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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

August 20, 2017 — Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

All of us who ache to be accepted find lavish comfort in today's readings. Rich in mercy, the Lord welcomes all of us--no exceptions. Isaiah extends God's invitation to all nations, even to foreigners who often arouse suspicion from the "in crowd." Saint Paul takes advantage of these fearful suspicions by provoking the Israelites' jealousy: if even Gentiles can offer acceptable worship to the one true God, then God's chosen people should surely do the same. In a similar way, Jesus provokes his disciples in today's Gospel from Matthew. Bantering with a Canaanite woman, Jesus draws out her tremendous faith, which endures despite the typical rejection she faces from scornful Israelites. Whether we identify more with the privileged disciples or the marginalized Canaanite woman, we cannot mistake God's universal invitation to believe in the One who saves us.

REJECTED At one time or another, we have all been rejected or ridiculed, left out of a conversation, or not invited to a party. It hurts to be excluded. God makes all things new, though, and our scriptures today invite us to turn over our aching hearts to the Lord. Some of us might feel reluctant to give our hearts to the Lord, especially if our suffering somehow involves God or the Church. Why pour out hearts to God, after all, if God seems to be the cause of our troubles? A tragic loss, a painful death, or an unavoidable catastrophe can disrupt or destroy our life plans. When people clumsily console us then, saying, "It's God's will," we can easily become suspicious of God and the almighty will. If we suffer from the sinful structures or actions of God's representatives and ministers in the Church, we might look with skepticism at the prayers of that same Church. Even so, our Canaanite woman today persuades us not to lose hope. The disciples scorn her, complaining that she "keeps calling" out for help. Like irritable children, the disciples ask Jesus to "send her away." And just when we might expect Jesus to take her side, to scold the disciples and reward the woman's persistence, he shocks us by implying she is a dog. Undaunted, the woman accepts Jesus' remark and parlays its aggression into her own forceful plea: "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."

ACCEPTED The woman's faith is irresistible--to Jesus, and to us. Jesus grants her heart's desire, healing her daughter from that very moment. We too are won over by her indomitable confidence in the Lord. Truly, this woman is one of the heroes of the New Testament. When difficulties suffocate us and we feel turned away like a stray dog, we can recall the Canaanite woman's simple words: "Lord, help me."

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

Celebrating the Sacraments

CONFIRMATION

**Mandatory Student/Parent Registration/
Orientation with Father Greg
Wednesday, August 23 ~ 6:30 pm-7:30 pm
St. John Parish Hall**

All students registering and a parent must be present. Confirming student's Baptism certificates are due at this time. Upon receiving the Baptism certificates, additional information will be given out and the registration process will be complete.

Teachers are Needed! Please call Wanda Ashley at 225.687.2402 to volunteer or with questions.

BAPTISM

Baptism Seminars

Monday, September 11, 2017
Monday, October 2, 2017
Monday, November 6, 2017



Baptisms

Saturday, August 26, 2017
Saturday, September 30, 2017
Saturday, October 28, 2017
Saturday, November 25, 2017

The Baptism Seminars are held in the Parish Hall at 7:00 pm. Baptisms are usually held after 4:00 pm Mass on the last weekend of the month.

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

MARRIAGE



Couples contemplating marriage should contact the Church 6 months prior to the wedding. Plans should not be made before contacting the Church office.

Anyone previously married must have an annulment freeing them to marry in the Catholic Church. This includes members of other denominations seeking to marry Catholics in the Catholic Church.

For more information or to schedule a wedding, please call the Church Office, Susan Landry at 225.687.2402.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every First Tuesday, following 6:00 pm Mass, our parish celebrates the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for those who are seriously ill, experiencing depression, battling cancer treatments, disabled in any way, the elderly and those who are to undergo surgery in the near future.



Four to six months is recommended between anointing unless otherwise urgent.

Parish School of Religion (PSR)



REGISTRATION for PSR Grades 1-9
(including First Holy Communion children) is in progress.

Registration forms and schedules may be found in the back of church, in the church office or on our website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org, under FORMS.

The deadline to register is Friday, August 25.

**FIRST DAY OF CLASS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

TEACHERS AND HELPERS ARE NEEDED!

You may call Cindy Rodrigue to volunteer or with questions at 225.687.2402.

Growing in Faith

The Wild Goose is Loose!



The Wild Goose is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening in the hearts of all those participating in God's love and transforming power. We are all created by God so His love is given to all of us. This is a love that has been revealed to us by Jesus Christ and that leads us to our heavenly Father.



Discover a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit this fall by attending any of the 3 sessions beginning on Thursday, September 7 (1:30 pm-3:00 pm or (6:30 pm-8:00 pm) or on Monday, September 11 in the Church Office conference room. There is no homework, but bring your Bible.

You may call the church office at 225.687.2402 to register. There is no fee for the series.

RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

is a faith journey open to all unbaptized or baptized adults who wish to explore the possibility of becoming Catholic. If you are interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith and even exploring the possibility of becoming Catholic, please join us this fall for a wonderful faith journey.



Classes are held every Tuesday after 6:00 pm Mass from 6:45 pm-8:15 pm in the church office conference room. The dates for RCIA are Tuesday, September 12, 2017 (intro session), then every Tuesday until November 28, 2017.

RCIA resumes after Advent on Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 9:00 am Mass, from 9:30 am-10:45 am, then every Sunday at 9:00 am Mass until Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 31, 2018.

For more information, call Donna Carville at 225.687.2402.



PERPETUAL ADORATION

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)

Available hours for Eucharistic Adoration are:

- Monday: 10:00 pm-11:00 pm
- Monday: 11:00 pm-12 Midnight
- Tuesday: 3:00 am-4:00 am
- Tuesday: 11:00 pm-12 Midnight
- Friday: 1:00 am-2:00 am
- Friday: 2:00 am-3:00 am
- Saturday: 12 Midnight-1:00 am
- Saturday: 2:00 am-3:00 am
- Saturday: 5:00 am-6:00 am
- Saturday: 3:00 pm-4:00 pm
- Saturday: 5:00 pm-6:00 pm
- Saturday: 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

To volunteer for an hour in the Adoration Chapel, call JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

Please join us in the Adoration Chapel on Saturdays from 11:00 am until 12 Noon to pray the Rosary for Priestly vocations.



Weekday Worship & Scripture—Week of Aug. 21, 2017

Monday, August 21: 7 am Liturgy of the Word

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

Tuesday, August 22: 5:30 pm Confession/Mass/Novena

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

Wednesday, August 23: 7 am Mass

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

Thursday, August 24: 7 am Mass

Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Friday, August 25: 7 am Mass

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

Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36;

Mt 16:13-20

St. John Youth Ministry Garage Sale



St. John Youth Ministry is planning a garage sale for September 15 & 16.

We are accepting donations. Please clean out your storage areas now and bring us your "treasures." Garage sale items are being accepting at the Church parish office, Monday through Thursday, between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm.

You may contact Cindy Rodrigue at 225.687.2402 or 225.776.0706 for more information.

Thank you for supporting the St. John Youth Ministry!

Our Brothers' Keeper Food Bank



Our Brothers' Keeper Food Bank is in need of non-perishable food items. Especially needed are such items as peanut butter, jelly, cereal, macaroni and cheese, tuna, soup and fruit juices. Please place your contributions near the Baptistry in Church.

The food bank is also in need of additional drivers to transport food from the Baton Rouge Food Bank to Our Brothers' Keeper in Plaquemine. Drivers alternate on Wednesdays; therefore, you would not be needed every week. If you have a truck or an SUV, we could use your help.

Contact Amy Flatau at 225.659.2555 or Margie Lepere at 225.687.6639 for this essential ministry.

We appreciate your assistance!

Our Brothers' Keeper Food Bank Team

ALTAR SOCIETY

An envelope marked "Altar Society" has been included in the August packet of contribution envelopes.



If you would like to join the Altar Society or renew your membership, kindly place your yearly dues of \$20.00 in the "Altar Society" envelope or a regular envelope in the collection at any weekend Mass. Please make checks to St. John Altar Society.

Altar Society Team 4 will be cleaning the church on Wednesday, August 23 at 8:00 am.

Volunteers are welcome!

STEWARDSHIP



August 12 & 13, 2017

Stewardship.....	\$11,092.00
Candles.....	\$ 574.00

Join the parishioners who are using **ONLINE GIVING** for automated giving to St. John. It is secure and convenient. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish.

To sign up for **ONLINE GIVING**, visit www.stjohnchurchplaq.org.

Our Hymn Selections this weekend:

(Subject to change)

Entrance: Let Us Go to the Altar

Music Issue 315

Preparation: Seek Ye First

Music Issue 434

Communion: Prayer of St. Francis

Music Issue 522

Sending Forth: Organ/Piano Instrumental



MASS INTENTIONS — August 26-September 1, 2017

Saturday, August 26-4:00 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; Curtis & Ella Robert; CDA Court St. John # 1214 Deceased Members; Dot Favaron, Louis Favaron; Chester Hernandez, Leonce Hernandez & Family, Henry Rayne, Sr. & Family; Douglas Breaux & Family, Salvador Spano & Family; Michael "Boo", Mike & Rita Santangelo; Clay & Julette Bourg; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P. W. Albert, Jr.; A Special Intention for the Souls in Purgatory in Honor of St. Joseph; Vivian Whittington; Catherine Gomez; Betty Dupree; Annie Matirne, B. E. Matirne Family, Nick Mancuso Family, Roger Adams

Sunday, August 27-7:30 am Mass

St. John Parishioners



Sunday, August 27-9:00 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; Jep Daigle, Eddie & Virginia Clebert, Ulger & Nilda Daigle, Clebert & Daigle Families; Sylvia P. & Walter Marionneaux, Jr.; Barry Gomez; Richard Hudson; Shirley Cavalier; Doris & Matthew Allen; Alice P. Gallagher; A Special Intention

Sunday, August 27-11:00 am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Timothy Coupel; Dudley Nicolosi, Linda Mae & "Boogie" Schexnaildre; Henry Vadnais, Jr.; Brandon & Eddie J. Schouest, Jr., Josie Vicknair, M/M Joseph Rosso; John & Alva Collet, A Special Intention

Tuesday, August 29-6:00 pm Mass

Vincent A. Ferachi, Dr. Larry Ferachi; Josephine & George Ourso, George, Jr. & Dennis Ourso; Kay Brandau

Wednesday, August 30-7:00 am Mass

Ethel P. Businelle

Thursday, August 31-7:00 am Mass

Robert, Lee & Betty Mooney, Sylvia Gascon

Friday, September 1-7:00 am Mass

Harry & Winnie Gallagher

You are Covered in Prayer

*May you feel His presence-
Experience His Peace-
Draw from His strength-
Rest in His love-*



May God bless and keep you in His loving care.

If someone you know is having major surgery or has been diagnosed with cancer or any other grave illness, please let us bring you a prayer blanket to help get you through this tough time. It matters not the age, all who need it will receive it.

Contact Jane Gauthreaux at 225.413.7157.

Sanctuary Candle August 27, 2017



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St. Clement of Rome Church
Salvador Spano & Douglas Breaux

Coffee and Donuts August 27, 2017

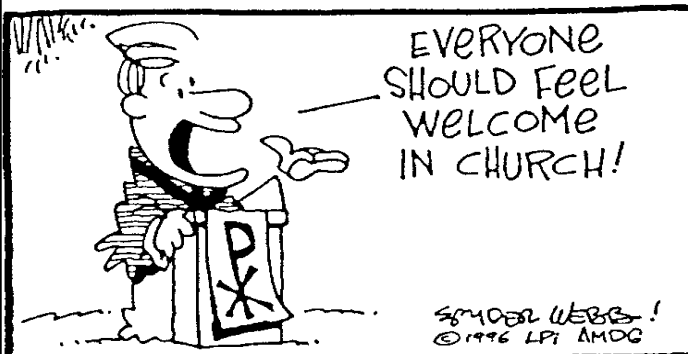


George & Patricia Ramirez (7:30 am Mass)

Lee Ann Howard & Amy Bradford (9:00 am Mass)

Note: Children's Church will resume on September 3.

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





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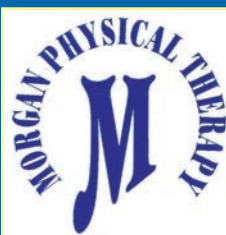
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