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Masses

Saturday Vigil.....4:00 pm
Sunday...7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday6:00 pm
Wednesday.....7:00 am
Thursday7:00 am
Friday7:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 5:30-5:45 pm
Saturday..... 3:00-3:30 pm



Jesus said
to his disciples:
“I have come to
set the earth on fire,
and how I wish
it were already
blazing!”

Luke 12:49

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2025

How Much?

How much is good enough? How do we know when we have been generous enough or faithful enough to please the Lord? How do we know we have done enough to avoid sin?

Although I do not for one minute believe that God is sitting up in heaven next to a giant scoreboard keeping a tally of our good and bad deeds, we will be judged at the end of our lives. Today's second reading provokes self analysis in this regard: "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood."

How do we react when we sin? Do we give into temptation so often that we don't even feel a ping to our conscience? Do we instantly regret what we have done and seek forgiveness from the person we have wronged? Do we look for the next available confession time? Do we let our sins pile up one upon the other and only seek the Sacrament when we can no longer stand it?

Our Lord revealed to St. Faustina just how much sin hurts His Sacred Heart. If we truly took that to heart, we would flee from sin so much more often. It would become repugnant to us. During the Divine Mercy Novena, we read "bring to me all mankind, especially sinners, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. In this way you will console Me in the bitter grief into which the loss of souls plunges Me" (Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska). So let us turn away from sin and instead spread love and joy and truth. Let us set the earth on fire with the blazing love of God! (see today's Gospel)



Eucharistic Adoration

An Invitation to Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament

Be subject therefore to God, but resist the devil and he will flee from you ... Be sorrowful and mourn and weep ... Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will exalt you. —James 4:7-10:

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

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August Devotion:

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

The heart of Mary is full of love for God, and, because she is sinless, hers is the only human heart capable of loving God the way we were meant to. The image of the Immaculate Heart recognizes Mary's extraordinary holiness and the great love she has for her son that we are called to imitate.

Ritualsong

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time #1253

Entrance: Seek Ye First #800

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: We Remember #784

Sending Forth: Lead Me, Guide Me #759



PSR Registration — Enroll NOW!!

PSR registration is open for grades 1 through 11. Please visit the church website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org to enroll your child.

Catholic School students must register to receive Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation through the Church Parish. Being a student in a Catholic School does not insure your registration. A separate registration form has to be completed with your church parish.

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

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"The Wild Goose" Bible Study

Growing in Faith

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 (1:30-3pm or 6:15-7:45pm sessions) or Monday, September 8 (1-2:30pm session). Given Fr Greg's reliance on the Holy Spirit, this study is excellent in guiding us all. Please call 225.687.2402 to sign up.

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW THINKING OF

Becoming Catholic

AN INVITATION TO COME AND SEE

TUESDAY,
AUGUST 26, 2025
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
PARISH HALL



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ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (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 2025.

A **"Come and See"** session will be held on **Tuesday, August 26** from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please encourage others to come who may be inquiring about the Catholic faith.

OCIA inquiry classes about our Catholic faith will begin Wednesday, September 10 from 6-7:30pm in the church office conference room, then twice a month on

Wednesdays until December 10, 2025. After the Christmas season, OCIA catechumenate classes will resume until Easter Vigil Mass. Some of the classes will be held after 4pm Mass on Saturday for topics like a tour of the church, church history and Holy Orders by outside speakers.

To register or for more information, please call Donna Carville at 225.687.2402.

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Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm

Church Office Conference Room

Monday, September 8, 2025

Monday, October 6, 2025

Monday, November 3, 2025

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, August 23, 2025

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Saturday, November 22, 2025

During the early stages of pregnancy, please register online at www.stjohnchurchplaq.org under FORMATION or call the church office at 225.687.2402. Baptism preparation may be done at a seminar or online. For online information, email wandaashley681@gmail.com. Confirm with Lily Skidmore at the office, 225.687.2402, as dates are subject to change.

Enhancing Our Church Grounds



The wooden cross in memory of Nicol Miller and Deryl Ourso's mom, Betty Dupree is back in place. Volunteers helping with spring planting were, l to r, Edward "Lucky" Songy, Deryl Ourso, Donna Carville and Jennifer Markins. Also helping, but not shown, was Missy Bertrand. A grateful acknowledgement is made to **Dupont Nursery** for generously donating the spring bedding plants.

St. John Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

The St. John Altar Society annual dues (\$25) are due in August. Membership enrollment may be active or inactive as these funds are the main source of income for the Altar Society to serve both St. John's and St. Clement's needs. Just drop an envelope marked "St. John Altar Society" in the church collection. Please make checks out to St. John Altar Society. Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, August 20 at 8am.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 23-4pm Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Fr. Greg Daigle, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Trista Parro, David Dupont, Sue & Mike Wakeling; Yves & Vera Ramirez, Jerry, Jane & Kirsch; Catherine & Andrew Roucher, Beatrice Repp; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim & Nu Nu Clebert, Johnny Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Catherine & Frank Ferachi; Rose, Benny & Sid Quatrevingt, Gulotta & Quatrevingt Families; Mayon, Callahan & Clement Families; Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio, Pauline E. deVerges, Ed Engolio, Jr.; Henry "Tutie" Berthelot; Sylvia Rivet, Shane Smith, Rivet Family; August Bourgoyne, Jr.; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P. W. Albert, Jr.; The Currier Families; Lois & Baco Romero, Lonnie Michel; Benny Joe Carrington; Lloyd Andrew Zeringue

Sunday, August 24-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, August 24-9am Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Fr. Greg Daigle; Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Kristina Mellema; Laskie & Cleo Rougeau, Ramona Trahan, Rhonda Rougeau; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; Paul & Emily Bourgeois, V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Allen, Flo & Paco Ourso; Jessie Billings, Debra Billings; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Rafflee; Lloyd Andrew Zeringue

Sunday, August 24-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Isaac Vaughn, Sr., Nilda Vaughn; Wayne & Colby Gomez, Pitre & Gomez Families; Randy Normand

Tuesday, August 26-6pm Mass

Patrick Gaudet, M/M Clerfet Templet; Joshua "Josh" Landry, Harry & Vivian Banta, Gloria & Joe Landry; Lloyd Andrew Zeringue

Wednesday, August 27-7am Mass

Lloyd Andrew Zeringue

Thursday, August 28-7am Mass

Ed Bahry

Friday, August 29-7am Mass

George Ourso, Jr.



Sanctuary Candle

August 17, 2025

St. John the Evangelist

**Albert Lopez, Jaynell Lopez,
Johnson & Lopez Families**

St. Clement of Rome

David T. Dupont

Coffee & Donuts

August 24, 2025

**Lou Anna Canella &
Lionel Schexnaildre**

(7:30am Mass)

Lee Ann Howard (9am Mass)



Called By Name

Chosen for Consecrated Life

"Always give thanks for all things." Give thanks to the priests, sisters and brothers who

answered God's call with open hearts to serve Him. Is Christ calling you to serve as a priest or in consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225.336.8778 or via email: jjohnson@diobr.org.

Kids Corner

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Earth Fire Baptism Great Peace
Divide Father Mother Daughter Son

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. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Week of August 17, 2025

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4;
Lk 12:49-53

Monday Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44;
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1b-2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13;
Lk 13:22-30



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