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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 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



Welcome!

We welcome the Catholic Daughters who are celebrating their quarterly Communion with us at 9am Mass Sunday, August 16.



Legion of Mary

Father Martin would like to start the Legion of Mary here at St. John Parish. Members would pray and assist Father Martin in reaching out to the many Catholic families in our community who aren't practicing the Faith by participating in Sunday Mass. Members who cannot be active can pray for the Legion's work of evangelization.

An informational meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 9 at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

For more information, please see Father Martin or email him at: pastor@stjohnchurchplaq.com

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 office@stjohnchurchplaq.com under FORMATION.

For more information, contact Lily Skidmore at 225.687.2402, lily@stjohnchurchplaq.com.

Source & Summit Missal

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susan@stjohnchurchplaq.com.

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 225.687.2402,

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Registration Due

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, office@stjohnchurchplaq.com under the FORMATION tab.

The 1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist parent meeting will be held Monday, August 17. The Confirmation parent meeting will be Monday, August 24. Both meetings will be held in the parish hall at 6pm.

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.



September Children's Church

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

Children's Church will be on Sundays during 9am Mass.

Date:	Teacher:
September 6	Carrie Leonard
September 13	Tracy Cox
September 20	Carrie Leonard
September 27	Tracy Cox

Volunteer teachers are requested for Children's Church. Please contact Jennifer Adams at 225.385.8201, jenniferadams1816@gmail.com if you can help.

NOW HIRING!!

Saint John the Evangelist Parish is in need of a Part Time Secretary and Bulletin Editor. Candidate will need to be familiar with computer software, particularly Affinity or Canva, in order to produce the weekly bulletin. For more information and to apply, please contact Father Martin via email: pastor@stjohnchurchplaq.com

In Loving Memory...

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:

Patsy Bird
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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..

Wifi: StJohnAssistiveAudio
 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.



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.

A Prayer for Protection During Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

Written in 1957 by Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder, the second Bishop of Lafayette, Louisiana, following the devastation of Hurricane Audrey.

Growing in Faith

Fall Bible Study

Our Fall Catholic Bible Study is titled "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" by Ascension Press.

You have 3 options to attend "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible." The first of 8 sessions begins **Thursday, September 17**. You may attend from 1:30-3pm or 6:15-7:45pm; Monday classes of the same subject will begin **Monday, September 21** from 1-2:30pm.

Goals of the Study:

- ♦ Simplifying Scripture: Helps beginners overcome the intimidation of the Bible's size and complexity.
- ♦ Connecting Testaments: Shows how the Old and New Testaments fit together into a single, cohesive story of God's plan and love for humanity.

Call the church office at 225.687.2402 to register. The study guides (\$30) are available in the church office. You may pick up your copy now or at the first class. Please make checks payable to Donna Carville.

Readying the Church for Worship



With Phase 2 of our 100 Year Capital Campaign complete, St. John Parishioners assembled Saturday, August 8 to ready the church for worship. Lots of young parishioners joined the more seasoned volunteers in a beehive of activity to accomplish the goal of being in church by the scheduled deadline of Monday, August 10. A grateful acknowledgement is made to Fr. Martin (bottom, left) and the volunteers who showed up to get the job done.

The Symbolism of Traditionally Consecrated Church Bells

From Father Martin:

I am putting together a proposal, with the Capital Campaign Committee, to restore the historic, consecrated church bells in our tower, so that they can once again ring the praises of Our Divine Savior and call us to prayer. I wrote the following little article for your reading pleasure.

For centuries, the ringing of church bells has been one of the most recognizable sounds of Catholic life. More than simple instruments, church bells that have been solemnly consecrated are regarded as sacred objects set apart for the worship of God.

Traditionally, a bishop blesses and consecrates a church bell with a rich ceremony that includes the washing of the bell with holy water, anointing it with the Oil of the Sick and Sacred Chrism, the use of incense, and prayers asking that all who hear its sound may be drawn closer to God. Because of the solemnity of this rite, the ceremony has often been affectionately called the “baptism” of a bell, although it is not a sacrament.

A consecrated bell serves many sacred purposes. Its joyful peal announces the celebration of Holy Mass, calls the faithful to prayer, marks the great feasts of the Church, and tolls at funerals as a final tribute to the departed.

Traditionally, bells are also rung during the elevation of the Sacred Host and Precious Blood, directing minds and hearts to the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

The Church has long seen bells as reminders of God’s presence in the world. Their sound sanctifies the passing hours, encourages the faithful to pause for prayer, and proclaims the Gospel to the surrounding community. The traditional prayers of consecration ask that the ringing of the bells may strengthen the faithful, inspire devotion, calm storms, and ward off the power and assaults of the evil one. This is not because the bell possesses any magical power, but because it has been solemnly dedicated to God’s service, and the Church implores His protection through its blessed sound. Thus, the ringing of a consecrated church bell has long been regarded as a sacramental that proclaims Christ’s victory over sin and evil and reminds the faithful that the powers of darkness flee before the glory of God.

Most church bells are given the name of a saint, emphasizing that they are dedicated to the glory of God and placed under the patronage of one of His holy servants. In this way, each bell becomes a lasting witness to the communion of saints and the Church’s mission to call all people to Christ.

Whenever we hear the ringing of our parish bells, we are invited to lift our hearts to God, remember His abiding presence, and respond anew to His call to holiness.

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End-of-Life Decision Making and the Dignity of Human Life

“Let us care for one another as Christ cared for us.” - Romans 15:7

When: Saturday, October 31, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
(Lunch Provided)

Where: Tracy Center Auditorium
Catholic Life Center
1800 S. Acadian Thruway
Baton Rouge, LA



Registration is required

Use the QR Code or this link:

<https://diobr.org/rlc-event>

The talks will include:

- Ordinary and extraordinary end-of-life care: Nutrition & hydration and pain medication
- Advance directives: Power of Attorney and living wills
- Catholic teaching on euthanasia and assisted suicide
- Ethical challenges w. palliative care and hospice



Meet our speaker:

Dr. Joe Zalot is a nationally recognized Catholic ethicist and the Director of Education at The NCBC. He lectures across the country, and has provided more than 2,200 ethics consultations, helping many make faithful medical decisions in accordance with Catholic teaching.

“The important thing is to give people good and faithful information so they can make good decisions in line with the teachings of the Church.” - Dr. Zalot

Mass Intentions

Thursday, August 20-7am Mass

George Gullotto, Joe & Maggie Gullotto

Saturday, August 22-4pm 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; Paul A. & Rose Marie Lamothe; John Ganaway; Andrew & Catherine Roucher, Ronald Benoit, Will Benoit; Norman Jr., Dorothy & Laura Lynn Grass; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; J. W. & Sue Bryant Family, Mrs. E. J. Clifton: Rose, Benny & Sid Quatrevingt, Gulotta & Quatrevingt Families; Amelia, Gail & Wheel Badeaux; Bill Touns; John N. Gum, Jr.; M/M Kearney Thibodeaux & Family, The Suggs Family, Michael Matthew Theriot; Edward Clement, Jr.

Sunday, August 23-7:30am Mass - St. John Parishioners

Sunday, August 23-9am 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; Sylvia Rivet, Shane Smith, Rivet Family; Gerald "Pops" Boudreaux, Maydell Smothers, Tom Smothers; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; George Gullotto, Maggie & Joe Gullotto; Manuel, Mary, Dolores & Nora Allen; Patricia Ebert; Denise Miranda; Ruel Seneca, Sr., Ida Gaudet Family, Leah Diamond, Linda Rafflee; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Mark Allain, Fred & Beverly Allain; Vickie D. Sutherland; Peter Vitale

Sunday, August 23-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair, Emily & Paul Bourgeois; Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio, Pauline E. deVerges, Ed Engolio, Jr.; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tena Alessi; Colby & Wayne Gomez, Pitre & Gomez Families; Isaac J. Vaughn, Jr., Brent Isaac Vaughn, Nilda Vaughn, Isaac Vaughn, Sr.; Sandra "Coochie" Landry; Leo P. Canova; Leah Seneca

Monday, August 24-7am Mass

Dudley & Mary Susan "Sue" Landry, Ronald Landry, Brendon Landry

Tuesday, August 25-6pm Mass

Joshua "Josh" Landry, Harry & Vivian Banta, Gloria & Joe Landry; Patrick Gaudet, M/M Clerfet Templet, Irvin "Pajo" Settoon III

Wednesday, August 26-7am Mass

Joann Nolan

Thursday, August 27-7am Mass

Rosemary Cox



Sanctuary Candle

August 16, 2026

St. John the Evangelist

Mrs. Elmiro Caffarel

St. Clement of Rome

Jaynell Lopez, Albert Lopez, Jr., Johnson & Lopez Families

Coffee & Donuts

August 23, 2026

Guy & Sabrina Ruggiero

(7:30 Mass)



Ruel & Diana Seneca (9am Mass)

Scripture Readings

Week of August 16, 2026

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

Monday Ez 24:15-23; Dt 32:18-21;
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30,
35c-36b; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
Mt 22:1-14

Friday Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9;
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday Memorial of the Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;
Mt 23:1-12

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8;
Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

Annual dues of \$30 are due in August. Dues are the main source of income for the Altar Society to serve both St. John's and St. Clement's needs. Please use the envelope provided in your August stewardship packet or drop an envelope marked "St. John Altar Society" in the church collection.

Please make checks payable to:
St. John Altar Society.



Kids Corner

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Woman Pity Daughter Sheep Help
Dogs Scraps Great Wish Healed



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