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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
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(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

September 3, 2017 — Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Suffering. We all know it. It is an inescapable part of the human experience. Our readings today help us understand what to do with suffering, how to redeem it for eternal glory. In a tenderly poetic passage, the prophet Jeremiah clings to the Lord, despite the suffering and hatred he endures in God's service. Since speaking on behalf of the Lord is the cause of his anguish, Jeremiah flirts with the idea of giving it all up, of abandoning his ministry. But God is "too strong," and Jeremiah remains faithful even in violent times. He knows, as the psalmist sings, that there is no life without God, for whom our souls thirst. Saint Paul acknowledges the universality of suffering and urges us to offer our suffering to God. God alone can transform our pain, our "crosses," into good for others, just as God redeemed the ultimate suffering of Jesus.

OFFER IT UP! As Saint Paul says, we can offer our personal experiences as a "living sacrifice." Let's offer up our daily prayers, thoughts, words, actions, joys, and sufferings. Let's unite our sacrifices to the perfect sacrifice of Jesus we celebrate in the Eucharist. Our sacrifices--little or big, happy or sad--become the stuff of miracles. Consider the example of the loaves and fishes we read about a few weeks ago. Jesus' tender heart pities the hungry crowds. Jesus asks the disciples to offer anything they can spare. Using the ridiculously inadequate offering of five loaves and two fish, Jesus goes to work. He blesses their offering, breaks it, and uses it to satisfy thousands. Baskets overflow. Jesus uses a tiny offering and transforms it into real help for people in need. We too can offer sacrifices for Jesus to transform. When we are confronted with problems we know we can't solve, Jesus remains calm. He asks us to give what we can. Often, we have no confidence. We scoff at our own pathetic attempts. We cannot imagine how God could possibly use our boring little sacrifices of dishwashing, caregiving, or e-mail-managing to bless the world. But Jesus takes whatever we offer. He blesses it. He breaks it. He transforms it into grace for ourselves and for all people in need.

PRAISE GOD! The mystery of redemptive suffering transforms our lives, but it is not an easy mystery to accept. Suffering is not attractive. Especially when suffering afflicts innocent people, we cry out to God for justice and relief. Jesus' words today penetrate our hearts: "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." We beg the Lord to accept our suffering, then, and to transform it in ways we cannot imagine. Embracing the details and crosses of daily life, we look forward to the day when Jesus comes in glory, revealing to us how he used our sacrifices to bless the world.

Today's Readings: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

GEMS Soup and Salad Social

The GEMS (Golden Eagle Members, aged 50 and older) are hosting a Soup and Salad Social on Saturday, September 2.

Please bring canned goods for Our Brothers' Keeper and join us in the parish hall immediately following 4:00 pm Mass for an evening of food, fun and fellowship.

PSR — First Day of Class



Grades 1-6: Wednesday, September 6 5:15 pm-7:00 pm — St. Clement Church Grades 7 & 8: Sunday, September 10 9:15-12 Noon — St. John Parish Hall Grade 9: Wednesday, September 13 5:30 pm-8:00 pm — St. Clement Church

PERPETUAL ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

Jesus said to the crowds: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Matthew 11:28-30

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

-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.

St. John Homecoming Court Honored at Mass

On Sunday, August 27 the following members of the 2017 St. John High School Homecoming Court were recognized at 9:00 am Mass. In attendance were senior girls Elizabeth Bueche, Sarah Caballero, Margo Crockett, Samantha Fleniken, Carolyne Glaser, Hannah Hargrove, Grace Robichaux, Robbie Seneca, and Callie Walker. The senior boys attending were Bailey Albarado, Reese Barrilleaux, Devin Brock, Joshua Carbo, Grant Cedotal, Landon LeBlanc, Logan Morel, Jacob Reinhardt, and Logan Rodriguez.

Congratulations to these young ladies and men and their families!



The St. John Church Office will be closed Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation Preparation classes begin SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm in the St. John Parish Hall.



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

CATHOLIC.....

Thinking about it or know of someone thinking abut it?

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 <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>September 12, 2017</u> (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.



Growing in Faith

Since it is the 100th Anniversary of Fatima this year, the study by St. Augustine Institute on Divine Mercy is an excellent series for us. It is a 10-part series that we will start on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 1:30 pm-3:00 pm or 6:30 pm-8:00 pm and on

Monday, September 11 at 6:30 pm-8:00 pm and conclude on Thursday, November 9, 2017 and on Monday, November 13, 2017. You are welcomed to attend any of these 3 sessions.

In this series on Divine Mercy, renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. There will be neither a fee nor homework for this study.

Please contact the church office (225.687.2402) or Donna Carville (225.776.3205) so we will have your study guides ready for you.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP



The Bereavement Support Group will meet in the parish h all Wednesday, September 6 from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm.

All are welcome!! Please join us.

Baptisms and Seminars

Baptism Seminars

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



Baptisms

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.



You are invited to participate in Baton Rouge's sixth 40 Days for Life FOR LIFE campaign this fall from September 27 through November 5, 2017.

40 Days for Life is a worldwide pro-life campaign that consists of prayer and fasting and peaceful witness for an end to abortion. A peaceful and prayerful gathering will be held outside of Delta abortion facility located at 756 Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm on each of the 40 days.

13,305 lives have been saved since 2007. Please make a pilgrimage of prayer to save lives and consider joining us for one or more hours of prayer to spread the word about this important life-saving effort.

St. John the Evangelist has adopted Wednesday. October 4, from 7:00 am until 1:00 pm during the 40 Days for Life prayer event.

To volunteer to help, please contact Joanne Landry at 225.776.0782, joanne4943@att.net.



Our Hymn Selections this weekend:

(Subject to change)

Entrance: Glory in the Cross Music Issue 712

Preparation: The Servant Song

Music Issue 384 Communion: Loving and Forgiving

Music Issue 663

Sending Forth: Organ/Piano Instrumental

St. John Youth Ministry Garage Sale



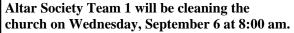
St. John Youth Ministry is planning a garage sale for Friday & Saturday, September 15 & 16.

We are now accepting donations. Please clean out your storage areas and bring us your "treasures." Garage sale items are being accepted 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 St. John Youth Ministry!

ALTAR SOCIETY





Volunteers are welcome!

Weekday Worship & Scripture — Sept. 4-10, 2017

Monday, September 4: 7 am Liturgy of the Word

1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday, September 5: Confession/Mass/Anointing/ Novena/Benediction

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 6: 7 am Mass

Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, September 7: 7 am Mass

Col 1:9-14: Ps 98:2-6: Lk 5:1-11

Friday, September 8: 7 am Mass

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Saturday:

Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday:

Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Growing Up Gracefully



Young ladies (8th-12th grade) and their mothers are invited to Growing Up Gracefully, designed to give moms the tools they need to help their daughters not only to survive the journey from

little girl to young woman, but to become the women God created them to be — fully alive and full of grace!

Susan Caldwell, MD, CRCMC, and Sarah Denny, MD, FCP, will be presenters at the program, which will take place on Tuesday, September 19, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm, at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Parish Activity Hall, 11441 Goodwood Blvd., Baton Rouge.

The cost is \$25 for each mother and one daughter and \$5 more for each additional daughter attending.

More information and online registration is available at www.hopewomansclinic.com/growing.

MASS INTENTIONS — September 9-15, 2017

Saturday, September 9-4:00 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; Aileen Richard, Felicie Langlois Family; M/M John Caffarel, Sr., M/M G. E. Marix & Family; J. Hubert Millet, Milda Millet, Louis Family, Harold Marionneaux; Oniel Favron, Sr., Oniel Favron, Jr., Randy Favron, Sr., Patricia Savoie Hebert; Joseph Graves, W. A. Graves Family, Jack Jackson, Thomas Morales Family; Michael "Boo," Mike & Rita Santangelo; Clay & Juette Bourg; Palermo Family, Gaudin Family, Louviere Family, Rosa C. Granada; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Ragusa Family, Lapeze Family; Aline, Mit, Dub & Wallace Comeaux, Aubrey Quebedeaux; M/M Lindon Rivet & Family, J. P. Messina & Irene Gulotta; M/M Anthony Orcino, Sr. & Family, Caliste Landry, Jr. & Kimberly; Catherine Gomez; Annie Matirne, B. E. Matirne Family, Nick Mancuso Family, Roger Adams

Sunday, September 10-7:30 am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, September 10-9:00 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; J. W. Bryant Family, Mrs. E. J. Clifton; M/M Sidney J. Gourgues, M/M Sam F. Burgess, Sr.; Joe & Maggie Gulotto, Lola & A. J. Adams; Clinton & Wendell Fournerat; M/M Ernest Hernandez, Margaret Hernandez, Gary Hernandez, M/M Clay Hernandez; Mitchell Dufour, Boudreaux & Dufour Families; Lena Canella; Lucy & Sam Canella, Frances C. Gilchrist, Lena C. Canella; Doris & Matthew Allen; Alice P. Gallagher; A Special Intention

Sunday, September 10-11:00 am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Marshall & Virginia Peavy; Cleo & Ella Dupont; J. R. Boudreaux, Virgie Junot Family; Edward Kocke, Jr.; Marvin & Matt Allen, Guy & Bernice Allen; Betty Gongre; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Carol Ann Jarreau; Victor Joseph Canella; Bobby Tullier, M/M Verner Comeaux, Sr. & Sons, Jackie Seneca, Donald Hernandez, Tommy Rivet, M/M Russell Rivet, Sr.; Timothy Coupel; Milton Allen, Tommy Allen Mosley, Vivian & Doris Allain; Thomas Poche`; Eustace Marionneaux

Tuesday, September 12-6:00 pm Mass

Mary Ann Deckleman Quaid; Van & Thelma Junot, Elvis & Mamie Rabalais; William E. Barker, III

Wednesday, September 13-7:00 am Mass

Alfred & Mercedese Carville

Thursday, September 14-7:00 am Mass

Andrew, Della, Vincent & Bob Ferachi

Friday, September 15-7:00 am Mass

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<u>Sanctuary Candle</u> September 10, 2017

St. John the Evangelist Church
Dr. Herman Samson & Family

St. Clement of Rome Church
Alfred & Mercedese Carville

<u>Coffee and Donuts</u> September 10, 2017



Pete & Bonnie Blanchard (7:30 am Mass)

Ricky & Anna Breaux (9:00 am Mass)



Children's Liturgy September 10, 2017

Sabrina Ruggiero (9:00 am Mass)

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

If you wish to follow Him, Jesus said you must deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Him. Are you courageous enough to follow Jesus as a priest, brother or sister? If so, contact Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org.





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