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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 2026

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Masses

Saturday Vigil.....4:00 pm
Sunday.....7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Monday.....7:00 am
Tuesday.....6:00 pm
Followed by Benediction & Novena
Wednesday.....7:00 am
Thursday.....7:00 am
First Friday.....7:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday.....5:30-5:45 pm
First Friday.....6:30 am
Saturday.....3:00-3:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Chapel Hours.....4:00 am-11:00 pm

Interested in
the Holy
Catholic Faith?

“COME
AND SEE”

Introductory
Session

Tuesday,
August 18th

6:30 - 7:30 pm



St. John the
Evangelist
Parish Hall



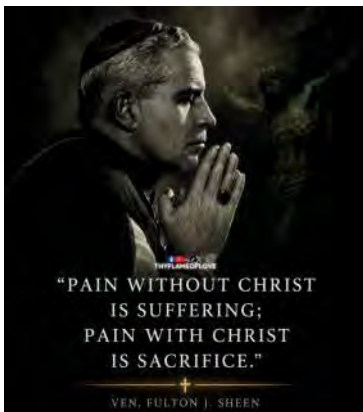
This will be the last weekend we will worship at St. Clement Chapel. We are excited to be back in our beloved St. John Church for Mass next weekend. We can not wait to see the improvements made thanks to our loyal parishioners and the results of Phase 2 of the 100 Year Capital Campaign Funds!!

OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation of 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.

Following the "Come and See" introductory session Tuesday, August 18 classes continue every Sunday from 9:30-11am in the church office conference room. During the Easter Vigil on March 27, 2027 the OCIA candidates will enter into Full Communion of the Catholic Church. For more information, contact Donna Carville at 225.687.2402, dbcaville@gmail.com.



Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm

Church Office Conference Room

Monday, September 7, 2026

Monday, October 5, 2026

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, August 22, 2026

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Dates are subject to change. Please register during the early stages of pregnancy and submit online at www.stjohnchurchplaq.org under FORMATION.

Baptisms will take place at St. Clement Church during the restoration of St. John the Evangelist Church. For more information, contact Lily Skidmore at 225.687.2402, lily@stjohnchurchplaq.com.

Source & Summit Missal

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Come and Adore. He is waiting for YOU.

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-11pm. To schedule an hour as a committed adorer or a substitute, please contact Susan Landry at susan@stjohnchurchplaq.com, 225.687.2402.



Parish School of Religion

PSR registration and Sacramental Prep for 2nd and 7th grade students is open for the 2026-2027 school year. You may access registration forms on our church website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org under the FORMATION TAB. Registration deadline is August 14.

The 1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist parent meeting will be held August 17 and Confirmation parent meeting on August 24. Meetings will be at 6pm in the parish hall.

Volunteer teachers are requested for PSR Classes.

Please contact Jennifer Adams (1-6) at 225.385.8201, jenniferadams1816@gmail.com or Chad Nelson (7-12) psrupper@stjohnchurchplaq.com for information.



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- 105,000 PEOPLE ARE MURDERED FOR THEIR CHRISTIAN FAITH EVERY YEAR - THAT'S MORE THAN THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND.
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- ROUGHLY 100 MILLION CHRISTIANS TODAY LIVE IN COUNTRIES WHERE THEY FACE THE DAILY THREAT OF DISCRIMINATION, INTERROGATION, ARREST, IMPRISONMENT, RAPE, TORTURE, OR DEATH.
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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 in loving memory of:

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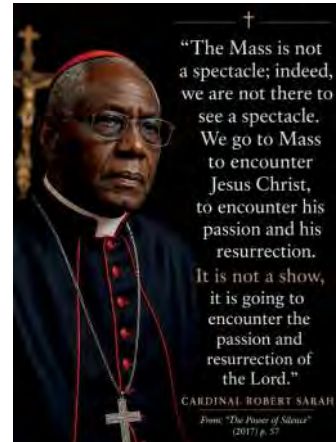
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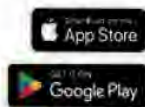
Historic Wood Flooring for Sale

The Historic old flooring removed from the church is available for purchase by square footage (\$5) or single by the foot (\$1). Sale of the flooring will be open first to our parishioners until August 17, then will be advertised to the public. If interested, please contact the church office at 225.687.2402 for details.



Operational Instructions for St John Church Assistive Audio

1. Download the ListenWiFi Mobile App



2. Connect to the church's Wi-Fi network. This can be accomplished by manually selecting the network from the phone's Wi-Fi list. Select ONLY the StJohnAssistiveAudio Wi-Fi; other networks will be inoperable..

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Password: stjohnaudio

3. Open the ListenWiFi app and wait for the app to scan for the audio stream. If the app request and require permissions, allow ALL permissions.

***Note: If you cannot listen to the audio stream, please check and confirm that you are connected to the church's wifi called "StJohnAssistiveAudio".

To allow permissions (note: this is going to be different for every phone):

Go to your phone settings + Apps + ListenWiFi:

- Allow Location
- Allow Bluetooth
- Allow Local Network

4. Select "Church Sound" in the app to begin listening and be sure the volume on your phone is turned up. You can put the ListenWiFi app in the background to still follow the Mass while you follow the Mass on another app, e.g., Word Among Us

Additional Note:

- Bring your own headphones or earbuds for best listening.
- If you are using your own hearing aids, check with your specific make/model for its operation.
- It is perfectly normal to have a slight delay, and this is inherent to the Wi-Fi system, your phone, and your bluetooth connection.

Save the Date!!

Fall Bible Study, "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" begins Thursday, September 17, 2026.

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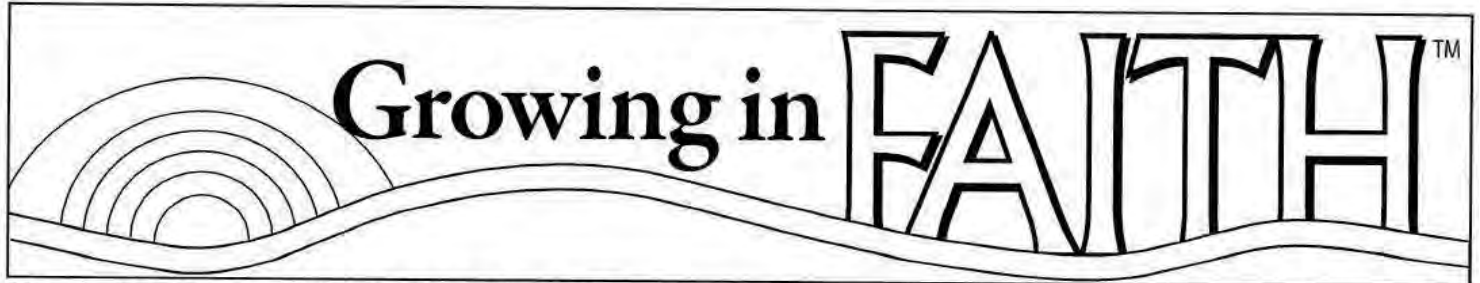


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August 2026

St. John the Evangelist

Rev. Martin Lawrence

One Minute Meditations

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Although born into wealth, St. Bernard desired a life of simplicity, holiness, and austerity. Born in 1090 in Fontaines, France, he entered the monastery at Cîteaux in his twenties, followed by most of his family. Recognizing his holiness and noting the overcrowding of the monastery, the abbot sent St. Bernard to establish a new monastery in Clairvaux. St. Bernard went on to found monasteries for nuns, worked for the Holy See, and preached the Second Crusade.

More than the mission

No matter our age, we all need to hear these words: "I love you without measure." At the Transfiguration, the Father declared of Jesus, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 17:5). He means those words for us as well. Before all else, we are God's beloved children.

Significantly, the Father speaks these words before Jesus goes to the Cross, before His saving mission is complete. We often reverse that order, allowing our identity to depend on our accomplishments or faithfulness. We assume God will love us once we have fulfilled our mission. But the Gospel reveals the opposite. God's love is not earned but freely **given**. Our mission flows from our identity, not the other way around.

"For I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine" (Isaiah 43:1).

Be Like Christ. Love Like Christ.

What does it mean to "be like Christ" in the context of our everyday lives? The key is to love as He loves. Here are five practical ways to love like Jesus.

Learn His pattern. The Gospels show us how Jesus responded to the sick, the brokenhearted, the marginalized, and even His enemies. Scripture provides the pattern, while prayer and the Sacraments provide the grace to live it. The more we immerse ourselves in Christ's life, the more naturally His way of loving becomes our own.

Cultivate His heart. Jesus describes Himself as "gentle and humble of heart" (Matthew 11:29). His humility comes from His complete obedience to the Father's will. His gentleness is strength under perfect self-control, expressed in His patience, mercy, and compassion, even toward those who rejected Him. As we imitate His way of love, our own hearts are slowly transformed as His.

Show genuine interest. Jesus often asked open-ended questions, not because He lacked the answers, but to draw people out. "What do you seek?" (John 1:38). "What are you discussing

with each other?" (Luke 24:17) Genuine love begins with genuine interest. Asking thoughtful questions communicates that people are seen, heard, and valued.

Choose the charitable interpretation. St. Theresa Margaret of the Sacred Heart wrote, "If the actions of our neighbors have a hundred sides, we ought always to look at them on the best side." Love resists rushing to judgment and gives others the benefit of the doubt, creating space for understanding rather than

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:29).

suspicion.

Always act out of love. St. Paul exhorts us, "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). Jesus lived every moment in perfect love for His Father and for us. Love was not merely one aspect of His life; it was the motive behind everything He did. Following Christ means allowing love to shape not only our greatest sacrifices but also our smallest daily actions.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics pray formula prayers?

Formula prayers are not a substitute for personal prayer but a time-tested way of entering into it and deepening it. When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, He gave them the Our Father (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4), a prayer to be prayed repeatedly. Scripture also contains many communal prayers, especially the Psalms, which

served as Israel's prayer book and remain the Church's today. By praying these inspired words, Catholics join generations of believers in worship. Whether at Mass or beside a hospital bed, formula prayers unite the faithful, expressing not only personal devotion but also the shared faith of the whole Church.

What to do when you don't feel like praying

Not feeling like praying is something even faithful Christians experience. In fact, seasons of dryness can be a normal part of spiritual growth. While they may have different causes, they do not necessarily mean something is wrong. Here are three ways to respond:

Pray about not wanting to pray. Bring your reluctance to God. You don't have to overcome your feelings before coming to Him. Honest prayer is still prayer, and God meets you with love exactly where you are.

Keep it simple. We value brief messages from those we love: "I love you," "Good luck today," or "Thinking of you."

Prayer can be that simple. The goal is relationship, not length. A heartfelt "God, help me," "Jesus, I trust in You," or "Come, Holy Spirit" is enough.

Choose presence over performance. Approach prayer the way you would spending time with a close friend. We don't cancel plans with someone we love simply because we're tired.

In the same way, keep showing up. God delights in your company (Proverbs 8:31). He is not looking for a perfect performance but for a heart that continues to seek Him, even when prayer feels dry or difficult.

from Scripture

Matthew 16:21-27, God's ways are not our ways

At first glance, this passage seems like bad news. Jesus predicts His own death, a revelation that must have stunned the disciples. They had just come to recognize Him as the long-awaited Messiah. Instead of leading a triumphant victory over Rome, Jesus spoke of suffering, rejection, and execution. To them, it looked like failure, not triumph.

Peter responded as many of us do when faced with suffering: he resisted the Cross. He wanted Jesus to avoid it and was sharply rebuked. Yet had Jesus turned aside, we would have remained

in our sins, separated from God. Instead, He freely embraced the Cross. He chose us. From the perspective of the Resurrection, what appeared to be defeat was in fact Christ's decisive victory over sin and death.

God desires our happiness, not merely our temporary comfort. He desires our eternal joy. The Christian life is not about avoiding the crosses God permits but embracing them with trust, as Jesus did. And we never carry them alone. Christ walks beside us, bearing the heavier end of every cross.

Q & A Can the Pope make mistakes if he's infallible?

Yes. The pope is human and, like anyone else, can make mistakes in his personal opinions, decisions, or everyday statements. Papal infallibility does not mean the pope is incapable of error. Rather, it means that, under specific conditions, the Holy Spirit preserves him from definitively teaching error in matters of faith and morals (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 891).

Papal infallibility applies only when the pope is:

Defining a doctrine of faith or morals. The teaching must concern divine revelation or truths closely connected to it. It does not apply to scientific claims, political views, interviews, homilies, or personal opinions. For example, in 1950, Pope Pius XII infallibly defined the dogma of Mary's Assumption into heaven.

Speaking ex cathedra ("from the chair"). The pope must speak in his official capacity as the successor of St. Peter and clearly intend to proclaim a doctrine that is binding on the entire Church. In *Munificentissimus Deus*, Pope Pius XII explicitly invoked his apostolic authority to "pronounce, declare, and define" the Assumption as a divinely revealed dogma.

Feasts & Celebrations

August 7—St. Cajetan (1547). St. Cajetan was born in Italy to a noble family. He went on to study civil and canon (Church) law at the University of Padua. He worked to reform the Church by founding the Theatines, a religious order modeled on the teachings of the Apostles.

August 9—St. Edith Stein (1942). Formerly Jewish, she was an atheist intellectual in Germany. After studying St. Teresa of Ávila, she converted to Catholicism, and became a Carmelite nun. Although her order tried to shelter her from the Nazis, she was taken to and executed at Auschwitz.

August 15—The Assumption of Mary. Declared a dogma of faith in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates Mary's being taken up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life. This feast highlights the Church's respect for the dignity of the body in view of our future resurrection. Note: This year, it is not a holy day of obligation.

August 24—St. Bartholomew (First Century). One of the Twelve Apostles and the son of Tolomai, Bartholomew is thought by some scholars to be the apostle, Nathanael, who went with Philip to see Jesus. After Jesus's Ascension, Nathanael spread Christianity to India and in Armenia, where he was martyred. He is the patron saint of Armenia and Belgium.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 15-4pm 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; V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair, Emily & Paul Bourgeois; M/M Yves Ramirez, Jerry, Jane & Kirsch; Achee Family, Carrington Family, Hollye Comeaux, Jim & Ella Panepinto; Ernest, Josephine & Brenda Lapeze, Lapeze & Ragusa Families; Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim, Nu Nu & Johnny Clebert, Louise, Edmund & Bro Bujol; Catherine & Frank Ferachi; Hahn, LeJeune & Hernandez Families; J. H. Millet, Milda Millet, M/M Tony Louis, M/M Harold Marionneaux; Joe & Marion Daigle; Angele & Dalfay Cavalier, Hazel LeBlanc, Charlotte & Caroline Carville, Avery Landry; Paul & Jenise Ortis, Earl & Mary Devillier; JoAnn Roth Daigle; Josephine P. Robinson, Blake, Gasper Jr., Shirley T. & Alma Pizzolato; Janice Brown; M/M Frank Ragusa & Family, M/M Placito Mancuso & Family, M/M Mose Gibson & Family, J. D. & Ella Collins & Family, Randolph Richard, Jr.; Faye & Paul Troxclair, Carolyn Bordelon; Frank, Josie, Victor & Anthony Canella; Pat Messina; John N. Gum, Jr.; Conrad Joffrion, Tubby & Gertrude Allain, Roy Landry, Jr. & Sr.

Sunday, August 16-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, August 16-9am 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; Gerald "Pops" Boudreaux, Maydell Smothers, Tom Smothers; Lezin, Clelie & Harold Sr. Himel, Anna Lois Funguy; Lloyd & Lillian Bouchereau, Anthony & Margie Vitale; Lawrence & Winnie Miller, Paul & Myrtle Richard, Edward Miller; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Dwight Marix, Carlysle Marix; Ruel Seneca, Sr., Ida Gaudet Family, Leah Diamond, Linda Rafflee; John N. Gum, Jr.; Dianne Grace; Patricia Scaruffi

Sunday, August 16-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Maude & Percy Blanchard, Norbert & Chase Prejean; Isaac J. Vaughn, Jr., Brent Isaac Vaughn, Sidney Hedges, Sr., Ezora Hedges; Leo P. Canova

Mondy, August 17-7am Mass

Emily Loubiere

Tuesday, August 18-6pm Mass

Niece, Nephews, Great & Great, Great Nieces; Bret Thompson

Wednesday, August 19-7am Mass

Alice & Alex Nolan, Larry Skidmore

Scripture Readings

Week of August 9, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14;
Rm 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Monday 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9;
Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday Ez 2:8-3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103,
111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6;
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62;
Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:59-63;
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday Solemnity of the Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2;
Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14;
1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Mass During the Day: Rev 11:19a;
12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16;
1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8;
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

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Sanctuary Candle

August 9, 2026

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Coffee & Donuts

August 16, 2026

Lou Anna Canella & Lionel Schexnaildre (7:30 Mass)

Tom & Germaine Bradley (9am Mass)



Kids Corner

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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