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Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am

11:00 am

Monday (Liturgy of the Word) 7:00 am Wed., Thurs., Fri. (Mass) 7:00 am First Tuesday of the Month 6:00 pm

(Mass, Novena, Benediction and Anointing of the Sick)

All other Tuesdays - Confessions 5:30 pm (Mass and Novena) 6:00 pm

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office

Marriage: Please contact the pastor a minimum of

six months before the wedding Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:00 pm

May 14, 2017 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

Today's readings describe the complexities of trying to live a spiritual life while still living in a world that demands concrete action. Acts tell us about disagreements beginning to emerge in the early Christian communities over divisions of labor. Some people are praying and preaching while others are feeding the hungry. In First Peter we are reminded that Jesus is the cornerstone. Jesus was rejected yet is the very foundation for building the community, and yet he also a stumbling block for those who do not follow the path laid out by his life and works. In John we hear again the contrast of the spiritual and the concrete, of houses with many rooms, of truth and life. Is it surprising that the apostles and we are sometimes confused about how to live the life Jesus intended for us?

FINDING REALITY IN FAITH The readings today describe a faith community struggling with the realities of preaching, teaching, praying, and spreading the word of God while others are concerned about putting food on the table and a roof over their heads. In Acts decisions are made about a division of labor. Some will preach and others will ensure that the community is fed. In First Peter there is talk of spiritual houses, builders, and cornerstones, of faith and stumbling blocks. In John, Jesus begins to prepare the apostles for his departure. Jesus talks about his Father's house but the apostles want concrete answers to their questions. They want to see the Father. They don't know the way. Jesus' response is both spiritual and concrete. His answer is both faith and works.

FINDING FAITH IN THE REAL WORLD The tensions within the readings are tensions we feel every day between our faith and the world in which we live. We stumble over stones that litter the way, over lies that hide the truth, even over the reality of death. We want our faith to be solid, so we can test its permanence and reality. But faith is not concrete. Faith is a living thing, a leap into the unknown. Works are concrete. The works of the apostles are what sustained them even as they struggled with their own faith. We must feed the hungry and shelter the homeless even as we speak to ourselves and others of faith beyond brick and mortar. While we live in a world of harsh realities, we must remember there are realities beyond those we see but not beyond our belief. We know that the faith born of love for others and lived out in caring for the sick and sorrowful, the hungry and homeless, the poor and imprisoned is real.

Today's Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12



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May 8, 2017

Dear St. John Church and School Community:

Greetings in the Risen Lord! I pray your Easter Season has been filled with graces flowing from the death and Resurrection of Jesus.

I offer this quote from St. Matthew's Gospel (Matthew 5:33b-37) for reflection:

Jesus said: "Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, 'Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all; not by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes' and your 'No' mean 'No'. Anything more is from the evil one."

This passage is often not given the respect or reflection it deserves. It is clear that Jesus is teaching us to watch over our tongues. One of the struggles of Christian life is developing a way of conversation that connects with our call to be charitable. I have no doubt that we all earnestly make efforts to engage with others in conversation in such a charitable way. Despite the directives of Jesus above, we can sometimes fail to speak in a manner to which we have been called.

I write you now as your pastor who is in love with our parish and school and want to express my concern for your spiritual welfare regarding rumors, gossip, and lies. Since I came to live with you in Christ over three years ago, I have written several times about this issue. Often, the defensive response given to me is "Father, that's just Plaquemine". This response and attitude is not acceptable and it continues to perpetuate a culture of gross injustice.

Since January these rumors and lies have brought great anxiety to me and has beaten down the spirits of those whom these rumors attack. Let me be clear – if there is something anyone knows that is inappropriate, it is your responsibility to first address this with the one whom you would accuse. Then, should you believe the response inadequate, you may take it to the administration. I cannot fathom any reason for spreading gossip, rumors and/or lies that is in anyway necessary. Furthermore, to deliberately spread such speech that lives and reputations are put at risk is considered serious sin.

It is time to STOP this behavior. So, stop it! Likewise, we need to teach the young people in our school to watch over their tongues. Our example thus far has been poor. Remember Jesus' directive when you find yourself in a situation where you might listen to or participate in such speech. Walk away from such conversations. Better yet, challenge one another on this.

A spiritual director of mine once gave me these three principles to follow with regard to gossip, rumors and/or lies:

- Are my words kind?
- Are my words true?
- Are my words necessary?

Her advice was that anything we say about another person has to be true for all three of these principles. True, our words may not be mean. Our words may even be true. But in most cases – my words are not necessary. Consider these principles and teach them to our young people.

"Say 'Yes' when you mean 'Yes', and 'No' when you mean 'No'. Anything more is from the evil one."

(Matthew 5:37)

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Loving God,

As a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless all mothers, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

On behalf of Fr. Greg, Deacon Alfred Ricard and the entire St. John Parish Staff, we would like to wish all of our mothers a very "Happy Mother's Day".



Dinner for Adoration Chapel Adorers

The Dinner for the Adoration Chapel Adorers will be Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 6:45 pm, following 6:00 pm Mass at the K. C. Hall.

All Adorers/Substitutes, Spouse or Guest are invited to attend.

Please sign the tablet in the Adoration Chapel if you plan to attend.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

The words of Jesus, "Could you not spend one hour with me?" are an excellent invitation to prayer before the **Blessed Sacrament.**

Listed below are open hours in the Adoration Chapel:

-Tuesday: 3:00 am-4:00 am

- Every other Tuesday: 5:00 am-6:00 am

-Friday: 1:00 am-2:00 am -Friday: 2:00 am-3:00 am -Friday: 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

-Saturday: 12 Midnight-1:00 am -Saturday: 2:00 am-3:00 am

-Saturday: 5:00 am-6:00 am -Saturday: 10:00 am-11:00 am -Saturday: 3:00 pm-4:00 pm -Saturday: 5:00 pm-6:00 pm

To volunteer for an hour, call JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

Weekday Worship & Scripture—Week of May 15, 2017

Monday, May 15: 7:00 am Liturgy of the Word Acts 14:5-18: Ps 115:1-5, 15-16: Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 16: 5:30 pm Liturgy of the Word/Novena

Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 17: 7:00 am Mass Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 18: 7:00 am Mass Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday, May 19: 7:00 am Mass

Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21 **Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20:

1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21



We welcome members of Iberville Parish who are graduates of College or Public Graduation Schools to the 4:00 pm Baccalaureate Mass in their honor.

We pray for the graduates and their parents and congratulate them for a job well done.

Vacation Bible School

St. John the Evangelist VBS (Vacation Bible School) "A Treasure Tour of the New Testament" July 17-21, 2017



Registration forms will be provided to all eligible St. John students and Parish School of Religion students. (PreK4-Incoming 6th Grade **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS** FRIDAY, JUNE 16.

Junior Helpers (Grades 7-12) will begin their treasure search through the New Testament. They will assist the little children with carpool, music, crafts, snacks and activities each day from 8:30 am until 12 Noon.

JUNIOR HELPER REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 16. MANDATORY JUNIOR HELPER **KICK OFF MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7** AT ST. JOHN CHURCH AT 6:00 PM.

Registrations forms are available on the bookshelves in the rear of church or in the church office. Adult volunteers, junior helpers and students may also access registration forms at our St. John Church website,

www.stjohnchurchplaq.org, under FORMS.

The following volunteer positions are available:

- teachers (PreK-6th grade)
- teacher supply leader
- skit assistant

Please call the church office at 225.687. 2402 to volunteer.

> **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!! DONATIONS ARE WELCOME**

Baptism Seminars & Baptisms

Baptism Seminars 7:00 pm-Parish Hall Monday, June 5, 2017 Monday, July 10, 2017 Monday, August 7, 2017

Baptisms Following 4:00 pm Mass Saturday, May 27, 2017 Saturday, June 24, 2017 Saturday, July 29, 2017 Saturday, August 26, 2017

Please call the church office at 225.687.2402 during the early stages of pregnancy to register for the seminar.

"All for Jesus" Ministries Fair Saturday, June 3 and Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017 In the Parish Hall after all Masses

St. John the Evangelist has many opportunities to serve and evangelize through its ministries. Our volunteers are vital in sustaining these outreach activities to others in faith. The ministries are in the areas of <u>Worship, Spiritual Life, Community Life and Religious Education</u>.

<u>WORSHIP MINISTRIES</u> are those ministries that are involved in the liturgical celebrations where we hear God's Word, receive Holy Communion, pray, sing and form the faith community at St. John the Evangelist Church. For more information and becoming involved, please call the church office at 687-2402.

<u>Lectors/Proclaimers</u> proclaim the Word of God and may lead the assembly in prayer at liturgical celebrations. Training and ongoing formation is required for lectors/proclaimers. They read on a rotating schedule at weekend and weekday masses.

<u>Lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist</u> are directly commissioned by the Pastor to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion at scheduled liturgies and communion services, to carry Holy Communion to the homebound, the hospitalized and incarcerated. Special training and qualifications apply. They also participate in ongoing formation and serve on a rotating schedule for weekend and weekday Masses.

<u>Altar Servers</u> are students in grades 3-12 or adults who assist the Celebrant at liturgical celebrations. Training is required. They serve on a rotating schedule for weekend masses and weekday masses as well as at special liturgies as needed.

<u>Sacristans</u> set up for special liturgical celebrations, funerals and weddings by attending to supplies, sacred vessels, altar linens and candles. They also attend to the proper storage and inventory of liturgical supplies and equipment in the sacristy.

<u>Ushers</u> serve as ministers of hospitality at Masses in greeting people, assisting with seating, assisting disabled worshippers, receiving offerings, directing a smooth flow of the assembly for receiving Holy Communion and distributing the weekly church bulletin after mass is concluded.

<u>Choir</u> is composed of adults who lead and enable congregational prayer through song at 9:00am Mass and special liturgical celebrations. Choir practice is usually scheduled for Wednesday at 6:45pm generally following the school year with special emphasis for liturgical seasons. Contact Medric Smith for more information.

<u>Liturgical Environment</u> prepares the church for the liturgical seasons or special liturgical celebrations through the use of flower arrangements, decorations, banners or other appointments. Please contact Sallye Troxclair or Evelyn Varnell. For the crèche that adorns our church during Advent to Epiphany, please contact Bruce and Mary Kay Capone.

<u>Prayer Candles</u> located in the side altar in the church are maintained by volunteers who remove those candles that have burned completely and replenish the supply of new candles. Please contact Darryl Boudreaux or David Lobue.

<u>Church Landscaping Committee</u> takes care of maintaining the flowerbeds around the church, parish hall, rectory and parking lots. The committee has divided up the various flowerbeds in order to maintain them. To volunteer contact Donna Carville.

<u>Facilities Maintenance Project Team</u> works with Gary Perrault, Maintenance Manager, on special projects to repair, maintain or improve the facilities of St. John including the church, parish hall/office building and surrounding land as needed. Please contact David LoBue to volunteer to help. (continued next week)

MASS INTENTIONS — May 20-26, 2017

Saturday, May 20-4:00 pm Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Laboure`, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Catherine & Andrew Roucher; Dace K. Hahn, Sr., Earline Rivet Hahn, Kim & Luke Baggett; Chester Hernandez, Leonce Hernandez & Family, Henry Rayne, Sr. & Family; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; Marilyn & Steve Callegan, M/M Herd Callegan; John H. Businelle; Aline, Mit, Dub & Wallace Comeaux, Aubry Quebedeaux; Larry Melancon, Maude Fannin; Frank Clement, Sr. & Family; Ione & Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Harry & Winnie Gallagher; M/M Lindon Rivet & Family, J. P. Messina, Irene Gulotta; Martha Decker; Marie Eby; Francis LaFleur, Angela & J. E. Dupont; Faye Troxclair; Sidney "Benny" Quatrevingt; Annie Matirne, The B. E. Matirne Family, The Nick Mancuso Family, Roger Adams

Sunday, May 21-7:30 am Mass - St. John Parishioners

Sunday, May 21-9:00 am Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Laboure`, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Kristina Mellema; Curtis, Denise & Brian Breaux; William E. Barker, III; Kelly, Cody & Clint Navarre; Elmire Caffarrel, Geraldine Marix, Joseph Marix & Jervais Marix

Sunday, May 21-14:00 am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; June & Joe Passantino & Family; Edward Kocke, Jr.; Buck Fourroux; Timothy Coupel

Tuesday, May 23-6:00 pm Mass

John Ruiz, Therese Ruiz, M/M Mervin Gourgues, M/M Anthony Palermo

Wednesday, May 24-7:00 am Mass-

Calvin Wilbert, III, Marion & Betty Cazes

Thursday, May 25-7:00 am Mass-Holy Thursday

Josie Giambrone

Friday, May 26-7:00 am Mass

Fred & Beverly Allain

YARD ROSARY — MAY 15-19, 2017



During the month of May, The Yard Rosary will be prayed at the homes of parishioners at 7:00 pm.

Monday, May 15: Johnny & Gwen Gum

57770 St. Louis Road

Tuesday, May 16: St. John Students

24250 Regina Street

Wednesday, May 17: Joyce Daigle

25340 Hackberry Lane

Thursday, May 18: Antoine & Susan Landry

57500 Augusta Road, Bayou Goula

Friday, May 19: Alton & Sandra Landry

59255 Island Drive

Saturday, May 20: Vincent & Tonya Orcino

24250 Sebastian Street

Sunday, May 21: Jimmy & Cheryl Ramirez

59730 Jumonville Street

Bring your lawn chair and your friends!

The Altar Society Team 3 will be cleaning the church on Tuesday, May 16 at 8:00 am.



Volunteers are welcome!

Sanctuary Candle May 21, 2017

St. John the Evangelist Church
Nell & Collin Graffeo & Jimmy Barbee

St. Clement of Rome Church
Carl D'Albor, Jr., M/M Jules A. Hebert &
Donald Hebert

Children's Liturgy May 21, 2017



Diana Seneca (9:00 am Mass)

Karen Passantino, Arlette Rodrigue & Missy Bertrand (11:00 am Mass)

Coffee and Donuts May 21, 2017

Delores & Gary Pruitt (7:30 am Mass)

Thomas & Rose Marie LeBlanc (9:00 am Mass)

STEWARDSHIP

May 6-7, 2017



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Our Hymn Selections this weekend are:

Entrance: Glory and Praise to Our God

Music Issue 545

Preparation: Your Words are Spirit and Life

Music Issue 91

Communion: As I Have Done for You

Today's Missal 45

Sending Forth: Canticle of the Sun

Music Issue 424



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