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Masses

Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday7:30am, 9:00 a	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

YOU ARE MY INHERITANCE, O LORD!

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 17, 2024

Holy Time Warp

In our second reading from Hebrews, we see that when Jesus allowed himself to be crucified he was actually being a priest, offering himself for the sins of the world. After giving his life for us, he takes his place as God's equal. He is now the eternal Priest, so all clergy since the time of Jesus are visible signs of that priesthood.

When we celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus' sacrifice is there. We are present at his death and resurrection, without needing a flux capacitor or a time warp. His sacrifice is an eternal one, redeeming all past and future sins. So if you have come back to church after being absent for years, God has already offered you forgiveness.

The Eucharist also reminds us that Jesus is present in glory, with us always, sharing his priesthood with all the baptized. We can show God's mercy by forgiving each other. Since Jesus lives in us, we offer our lives as sacrifice for sins. Does that mean we are supposed to seek ways to suffer? No, it means the suffering we cannot avoid can become our offering to God, a way to take up our cross as Jesus did, and a way to experience God's power in our weakness.

At the Eucharist, we pray with the priest, "that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God..." All the sacrifices we make, from accepting serious illness, to giving up something for Lent, are ways we take part in the priesthood of Christ.

Tom Schmidt



Pastor's Letter

November 17, 2024

Dear Family:

Daniel 12 reveals the climax of God's work in history. In apocalyptic form, the passage comforts the afflicted through imagery of heavenly battle and earthly recompense. The author reassures the faithful of the integrity of creation and God's fidelity to his covenanted

people by confirming both God's sovereignty and the justice through which God works in creation. For the first time, an unmitigated claim for individual resurrection is made; but this too is part and parcel of God's righteous plan. Creation has a purposeful beginning, middle, and end. Science affirms the finiteness of nature; faith affirms that it has a purpose. God's purposes determine the course of every aspect of creation. What is new in Daniel 12 is the notion that those who hold these tenets can transcend death.

God's presence is unfailing. And yet, God is not in the business of protecting people from pain. We are to act wisely, turn others to righteousness, and wait. Pain triggers responses to one another in a way that the absence of pain could not facilitate. What God offers is struggle, endurance, and guidance for those who reach for the One who is in control. Perfection or success in human terms is not guaranteed; God's justice and recompense that transcend the earthly realm are at the appointed time, God breaks into human history and yanks his people back on the track of the divine plan for creation.

The times and the details will always remain veiled. What Daniel 12 declares without apology is that God acts. And in the end, our recompense is just. With his final speech in Mark 13, Jesus stands firmly in the line of Daniel.

Some questions for reflection:

The apocalypticism of Daniel forges a new path in Judaism that is foundational to Christianity. How does this comfort and challenge you?

The psalmist declares faith as the path to life. How do you see this in your life?

In Mark, Jesus affirms his identity as the Son of Man in the line of Daniel. How does this impact your understanding?

Many thanks to Laurie Barbier, Wanda Ashley, and our Second Grade Catechists who lovingly prepared our children for their First Reconciliation this week. It was a life giving event for children and families alike. My thanks to Medric for our Music at this celebration and Fr. Tomi from Belle Rose who also served our children as a confessor.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

Scripture Readings

Week of November 17, 2024

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11;

Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

Monday Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6;

Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5;

Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1-6; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1-6, 9;

Lk 19:41-44

Friday Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103,

111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1-2, 9-10;

Lk 20:27-40

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8;

Jn 18:33b-37



Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars

Monday, December 2, 2024 Monday, January 13, 2025 Monday, February 3, 2025

Baptisms

Saturday, November 23, 2024 Saturday, December 21, 2024 Saturday, January 18, 2025 Saturday, February 15, 2025

The Baptism Seminars are held on the third floor of the church office at 7pm. The Baptisms are usually held once a month on Saturday 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.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore. Jesus is Waiting for YOU.

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

"So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?" (Matthew 26:40)

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm.

Honoring our Beloved Dead

2025 Mass Intentions

The Mass Intention Book is open for the scheduling of Masses for next year (2025). Printed forms may be found on the bookshelves at the back of church, and in the church office. Digital forms may be submitted online via our website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org under RESOURCES.

If you wish to schedule a Mass, please fill out a Mass Intention form. Include your name, address and telephone number in the event we have questions about your intentions and need to contact you. We will try to schedule Masses in the order in which the forms are received to the best of our ability. You may return the form and your check to the St. John Church Office, mail it to 57805 Main Street or drop it in the collection basket at any weekend Mass.

Book of Remembrance

During the month of November, parishioners are encouraged to list the names of their deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance. This book is located in church near the devotional candles and will remain during the month of November. You may write the names of loved ones in the book at your convenience.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Spirituality and Service

The Catholic Daughters Sweet Sale will take place on Saturday & Sunday, November 23 & 24. If you would like to order a specialty cake, call Anita Gilchrist at 225.776.8087 before Tuesday, November 19.

Please support the Catholic Daughters in all the good works they do for our church and community.

Ritualsong

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time #1291

Entrance: Gather Your People #940

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: All Who Hunger #1032 Sending Forth: City of God #876

St. John School News

Distinguished Graduate

Lisa Morel, a 1987 graduate of St. John School was named St. John School's 2024 Distinguished Graduate. Lisa is a true example of hard work, dedication and steadfast service for our school, church and community.

Congratulations, Lisa!!



In Loving Memory...

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

Madeleine Samson

Donated by:
Julie Hebert
G. W., Annagelle and Annalyse Son

OCIA Scheduled Classes

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

November 17, 2024: OCIA Rites (9:30-10:45am) November 23, 2024: Advent (Following Rite of Acceptance at 4pm Mass)

December 1, 2024: Mary, The Mother of Jesus

(9:30-10:45am)

Classes are held in the church office conference room.

St. John Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

The November meeting of the Altar Society will be held Tuesday, November 19 at 9:30am in the church office conference room.

Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, November 20 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 23-4pm 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; Frances Santangelo LeBlanc, Rita & Mike Santangelo, Anatole Santangelo; John & Ann Ruiz, Anthony & Frances Palermo; M/M John Caffarel, Sr., M/M G. E. Marix; J. W. & Sue Bryant, Bill Bryant; Eva Ann & Harry Lopez, Florence & William Badeaux, Sr.; Catherine & Andrew Roucher, Ralph Sonnier, Ronald Benoit; M/M Dave Gourgues & Mary Ann, Adam Vercher Family; Kenneth Ourso, Sr.; Sidney "Benny", Rose & Sid Quatrevingt, Gulotta Family; Faye & Paul Troxclair, Carolyn Bordelon; Wayne Gary, Barbara Gary, Jerry Fontenot; Colby Gomez; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Shannie Verret

Sunday, November 24-7:30am Mass — St. John Parishioners

Sunday, November 24-9am 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; John "Sonny" Bunch; Dudley & Marie Ragusa LeBlanc, Terry Landry, Sr. & Jr., Kynlee Bueche; George Gullotto, Maggie & Joe Gullotto, A. J. & Lola Adams; William H. Middleton, Middleton & Clouatre Families; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; Alvin Sr., Angelic & Alvin Jr. Barbier; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Laurence & Winnie Miller, Paul & Myrtle Richard, Edward Miller; Denise Miranda; Josie, Frank, Victor & Anthony Canella; Berthelot, Guillot, Cavet & Schlatre Families; Victor J. Canella, Anthony F. Canella, Frank & Josie Canella; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Seneca Rafflee; Dianne Grace

Sunday, November 24-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; William H. Middleton, Bill Middleton III, Clouatre & Middleton Families; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Nolan Bueche III; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Isaac Vaughn, Sr., Nilda Vaughn; Leon, Nell & Pascal Graffeo, Jimmy Barbee; Rachael "Sally" & Dom Engolio; Marie Kocke

Tuesday, November 26-6pm Mass — Alfred & Mercedese Carville; Alvin "Pecan" Daigle

Wednesday, November 27-6pm Thanksgiving Mass

William H. Middleton, Middleton & Clouatre Families; Murray & Dixie Suffrin, Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim & Nu Nu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Billy Wright; Mary & Chuchie Flatau, Anthony & Carmella Orcino, Orcino & Flatau Families; Jaynell Lopez, Albert Lopez, Jr., Johnson & Lopez Families; Mary Ann Gregoire; Huey Hebert; Donald Stockman; M/M Frank Ragusa & Family, M/M Placito Mancuso & Family, M/M Mose Gibson & Family, J. D. & Ella Collins & Family; Gladys "Butsy" Palermo, Peter A. Palermo, Patrick Burleigh, Douglas Brewer; Kenneth "Klu" Brown; J. Hubert Millet, Milda Millet, M/M Tony Louis, M/M Harold Marionneaux; Ed Bahry; Pat Messina; George O. Michel, Alvin Joseph Daigle, Sr. Family, Anatole Nestor Michel Family; Gloria Landry; Larris Denais, Gladys Denais; Cathie Blanchard; Sylvia Rivet; Dianne Grace; Nicole Miller; Mildred LeJeune Hernandez, Nick Mancuso Family, Tarek Smart, Roger Adams; Douglas Durand, Sr., Devin Michael Durand, Jules & Mary Victoria Durand, Edwin & Emily Melancon, The Edwin Melancon Family, The Jules Durand Family; J. P. "Jep" Daigle, Ulgere, Nilda & Family, Eddie & Virginia Clebert, Guy, Doris & Matthew Allen, Cathie Blanchard, Stuart & Ashlenn Goudeau; Dudley & Marie Ragusa LeBlanc; Joshua "Josh" Landry, Harry & Vivian Banta, Gloria & "Joe" Landry

Friday. November 29-7am Mass

Trabeaux, Dugas & Naquin Families



Sanctuary Candle November 17, 2024

St. John the Evangelist

Marino, Rodriguez, Vicknair, Cavet & Hebert Families

St. Clement of Rome

Mr. & Mrs. Jules J. Noel, Jr.

Coffee & Donuts
November 24, 2024
Ed & Ann Reeves
(7:30am Mass)



Blane & Deryl Ourso (9am Mass)

November 17, 2024

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grateful Acknowledgements

Blood Donations

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the blood donors who donated during the recent blood drives at St. John and the Knights of Columbus.

Lions Club Spaghetti Dinners

The Plaquemine Lions Club would like to thank everyone who bought spaghetti dinners to make their fundraiser a huge success!

Iberville Chamber of Commerce

Iberville Chamber Presents Tour of Homes

Featuring Four Beautiful Properties in Plaquemine Saturday, December 7, 2024
General Admission \$50 — 3-7pm

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Children's Liturgy Schedule November & December 2024

A Safe and Nurturing Environment for Children to Participate in the Mass at an Age-appropriate Level

November 17, 2024

11am Mass—Alexis Schlatre

November 24, 2024

9am Mass—Tracy Cox

December 1, 2024

11am Mass—Alexis Schlatre

December 8, 2024

9am Mass—Tracy Cox

December 15, 2024

11am Mass—Alexis Schlatre

December 22, 2024

9am Mass—Tracy Cox

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14)

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