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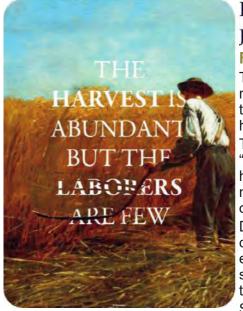
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Masses

Saturday Vigil	4:00	pm
Sunday7:30 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



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 6, 2025

False Humility

There seems to be a lot of rejoicing in today's readings. Isaiah talks about rejoicing with Jerusalem. The Gospel shows the disciples rejoicing when they came back from visiting towns to tell about the Kingdom. St. Paul is happy to be suffering for Christ. So what is the reason for such joy?

The readings make clear that it is not a result of our efforts. Isaiah writes that "the Lord's power shall be known to his servants" (Isaiah 66:14). Jesus tells his disciples not to rejoice that they cast out demons, but "because your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:20). In other words, we are to rejoice over all the Lord has done for us, not what we have done for him.

Does that sound like false humility? No; when we do anything for others, we can honestly say that God does the real work. Knowing that frees us from expecting everyone to be happy, everything we do for others to be successful. Instead of being discouraged when we seem to fail, we can trust that God's plan is working in ways we just can't see.

St. Paul has a similar theme in the second reading. You would think he would be proud of all the converts he made, or the people he cured. He boasts only about his suffering because that is how he is most like Jesus. He sees all of his accomplishments as the work of God. All three readings remind us that what changes our lives and changes the world is not how hard we work, or how holy we are; what really makes the difference is how much God loves us. That is the real reason to rejoice.

Tom Schmidt



Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore. Jesus is Waiting for YOU.

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

"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." (Mt. 7:7-9)

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To schedule an hour as a committed adorer or a substitute, contact Susan 225.687.2402,

susanblandry@sj.brcoxmail.com.



Baptisms & **Baptism Seminars**

Baptism Seminars — 7pm **Church Office Conference Room**

Monday, July 7, 2025 Monday, August 4, 2025 Monday, September 8, 2025

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, July 26, 2025 Saturday, August 23, 2025

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Dates are subject to change. Please register online or call the church office during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar. Contact Lily Skidmore at 225.687.2402.



"Madonna of the Rosary" By Simone Cantarini

Praying the Rosary Together

Join us on Wednesday, July 9 at 7pm near the Blessed Mother statue in the church parking lot to pray the Rosary together in memory of Fr. Greg.

Ritualsong

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time #1235

Entrance: The Summons #886 Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: Eat This Bread #1033 Sending Forth: We Are Called #902

A Prayer to Avert Storms and Hurricanes

Father, all the elements of nature obey your command.

Calm the storms and hurricanes that threaten us and turn our fear of your power into praise of your goodness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

The next K. C. Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, July 8 from 3-8:30pm at the Knights of Columbus Home, 58715 Price Street.

Scripture Readings

Week of July 6, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66: 10-14c; Ps 66: 1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6: 14-18; Lk 10: 1-12, 17-20 or

10:1-9

Monday Gn 28: 10-22a; Ps 91: 1-4, 14-15ab;

Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b-3, 6-7ab, 8b,15;

Mt 9: 32-38

Wednesday Gn 41: 55-57; 42: 5-7a, 17-24a;

Ps 33: 2-3, 10-11, 18-19, Mt 10:1-7

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Thursday

Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, Friday

27-28, 39-40; Mt 10: 16-23

Saturday Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4,

6-7; Mt 10:24-33

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37 or Ps 19:8-11;

Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

Representatives of St. John Church at the Consecration of the Seven Sisters Apostolates



A rededication Mass was celebrated by Bishop Michael Duca at St. Agnes Church in Baton Rouge on Monday, June 23, 2025, for the Seven Sisters Apostolates in the Diocese of Baton Rouge. The purpose of the Seven Sisters is to pray at least one hour a day for your church's pastor. In our case we were praying for Fr Greg, continue to pray for his soul and for the new priest that will be assigned to us. Several other churches' Seven Sisters Apostolates also attended. Representing St. John were, I to r, Brenda Bossier, Audrey Martinez, Katie Nicolosi, Germaine Bradley, Donna Carville, Addie Pellerin and Betty Aucoin. Also praying for our priests and not shown are Joey & Maureen Daigle, Robin & Rod Bickham, Christina & Danny Cedotal and Mary Ann Smith. All are welcome to join us! Contact Donna Carville at the church office, 225.687.2402, for more information.

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Crawfish Bisque Fundraiser

Prepared by Tugar Martinez

St. John School Father's Club 4th Annual Crawfish Bisque Fundraiser will be held **Saturday**, **July 26**.

Pick up: K. C. Hall, 58715 Price Street, from 3-6pm

Donation: \$25.00/quart

For tickets call: Mike Markins — 225.955.5276

Patrick Edwards — 225.776.7108

Growing in Faith

Fall Bible Study Begins in September

We will contemplate the 12-part series on the Holy Spirit called "The Wild Goose" by Fr. Dave Pivonka, President of Franciscan University in Steubenville this fall. Bible Study begins on Thursday, September 4, and Monday, September 8. Given Fr Greg's reliance on the Holy Spirit, this study is excellent in guiding us all. This interview with Fr. Dave is a wonderful explanation of his personal experiences with the Holy Spirit: https://media.ascensionpress.com/podcast/the-holy-spirit-w-fr-dave-pivonka/Please call the church office at 225.687.2402 to sign up.

"Reading the Holy Scriptures confers two benefits. It trains the mind to understand them; it turns man's attention from the follies of the world and leads him to the love of God."

—St. Isidore of Seville

Our Brothers Keeper

Thrift Store

Our Brothers Keeper Thrift Store, 58311 Plaquemine Street, sells gently used clothing and other household items provided by donations from us. Proceeds after paying rent and utilities are used to support the ARC. For more information, contact Linda at 225.684.4062 or 225.610.5404.

Please continue to bring your donated items to them during store hours 8am-2pm, Monday through Friday.

Brusly Thrift Store Closing Temporarily

The Zippers Thrift Store at Saint John the Baptist in Brusly will be closing on September 15 for the construction of a new CCD building, reopening post completion of new construction.

The Zippers has a very large inventory of clothing and household items to be sold prior to closing. The Zippers will continue to have their regular Thursday sales through August, including a Saturday sale.

Thursdays, July 17 & 31, August 14 & 28 from 7:30-10:30 am; Saturday, July 26 from 8-11am Contact: Andrea Normand at 225-328-4843, bruslyrn@bellsouth.net.



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July 2025

St. John the Evangelist

Rev. Gregory J. Daigle

One Minute Meditations

St. Elizabeth of Portugal

St. Elizabeth followed the footsteps of her great-aunt and namesake, St. Elizabeth of Hungary: she was born to royal parents, practiced fervent spirituality, great generosity and penances. She married King Denis of Portugal. Despite a difficult marriage and family conflicts, she remained patient and charitable. She is known for her care for the poor and sick, and for resolving political conflicts peacefully. After her husband's death, St. Elizabeth entered the Third Order of St. Francis.

Prayer is a response to Love

God wants a relationship with us. This is a central truth of our faith. "The living and true God tirelessly calls each person to that mysterious encounter known as prayer. In prayer, the faithful God's initiative of love always comes first; our own first step is always a response" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2567). So, next time you feel called to pray, say, like Samuel, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10).

"By mercy you have washed us in the Blood, and by mercy you desire to converse with your creatures... Loving Madman! ... Your mercy constrains you to give even more to mortals, namely, to leave yourself to them in food."

St. Catherine of Siena

Step out and let Christ meet you where you are

"Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water" (Matthew 14:28). St. Peter showed remarkable courage when he stepped out of the boat in the middle of a storm. While God may sometimes call us to follow Him in dramatic or difficult moments, more often He invites us in the quiet, ordinary circumstances of daily life — to step out of what's comfortable and meet Him in our prayer, our relationships, and our service.

Prayer: The greatest challenge in deepening your prayer life is often just beginning. Start with a Gospel passage, read slowly, reflect, respond, and rest in God's presence. Light a candle. Sit in front of an icon. Play sacred music. Let beauty draw your heart to God. Ask the Holy Spirit to renew your desire, focus, and love for God. Step out of the boat — and you'll find Christ waiting.

Relationships: The virtues — patience, self-control, fidelity, honesty — aren't just about personal growth; they're about loving others well. Show kindness to someone who frustrates you. Have a real conversation with someone with whom you disagree. Forgive, even if it's undeserved. These small choices shape us into Christ's likeness.

Service: "...the Son of Man came ... to

"Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:27).

serve" (Matthew 20:28). Loving service doesn't require grand gestures. True holiness is forged in everyday acts: give away a piece of clothing you love but don't need. Help with the dishes, even when it's not your turn. Offer a break to a tired parent by watching their children. When service flows from love, it transforms both the giver and the receiver — and conforms our hearts to Christ's.

Why Do Catholics Do That

Why Do Catholics Believe in Purgatory?

The Church teaches that many souls, though destined for Heaven, undergo purification after death, a process called Purgatory. Purgatory prepares us to see God clearly.

Scripture supports this: Judas Maccabee offered prayers for the dead (2 Maccabees 12:43–46), and Jesus mentioned sins forgiven in the next life (Matthew 12:32). St. Paul described a

judgment in which a person is saved, but their works are tested by fire. This fire isn't Hell (since they are saved), but a purifying fire, which aligns with the idea of Purgatory (1 Corinthians 3:13–15).

Purgatory is mercy. The souls there benefit from our prayers — and they pray for us in return. It's part of God's loving plan to make us truly ready for His presence.

Growing in Faith™

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Outsmart temptation with grace in action

When temptation strikes, the first line of defense is often simple: say "no" or avoid the situation entirely. But when that's not enough, there are deeper, proven strategies that can help us respond with grace and strength.

First, think of temptation as an opportunity for holiness. God always gives us a choice, and when we say "yes" to Him and "no" to sin, He responds with even more grace. If another person is involved, pray for him or her. That small act of charity not only pleases God but disarms the enemy. As Scripture says, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).

Second, don't just resist temptation-replace it. Trying

not to think about sin often leads us right back to it. Instead, follow the advice of Philippians 4:8: focus on what is true, honorable, and good. For example, swap out gossip for words that build others up, or replace a bad habit with a holy one.

Finally, don't overlook small victories. Faithfulness in little things strengthens us for bigger battles. Telling the truth in a pressure situation, showing patience in traffic, or keeping a promise all train the soul for harder moments. "Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities" (Matthew 25:23). Grace builds on effort. Use every moment well.

from Scripture

Luke 11:1-13, The Our Father is a school of prayer

If you've ever found yourself thinking, "I want to pray better," this Scripture reading is for you. In it, Jesus teaches His disciples the Our Father — a masterclass in prayer, compact and profound. It's not just one prayer, but four in one.

First, it's a prayer of praise and thanksgiving, placing God above all. Second, it's a petition, where we ask for our daily needs — spiritual and material. Third, it's a plea for mercy, as we ask for forgiveness and the grace to forgive others. And finally, it's a declaration of trust in God's providence, a surrender of our will to His.

Praying the Our Father well means acknowledging that God knows what's best for us — even when His will challenges ours. It's an invitation to deeper faith.

God always answers prayer — but not always how or when we expect. Sometimes the answer is "Yes." Other times, it's "No" or "Wait — I have something better." Jesus also makes it clear that persistence matters. Like the neighbor in the parable who keeps knocking at the door, we're called to ask, seek, and knock with confidence. Prayer isn't just about getting what we want — it's about drawing closer to the One who loves us most.

Feasts & 🖊 💿 Celebrations

July 9 – St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions (1648-1930). This feast honors St. Augustine Zhao Rong, a soldier-turned-Catholic priest, and his martyred companions, forming a group of 120 Chinese Christians and Catholic missionaries. They were canonized by Pope St. John Paul II in 2000.

July 16 – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (1251). The Blessed Mother appeared to St. Simon Stock in England, carrying the brown scapular, a sign of her favor of the Carmelite Order, and promised whoever wore the scapular until death would avoid the fires of Hell.

July 18 – St. Camillus de Lellis (1614). Born in Italy, St. Camillus aimed for holiness despite battling a gambling addiction and a hot temper. After gambling away his possessions, including his shirt, Franciscan brothers gave him a job. He was ordained a priest, and later founded the Order of the Camellians, caring for the grievously sick, prisoners, and the plague victims.

July 31 – St. Ignatius of Loyola (1556). Ignatius spent several years defending Spain and suffered serious injuries. While recovering, he began a religious conversion and a lifelong dedication to education. He wrote spiritual exercises and started a community of priests now known as the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

Q&A

Can we console Jesus?

If you saw a close friend in deep pain, you wouldn't walk by thinking, "She will get over it — I'm busy." You'd drop everything, run to her, and ask, "What can I do?" This is the logic — and the love — behind consoling the Heart of Jesus. It's not just a pious tradition; it reaches into the very core of our faith.

Jesus is fully human. He felt real emotions — joy, grief, betrayal, and sorrow. He understands our pain, and we can share in His, since He is also fully God, He stands outside of time. In the Garden of Gethsemane, He saw not only every sin but also every act of love, repentance, and faith. That means your love today can truly console His Heart in His Passion.

Words like "consolation" or "reparation" might sound outdated, but they mean something simple and powerful: to love Jesus where He has been wounded, to bring gratitude where there was ingratitude, and to respond with compassion where He was abandoned. Even small acts of love — a kind word, a prayer, a moment of sincere repentance — touch Him deeply.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 12-4pm 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; Yves & Vera Ramirez, Jerry, Jane & Kirsch; Mary & Chuchie Flatau, Anthony & Carmella Orcino, Orcino & Flatau Families; Mayon, Callahan & Clement Families; Joseph Graves, Sr.; W. A. Graves Family, Michael & Kandy Rarick, Thomas Morales Family; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Lapeze Family, Ragusa Family; Bill Toups, Jr.; Janice Brown; Stag Gomez, Catherine Gomez, Bryce Gomez, Les Gomez, Paul & Jenise Ortis. Earl & Mary Devillier; May & David Currier; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Nora Vitale; Micah Theriot; Conrad Joffrion, John & Gertrude Allain, Roy Landry, Jr., Roy Landry, Sr.; Edmund & Louise Bujol

Sunday, July 13-7am Mass - St. John Parishioners

Sunday, July 13-9am 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; Jason Guidry; Henry "Tutie" Berthelot; M/M A. J. Rodriguez, M/M Vives Vicknair, Sr., M/M Alger Rodriguez, Scott Jude Marino, A. J. & Nera Rodriguez, Anthony & Mary Marino, Kids of St. Jude; J. C. & Hetta Hebert, Gilmore & Cleora Couvillion; Mary Ann Gregoire; Belvin & Claire Bergeron; Paul & Emily Bourgeois, V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair; Lawrence & Winnie Miller, Paul & Myrtle Richard, Edward Miller; Milton Allen, Tommy & Tommy A. Mosley, Hawley Landry; The Calvaruso Family; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Mitchell Dufour, Boudreaux & Dufour Families; Allen, Flo & Paco Ourso; Janice Tullier; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Rafflee

Sunday, July 13-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Michael Shepherd, Ruth "Se Se" Becnel, Pauline & Alcee Becnel, Jr.; O. J., Buster & Pearl Hidalgo Songy & Families: Roselvn Sanchez: Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Isaac Vaughn, Sr., Nilda Vaughn; Victor Joseph Canella; Bobby & Janice Tullier

Tuesday, July 15-6pm Mass

Colt Rivet, Leigh Dupre

Wednesday, July 16-7am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Nicolosi & Schexnaildre **Families**

Thursday, July 17-7am Mass

Ed Bahry

Friday, July 18-7am Mass

Harold J. Himel. Sr.



Sanctuary Candle

July 6, 2025

St. John the Evangelist

Rose Marie Canella LeBlanc

St. Clement of Rome

Jean & Vincent Pizzolato, Sr.

Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

Altar Society Team 2 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, July 9 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

Coffee & Donuts

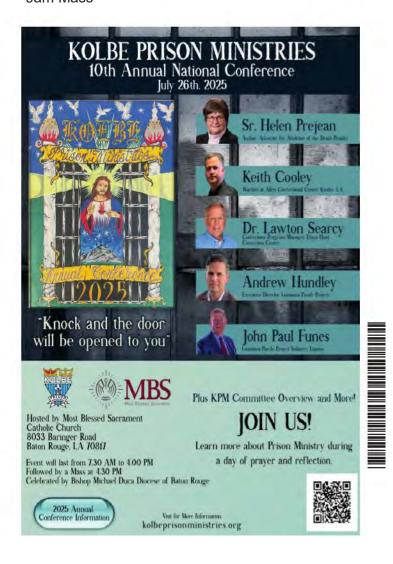
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Guy & Sabrina Ruggiero 7:30am Mass

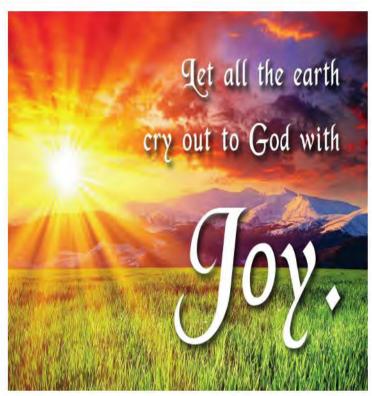
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