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then when you pray

our own sins will be

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September 17, 2017 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time The Cross of Forgiveness

Why should we forgive those who hurt us? The gospel this Sunday gives three reasons: First, because Jesus commands it. Second, because forgiveness is part of loving one another. And third, because we want to be forgiven for our sins.

Obviously, Jesus expects us to forgive one another. Here he commands us to forgive unceasingly, without limit. Now that could be a challenge for even the most patient person. So does forgiveness exclude tough love? Does it mean we have to let someone hurt us over and over? No, it is possible to forgive someone and also prevent them from hurting us, if we do it with love (the second reason.)

For instance, we might forgive an alcoholic family member, but still insist that they get help. We can forgive a son or daughter who breaks the law, but still let them face the consequences so they learn from their mistake. We may forgive a friend who borrows money without repaying it, but still refer them to a credit counselor, instead of lending them more money. Since forgiveness is part of love, it is also part of tough love. That leads to the third reason: We forgive because we want to be forgiven. Or more accurately, we forgive because we have been forgiven. Jesus has already died for our sins. His resurrection shows us that the Father accepted the sacrifice of his Son Jesus for our sins. If we truly believe that Jesus is risen and that we will rise to eternal life with him in spite of our sins, how can we refuse to forgive someone who hurts us?

When we promise to take up our cross each day to follow Jesus, we must remember why Jesus took up his cross and realize that we have to forgive as he does. That is why the cross is such a powerful symbol. It challenges us to accept suffering for Jesus' sake. It reminds us that sometimes our cross is simply forgiving someone rather than hurting them back or hating them. If Jesus gave his life to forgive us, how willing are we to spread that forgiveness around?



Confirmation Preparation

Classes begin SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm — St. John Parish Hall.

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

PERPETUAL ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: " *"So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?"* Matthew 26:40

Available hours for Eucharistic Adoration are: -Monday: 10:00 pm-11:00 pm -Tuesday: 11:00 pm-12 Midnight -Friday: 12 Midnight-1:00 am -Friday: 1:00 am-2:00 am -Friday: 2:00 am-3:00 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 -Saturday: 11:00 pm-12 Midnight

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

RCIA

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.

Classes have begun and will be held every Tuesday after 6:00 pm Mass from 6:45 pm-8:15 pm until November 28, 2017 in the church office conference room.

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.

Our Hymn Selections this weekend: (Subject to change)

Entrance: Come to the Feast Music Issue 307

Preparation: Open My Eyes Music Issue 390 Communion: There is a Longing Music Issue 399 Sending Forth: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven Music Issue 546



A Grateful Acknowledgement

Special thanks to GEMS coordinators, Lorraine Hidalgo and Sylvia Erwin, for hosting the GEMS Soup and Salad Social which was

held in the parish hall on Saturday, September 2.

An evening of food and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Weekday Worship & Scripture—Sept. 18-24, 2017

Monday, September 18: 7 am Liturgy of the Word 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10 Tuesday, September 19: Liturgy of the Word/Novena 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1-3, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17 Wednesday, September 20: 7 am Liturgy of the Word 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35 Thursday, September 21: 7 am Liturgy of the Word Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13 Friday, September 22: 7 am Mass 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 8:4-15 Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a



Growing in Faith

Divine Mercy Bible Study sessions continue on Thursdays from 1:30 pm-3:00 pm, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm and Mondays from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. You are welcomed to attend any of these 3

sessions. Join us on the 3rd floor in the parish office conference room. The ten-part series will conclude on Thursday, November 9 and on Monday, November 13.

For information, call 225.687.2402 or 225.776.3205.

It's not to late to join us.

Baptisms and Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars—7:00 pm—Parish Hall Monday, October 2, 2017 Monday, November 6, 2017 Monday, December 4, 2017

Baptisms following 4:00 pm Mass Saturday, September 30, 2017 Saturday, October 28, 2017 Saturday, November 25, 2017 Saturday, December 16, 2017

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

Vocations

Jesus continues to draw those who believe. Our world is hungry and thirsty for the Bread of Life. Will you share your faith? Consider being a sister, brother, priest or deacon; contact Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org.

Ministries



Catechetical Sunday

We welcome all teachers and teachers of Religion to 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, September 16.

Altar Society



Altar Society Team 3 will be cleaning the church on Tuesday, September 19 at 8:00 am.

Volunteers are welcome!

ANDAYS You are invited to participate in Baton FOR LIFE Rouge's sixth 40 Days 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.

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 sign up, contact Joanne Landry at 225.776.0782, joanne4943@att.net.



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church for rehearsals.

Come and share your gifts in the music ministry!!

Our Brothers' Keeper Food Bank



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

We appreciate whatever you can give.



Children's Liturgy September 24, 2017

Tracy Cox (7:30 am Mass)

Carol Ann Marionneaux (9:00 am Mass)

Coffee and Donuts **September 24, 2017**



Lloyd & Betty Bouchereau (7:30 am)

Patrick & Helen Pendley (9:00 am)

Events of Interest in the Area

Life Fest & Annual Respect Life Mass October 7, 2017 – 10:00 am-4:00 pm "Proclaiming the Gospel of Life as Missionary Disciples''

The 3nd Annual Diocesan Life Fest will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, October 7, 2017, at the Catholic Life Center (1800 S. Acadian Thruway, Baton Rouge). The keynote presenter will be Brian Pedraza, Ph.D., assistant professor of theology at Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University, Breakout session topics will focus on accompanying those who are: facing the end of life, experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, wanting to understand human trafficking, struggling with depression & suicidal thoughts, and seeking hope & healing after an abortion. This year a Spanish track will be available.

This FREE event will also offer Eucharistic Adoration. Kids Track for ages 5-11, various exhibitors and the celebration of the Annual Respect Life Mass at 4:00 pm. To register or for more information visit www.MFLDiobr.org.

For the Separated & Divorced

Journey of Hope is a special program

addressing the concerns of separated/divorced Catholics. It offers support and addresses important issues that arise as a result of a divorce. The strong emphasis on praver, scripture and Church teachings leads to healing and a better relationship with Christ.

Some of the topics discussed are:

- How do I deal with my anger?
- What does the Church say about divorce?
- Can I receive the Sacraments?
- How do I deal with my children? •
- Why does God allow divorce to happen?

Sessions begin Sunday, September 24, 2017 at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, 2025 Stuart Ave, Baton Rouge. Registration available in St. Aloysius Church Office. \$50.00 fee due with registration. Scholarship available.

Call Angela Falgoust at 343-6657 ext. 3031 or email afalgoust@staloysiusparish.com for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS — September 23-29, 2017

Saturday, September 23-4:00 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; George & Carol Allain, GiGi Allain, Barbara Bajon; Chester Hernandez, Leonce Hernandez & Family, Henry Rayne, Sr. & Family; Harry LaCasse, David, Emily & Patrick Doyle; Harry J. Hebert; Douglas Breaux & Family, Salvador Spano & Family; Harvey Ourso; Aline, Mit, Dub & Wallace Comeaux, Aubry Quebedeaux; Larry Melancon, Melvina & Clarence Devillier; Anthony F. Canella, M/M Aaron LeRay, Nora Vitale, Yvonne Curry, Shannie Verret, Camille Tempanaro; Lawrence & Winnie Miller, M/M James Miller, M/M John Coupel, Edward Miller; Harry & Winnie Gallagher; Dalbert Varnell, Sr.; M/M Anthony Orcino, Sr. & Family, Caliste Landry, Jr. & Kimberly; M/M Edward P. Achee, M/M Emile Achee, Ione L. Gaudet; Vivian Whittington; Harry "Shot" Hanks; Catherine Gomez; Betty Dupree; Annie Matirne, B. E. Matirne Family, Nick Mancuso Family, Roger Adams; Jackie Bourgoyne

Sunday, September 24-7:30 am Mass - St. John Parishioners

Sunday, September 24-9:00 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; Scott Jude Marino, Kids of St. Jude, Nera Rodriguez, M/M Anthony Marino, Sr.; Kristina Mellema; LTC Craig T. Robinson, Francis, Shirley & Gasper Pizzolato, Jr.; Joycelyn R. & Coley Davidson; Lena P. Brooks; Vincent A. Palermo; CDA Court St. John #1214 Deceased Members; A. J. & Lola Adams, Maggie & Joe Gullotto; Madeline, John, Sr., John, Jr. & James Roth, Adolph, Sr., Adolph, Jr. & Ida Mae Jumonville, Freddie Hebert; Kelly, Cody & Clint Navarre; Richard Hudson; Betty Dupree; Alice P. Gallagher; A Special Intention

Sunday, September 24-11:00 am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Ted, June & Joe Passantino Family; William Middleton, William Lewis, Ann & Allen Clouatre; Timothy Coupel; Dudley Nicolosi, Linda Mae & "Boogie" Schexnaildre; Pershing Thompson; Henry Vadnais, Jr.; Dom Engolio, Pauline & Joseph Engolio, Charles Engolio; Joan Repp

Tuesday, September 26-6:00 pm Mass

Anthony Marino, Sr.; T. J. Lukose

Wednesday, September 27-7:00 am Mass Jimmy Barbee

Thursday, September 28-7:00 am Mass Vadnais Family

Friday, September 29-7:00 am Mass Shirley Zito

<u>Sanctuary Candle</u> September 24, 2017



<u>St. John the Evangelist Church</u> Curtis & Ella Robert (9:00 am Mass)

<u>St. Clement of Rome Church</u> William E. Barker III (11:00 am Mass)



Bereavement Support Group

The Bereavement Support Group will meet in the Parish Hall <u>every 1st Wednesday of</u> <u>the month</u> from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm.

The purpose of this ministry is to comfort those who have experienced the loss of someone important (recent or in the past). There will be prayer, fellowship, and the opportunity to share our struggles with grief in a safe place. Please join us.

STEWARDSHIP September 2 & 3, 2017

Stewardship\$1	1,514.00
Building & Maintenance Fund\$	
Catholic University\$	764.00
Candles\$	559.00

Online Giving — August, 2017

Stewardship\$	4,152.00
Assumption of Mary	
Building & Maintenance Fund\$	388.00
Social Responsibility\$	185.00
Education Fund	5 25.00

To sign up for ONLINE GIVING, visit <u>www.stjohnchurchplaq.org</u>

Save the Date

2017 St. John School Open Fishing Tournament Saturday, October 7, 2017

Contact: Chris Couch 225.276.8971 Cpcouch81@yahoo.com





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