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Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday...7:30 am, 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



DEPART FROM ME, LORD, FOR I AM A SINFUL MAN
LUKE 5:8

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 9, 2025

For a humble guy, St. Paul really tells it like it is. Paul lists those witnesses who actually saw the risen Jesus, last and least of these being Paul himself. Now we are used to thinking of Paul as one of the greatest apostles, even though we know he once persecuted Christians. So you might think he is being overly humble, like someone fishing for a compliment. No, Paul is only interested in making sure the Corinthians understand just how much God has done.

Besides being “born abnormally” (1 Corinthians 15:8), that is, coming to follow Christ in such an unusual way, he felt unworthy because of so many Christians he hurt before his conversion. Yet he turns that unworthiness into an example of how much God has done through him. So he can say that he worked harder than any other apostles because of God’s grace, not Paul’s strength.

In today’s Gospel, Peter has a similar experience. He was a fisherman who knew his business and knew that some days, the fish just aren’t there. So when they caught enough fish to fill both boats, he realized that his pride was sinful. He was unworthy to receive such bounty from the Lord. And yet Jesus tells him that “you will be catching men” (Luke 5:10).

How many of us are like Peter and Paul, thinking we know just what our place in the world is, relying on our own strengths to do our jobs? They found Jesus calling them to a much more challenging life. Do we have the courage to listen to God’s call to serve?

Tom Schmidt



Pastor's Letter

February 9, 2025

Dear Family:

Ancient travelers described Galilee as a rich land. It had the proper soil and rain for good agriculture, it sat at the crossroads of trade, and the small but deep Lake of Gennesaret (also known as the Sea of Galilee) teemed with fish. Although Jesus and his fellow Galileans were subjects of the roman empire, most residents of the province were not in service to local landowners or other potentates, as would have been the case elsewhere. They were free people. Thus, although the fisherman who became Jesus' first disciples worked with their hands, they were probably not among the poor, and it is unlikely that they were particularly humble. It would be better to characterize them as individuals with resources, intelligence, personal pride, and significant physical strength.

This is, in fact, the picture we get of Peter in this Sunday's Gospel reading. He owns his boat. He has spent the day fishing but has sufficient energy left to use his skill as a sailor to give Jesus the means to speak to the crowd. When Jesus, a frame carpenter, suggests that he go back out and try again, Peter pushes back. His response is gentle, but firm, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing." Then something softens his heart, "but at your command I will lower the nets."

Luke tells stories of encounter and transformation, and this is one of the best. Until the moment he saw the great catch of fish, Peter probably understood Jesus to be a fellow laborer, a healer, and an inspired and charismatic speaker, but not someone who could command the seat to give up its bounty. He had encountered something new in Jesus, and he responded as the great figures of Israel's past had always responded to their call from God, with a lifetime of dedication and ever-deepening appreciation for the opportunity to serve.

Some questions for reflection:

When have your skills allowed Jesus to work through you?

How can you let Jesus soften your heart to try something new?

Has an encounter with Christ ever transformed your life?

Peace,

Fr. Greg



Sacrament of Confirmation

Sealed With the Holy Spirit

We will welcome Bishop Michael Duca Thursday, February 13 to 7pm Mass as he seals 37 candidates with the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Everyone is invited to attend the Confirmation Mass and reception immediately following Mass in the parish hall hosted by the St. John Altar Society.



St. John Church Parish Wedding Anniversary Mass and Celebration

World Marriage Day

Celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage

On **Saturday, February 15** at St. John the Evangelist Church, couples celebrating 25, 50, 55, 60, 65 or greater years of marriage will be honored with reserved seating at 4pm Mass. Corsages and boutonnieres will be available in the parish hall for couples before Mass. Family and friends are invited to a reception following Mass in the parish hall hosted by the Altar Society.

If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries in the year 2025 and would like to celebrate with us, please email marshaadupont@sj.brcoxmail.com, call the Church office at 225.687.2402, or fill out the form below. You may drop the form in the collection basket at weekend Mass or mail it to St. John Church, 57805 Main Street, Plaquemine, LA 70764

Full Names: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Marriage: _____

Please circle anniversary to be celebrated:

25 50 55 60 65 More than 65 _____

****Please respond by Monday, February 10.****

Kick-off for St. Joseph Altar

Honoring St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church

Kick-off Meeting: Thursday, February 13 — 10am
Third Floor Conference Room

Baking Begins: Tuesday, February 19 — 9am
Knights of Columbus Hall

St. Joseph Altar: Sunday, March 16 — Noon-1:30pm
Knights of Columbus Hall

Anyone who is interested in helping in any way is encouraged to call Betty Aucoin at 225.776.1685.

Ritualsong

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time #1208

Entrance: The Summons #886

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: Here I Am, Lord #869

Sending Forth: Lead Me, Guide Me #759



Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore. Jesus is Waiting for YOU.

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To schedule an hour, please email or call Susan Landry, susanblandry@sj.brcoxmail.com, 225.687.2402.

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Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars

Monday, March 10, 2025
Monday, April 7, 2025
Monday, May 5, 2025

Baptisms

Saturday, February 15, 2025
Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025-9am & 11am Masses
Saturday, May 31, 2025

The Baptism Seminars are held at 7pm in the Church Office Conference Room. Baptisms are usually held once a month following 4pm Mass.

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



Christmas Flowers and Decorations 2024

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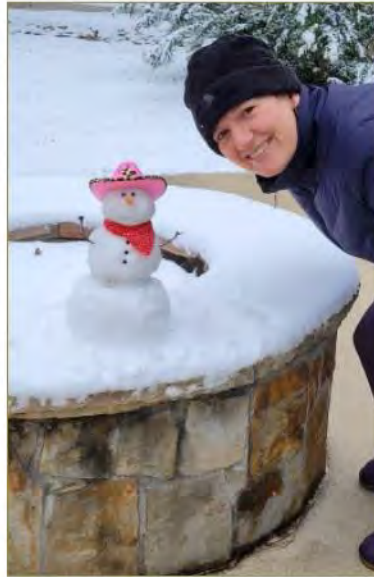
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Snow Day — January 21, 2025



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 15-4pm 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; Charles Champagne, Jr.; Frances Santangelo LeBlanc, Rita & Mike Santangelo, Anatole Santangelo; Trista Parro, John Lively, Sr., John Lively, Jr.; John & Ann Ruiz, Mervin & Leona Gourgues; M/M John Caffarel, Sr.; Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim & Nu Nu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Catherine & Frank Ferachi; Murray & Dixie Suffrin, Pim Clebert; Allen "Dottie" Rivere, Julius & Neva Bolotte; J. Hubert Millet, Milda Millet, M/M Tony Louis, M/M Harold Marionneaux; Rose, Benny & Sid Quatrevingt, Gulotta & Quatrevingt Families; Alcee & Pauline Becnel, Evans & Vergie Dugas; Herbert Alleman, Hahn, LeJeune & Hernandez Families; Mayon, Callahan & Clement Families; Anthony "Tonto" Pizzolato; Joseph Graves, Sr., W .A. Graves Family, Michael & Kandy Rarick, Thomas Morales Family; M/M A. J. Rodriguez, M/M Vives Vicknair, Sr., M/M Alger Rodriguez, Scott J. Marino; Bret Thompson; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Lapeze Family, Ragusa Family; Achee Family, Carrington Family, Hollye Comeaux; Ione Gaudet; Bill Toups, Jr.; Johnny Zito, Sr., Johnny Zito, Jr.; Dayna Elizabeth Hidalgo Lopez; Tina & Jake Loyacano; Joe & Lucy Ferachi & Family; Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry, Agnes & Sam Coletti Family; Ione & Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Nolan J. Bueche III; M/M Frank Ragusa & Family, M/M Placito Mancuso & Family, Mose Gibson & Family, J. D. & Ella Collins & Family; Faye & Paul Troxclair, Carolyn Bordelon; Stag Gomez, Catherine Gomez, Bryce Gomez, Les Gomez; Conrad Joffrion, Tubby & Gertrude Allain, Roy Landry, Sr. & Jr.; Marvin Allen & Family; Carole B. Panepinto, Cathy B. Daigle; M/M Victor Crescionne, Crescionne Family, Michelle Family, Sr. Joycelin Staempfli

Sunday, February 16-7:30am Mass — St. John Parishioners

Sunday, February 16-9am 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; James Roucher; Paul & Emily Bourgeois, V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair; Frank, Josie, Anthony & Victor Canella; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Rafflee; Rose Marie Canella LeBlanc, Jamie Cedotal Landry; Denise Miranda; The Calvaruso Family; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; John "Sonny" Bunch

Sunday, February 16-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Dianne Grace, Robert Jude Grace; Nicole Miller; Ruth "Se Se" Becnel, Michael Shepherd; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; M/M Vivian Allain, Marie & Florence Baist; Nancy Taylor; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Isaac Vaughn, Sr., Nilda Vaughn; Rachael & Dom Engolio; Sheila Jarreau (continued)

Wednesday, February 19-7am Mass

Mary Ann Gregoire

Thursday, February 20-7am Mass

Ed Bahry

Friday, February 21-7am Mass

Ronnie Dugas, M/M Falon Trabeaux, Russel Naquin, Jr., Fal Naquin, M/M Alvin Dugas, Jackie Dugas Fremin



Sanctuary Candle

February 9, 2025

St. John the Evangelist

Frances Santangelo LeBlanc

St. Clement of Rome

Brennen Eugene Bujol

Pim & Nu Nu Clebert

Louise & Edmund Bujol

Coffee, Donuts & King Cake

February 16, 2025



Guy & Sabrina Ruggiero (7:30am)

Steve & Faith Maddox (9am Mass)

Children's Liturgy Schedule

February 2025

A safe and nurturing environment for children to participate in the Mass at an age-appropriate level

February 9, 2025 — 9am Mass

Tracy Cox

February 16, 2025 — 11am Mass

Alexis Schlatre

February 23, 2025 — 9am Mass

Carrie Chiaravalle

Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

Altar Society Team 2 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, February 12 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.



February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings

Week of February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8;
1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11;
Lk 5:1-11

Monday Gen 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12,
24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday Gen 1-20 – 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday Gen 2:4b-9; 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a,
27-28, 29b-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday Gen 2:18-25; Ps 128: 1-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday Gen 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday Gen 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13;
Mk 8:1-10

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12,
16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

Kids' Corner

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

R	L	V	F	H	L	N	H	B	Y	F
T	A	U	G	H	T	O	E	A	B	I
G	F	G	E	D	L	X	W	T	R	Q
A	J	D	B	O	A	T	S	E	S	L
M	C	A	U	G	H	T	P	S	R	M
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O	N	H	C	O	M	M	A	N	D	D
M	Y	C	O	C	R	O	W	D	V	X
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