that you see things happening you might consider doing so. Please continue to pray for the success of our campaign.

Peace,
Fr. Greg



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.

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 Sunday, September 8 through Sunday, 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 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.



Called By Name Chosen for Consecrated Life

“He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.” If you feel Christ encouraging you to be a transformative instrument

as 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.

Ritualsong

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time #1261

Entrance: Seek Ye First #800

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: Open My Eyes #763

Sending Forth: O God, Our Help in Ages Past #804

At 11am Mass, we welcome the Ladies of Peter Claver who are celebrating the Feast of St. Peter Claver.

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:

John F. “Bae” Schexnaildre

Donated by:

Kattie S. Nicolosi

Holy Spirit Prayer Group

A Community of Faith Praying for Others

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet Sunday, September 8 in church from 4-6pm. The mission of the prayer group is to offer praise to God, and intercessory prayers for individuals, our community and the needs of the world. For more information, call the church office at 225.687.2402.



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.



The Adult Choir will be returning to the choir loft on Sunday, September 8th at the 9:00 a.m. mass. Why not take this opportunity to join us and become a member of our group? We would love to have you with us. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Medric at the church office, 687-2402.

"Come and see!! Come and sing!!"



Scripture Readings

Week of September 8, 2024

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10;
 Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Monday
 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12;
 Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday
 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1-6, 9;
 Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday
 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12,
 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday
 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3,
 13, 14b, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday
 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6,
 12; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday
 Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38;
 Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Is 50:4c-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9;
 Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

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 before the study begins or you can purchase it at the first class. If paying by check, please make your check out to St. John Church.

International Acadian Festival Miss Evangeline and Runners-Up



Congratulations to the young ladies who were chosen as Miss Evangeline 2024 and the runners-up. Miss Evangeline 2023 Mackenzie Grace Janét, left, daughter of Layne Janét and the late Cary Janét is shown with, l to r, 1st runner-up Ainsley Marie Crowson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clark Crowson, Miss Evangeline 2024 Olivia Ann Sanchez, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Keith Sanchez and 2nd runner-up Camille Nichols Haydel, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Haydel.

The International Acadian Festival will take place October 25-27, 2024 at 57845 Foundry Street, Plaquemine. Photo credit Donna Kirkland

September Devotion: The Seven Sorrows of Mary

Mary's Immaculate Heart is often depicted as pierced by seven swords, representing the sorrows that she experienced with and alongside her Son. In perfect obedience to God and His will, Mary consented to her Son's passion and death, entering into his sorrow in a way only a mother can.

St. John School News

2024 Distinguished Graduate Nominations

If you know an Eagle alum who has done great things since graduation, nominate them for this year's Distinguished Graduate Award! The nomination form is in the news section of www.stjohnschool.org, and allows you to list the service and professional accomplishments that set your nominee apart! Nomination forms are due **Oct. 1**—only completed nomination forms will be considered.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 14-4pm 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; Kristina Mellema; John Caffarel, Sr.; Alcee & Pauline Becnel, Evans & Virgie Dugas; Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim & NuNu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Dixie & Murray Suffrin; Amelia, Wheel & Gayle Badeaux; J. W. & Sue Bryant; Harold & Helen Raber, Victor & Grace Salvadras; Joseph Graves, W. A. Graves Family, Michael Rarick, Thomas Morales Family; Callahan, Clement & Mayon Families; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P. W. Albert, Jr.; Anthony "Tonto" Pizzolato; Huey Hebert; Janice Brown; Faye & Paul Troxclair, Carolyn Bordelon; Kelly Crochet, Henry Himel, Louis Himel, John Himel; Aubry Quebedeaux, Dub, Aline & Mit Comeaux; George O. Michel, Alvin Joseph Daigle, Sr. Family, Anatole Nestor Michel Family; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Yvonne Curry; Alvin "Pecan" Daigle; Sylvia Rivet; Kearney Sr., Sadie & Kearney Jr. Thibodeaux, Betty T. Musco and The Suggs Family; Souls in Purgatory Who died from COVID

Sunday, September 15-7:30am Mass — St. John Parishioners

Sunday, September 15-9am 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; Kristina Mellema; James Roucher; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; Father Mark Beard, Leslie Font, Jr., Mary Font, Ross Campesi, Sr.; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; The Calvaruso Family; Denise Miranda; Allen Cavalier; Josie, Frank, Victor & Anthony Canella; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Seneca Rafflee; Victor J. Canella, Anthony F. Canella, Frank & Josie Canella; Newton Raffray, Jr.; Souls in Purgatory Who died from COVID

Sunday, September 15-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson: Edward Kocke, Jr., Kathy Oliver; Wayne & Colby Gomez, Pitre & Gomez Families; William Barker III Family, William Barker, Jr., David Wendt & Family, Josh Barker; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Ezora Hedges, Sidney Hedges, Sr.; The Currier Families, Betty Keith & Family; Marie Kocke; Cameron Edward Whatley

Tuesday, September 17-6pm Mass

Alfred & Mercedes Carville; Gloria Cedotal; Souls in Purgatory Who died from COVID; Louis Marix; Dominick Campesi

Wednesday, September 18-7am Mass

Lloyd Bouchereau, Sr.

Thursday, September 19-7am Mass

Missy Hopkins

Friday, September 20-7am Mass

Roy & Myrle Hebert



Sanctuary Candle

September 8, 2024

St. John the Evangelist
Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio, Pauline E. deVerges & Ed Engolio, Jr.

St. Clement of Rome
Rose Marie Canella LeBlanc

Coffee & Donuts

September 15, 2024

Lou Anna Canella & Lionel Schexnaldre
 (7:30am Mass)



Ruel & Diana Seneca (9am Mass)

Altar Society

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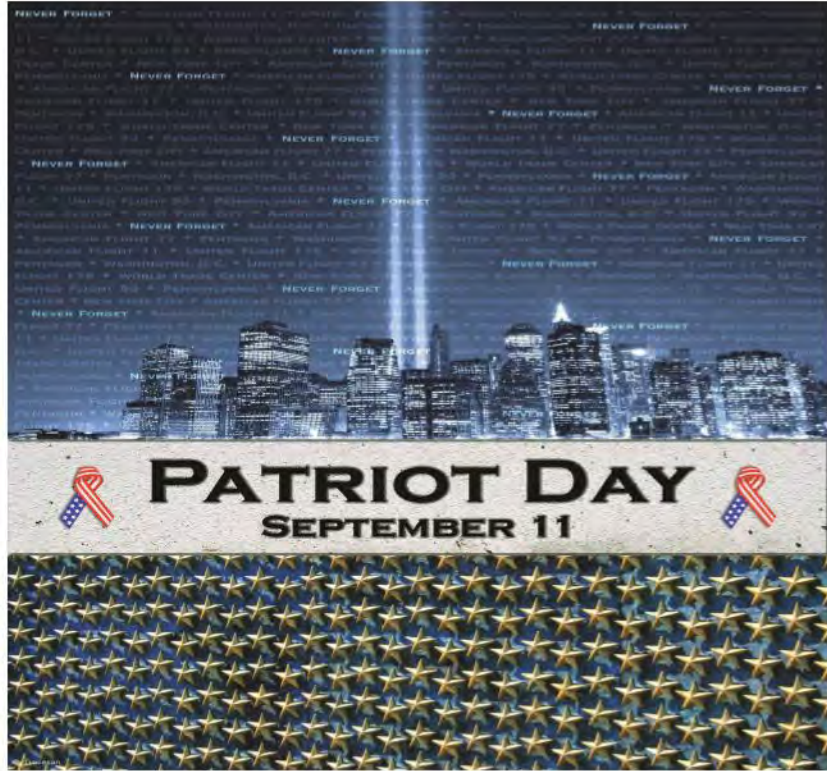
Altar Society Team 2 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, September 11 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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