

# St. John the Evangelist Church

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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

## **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 5, 2018**

### **Don't Look Back**

It's bad enough that the Israelites were grumbling against their leaders. But they also complain to God that they were better off as slaves in Egypt. After all God did to bring them to freedom, now they want to go back to slavery. Before we judge them too harshly, we might ask ourselves if we ever act like that. For us, it might be looking back on our slavery to sin.

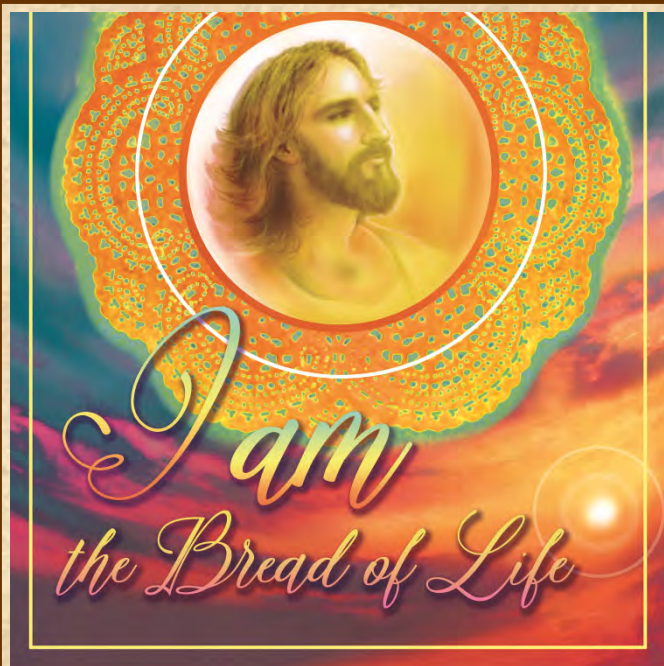
We might confess the sin and say we'll never do that again, but we often can't resist the memory of our past sins. As we hold on to the past, the temptations come back and draw us to repeat our offenses. Even though we know we are better off putting it behind us, we sometimes find it difficult to move on.

So how do we free ourselves from the past? Should we look to the future, instead? If we want to make the world, or just our community, a better place we can make plans. If those

plans are ever going to work, we have to begin now. Jesus doesn't tell us to dwell in the past or dream of the future. No, he keeps us focused on the present moment, telling us to believe in Him now, His Father gives us true bread and Jesus is that bread of life.

Those words are just as true today. We may look fondly at the past, but if we don't let Jesus be born again in us, and if we don't take up our crosses each day--we are missing the chance to experience Jesus in us and in the people we live and work with each day.

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### PSR Registration

Parish School of Religion (PSR) registration for grades 1-9 (including First Holy Communion children) is in progress.

Registration forms may be found in the back of church, in the church office or on our website, [www.stjohnchurchplaq.org](http://www.stjohnchurchplaq.org) under FORMS.

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### Training for Catechists/Teachers/Helpers for the PSR Program and the Sacramental Programs

I am extending an invitation to all who are assigned to specific positions within our PSR Program and Sacramental Program, as well as those who may be interested in joining our team. For those who are appointed to a position at this time the training is mandatory. For those who might be interested in joining our team, I ask that you please attend one night of the seminar. The training is based on Dynamic Catholics, Matthew Kelly's Program. It is painless and shall not demand too much of your time.

The nights I have scheduled are Tuesday, August 7th, Wednesday, August 8th & Thursday, August 9th.

The PLACE: Parish Hall

The TIME: 6:30-8:00pm

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ATTEND ALL 3 NIGHTS. YOU MAY ATTEND ONE NIGHT TO MEET THE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.**

Wanda Ashley, B.A., M.R.E.

Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry

### Celebrating the Sacraments

#### Baptisms and Baptism Seminars

##### Baptism Seminars

Monday, August 6, 2018

Monday, September 10, 2018

Monday, October 1, 2018



##### Baptisms

Saturday, August 25, 2018

Saturday, September 29, 2018

Saturday, October 27, 2018

The Baptism seminars are held at 7pm on the third floor of the church office. Baptisms are usually held after 4pm Mass on the last weekend of the month.

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



#### Anointing of the Sick

Every First Tuesday following 6pm Mass, our parish celebrates the SACREMENT 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. Father Greg will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick, Tuesday, August 7, 2018.

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

### CATHOLIC.....

THINKING ABOUT IT,  
OR KNOW OF SOMEONE  
THINKING ABOUT 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 following 6:00pm Mass from 6:30pm-8:00pm in the church office conference room. The dates for RCIA are Tuesday, September 11, 2018, then every Tuesday until November 27, 2018.

RCIA resumes after Advent on Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 9:00am Mass from 9:30am-10:45am, then every Sunday at 9:00am Mass until Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 20, 2019.

For more information, call Donna Carville at 225.687.2402.

### St. John School News

#### St. John Alumni Softball Tournament

The 16th Annual St. John Alumni Softball Tournament will be held Saturday & Sunday, August 4th & 5th at Myhand Park in Addis.

Come out and have a good time while supporting St. John School!!

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#### Back to School Rosary



St. John School's annual Back to School Rosary will be held Monday, August 6 at 7pm at the grotto between the gym and the high school building.

Everyone is welcome to join us as we pray for another great school year. Feel free to bring lawn chairs and blankets.

### 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL

St. John School, Iberville Elementary,  
MSA & Plaquemine High School

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10



### Eucharistic 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 scheduled visitation of the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel are:

- Thursday: 1pm-2pm
- Friday: 6pm-7pm
- Saturday: 7pm-8pm
- Sunday: 3pm-4pm

To volunteer as an adorer for one hour every week or as a substitute adorer when needed, please call JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

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### AUGUST DEVOTION

The month of August is dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament, and increased adoration of the Eucharist is encouraged.

August is also dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and on August 15th, the church celebrates the Assumption of Mary into heaven.

On the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we will honor Our Heavenly Mother.

Masses are as follows:

- 7:00am Mass
- 8:30am St. John School Mass at St. Clement Church
- 6:00pm Mass
- 9:00am Mass at the Madonna Chapel in Bayou Goula

### Weekday Worship & Scripture — August 6-12, 2018

**Monday, Aug 6:** 7am Liturgy of the Word  
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19;  
Mk 9:2-10

**Tuesday, Aug 7:** 5:30pm Confessions/Mass/Anointing/  
Novena/Benediction  
Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-23, 29; Mt 14:22-36 or  
Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday, August 8:** 7am Mass  
Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10-13; Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday, August 9:** 7am Mass  
Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

**Friday, August 10:** 7am Mass  
2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

**Saturday:** Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2;  
Jn 6:41-51

The divine presence is often symbolized in the bread and wine, water, oil, candles, fire and light. However, each of us must be a living sign and symbol of God’s presence within us. If you are willing to witness Christ with your life-as a priest or religious-then call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).



### The Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for August

#### The Treasure of Families

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

### 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 in the “Altar Society” envelope or a regular envelope in the collection at any weekend Mass.

\*Please make checks payable to St. John Altar Society.\*

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Altar Society Team 2 will be cleaning the church on Wednesday, August 8 at 8:00am.

Volunteers are welcome!



### Please note...

If you are a newcomer to St. John the Evangelist Church Parish, have recently married, or no longer live with your parents, please remember to fill out a census form to register here. Anyone who does not receive church contribution envelopes is not registered.

You may choose one of these ways to register:

- Call the St. John Church Office at 225.687.2402 and we will mail a census form to you
- Pick up a census form from the bookshelves in the back of church
- Access FORMS on our website, [www.stjohnchurchplaq.org](http://www.stjohnchurchplaq.org).

### Stewardship

#### July 21 & 22, 2018



Identified.....	\$ 7,448.00
Number — 248	
Unidentified.....	\$ 1,382.00
Other Collections.....	\$ 546.00
Number — 35	

#### July 28 & July 29, 2018

Identified.....	\$ 8,398.00
Number — 265	
Unidentified.....	\$ 1,518.00

Can’t find your checkbook or envelope Sunday morning? 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.

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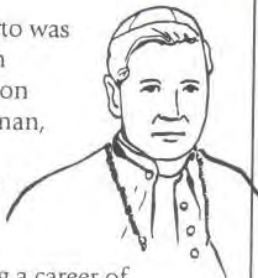
August 2018

**St. John the Evangelist**  
Rev. Gregory J. Daigle

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Pius X

Giuseppe Sarto was born in Italy in 1835. The son of a postman, he was ordained a priest in 1858, beginning a career of successfully serving in Church leadership positions. As pope, he was ahead of his time. St. Pius reformed his own administration, spoke out against the dangers of Modernism, worked for peace in a world preparing for war, and encouraged the practice of receiving Communion frequently. He died in 1914 and was canonized in 1954.



### "Me" Last

Society makes it acceptable to pursue our own happiness without concern for others. As followers of Christ we know that God holds us responsible for meeting others' needs. When we care for the poor and needy, God will take care of us.

### Give it to God

*"Never forget that God loves you deeply and cares for you passionately. 'Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you'"*  
(1 Peter 5:7).



## Make Jesus' Mother your own

Catholics reserve worship for God, but Mary has a special place of honor in our hearts. When we follow Jesus' request to take his Mother as our own, we are sheltered by her maternal protection, share in the love between Mother and Son, and take a unique route to the heart of Our Lord.

*"Behold the handmaid of the Lord"* (Luke 1:38). From the first "Yes" to her unique role in God's plan to the final moments at the foot of the Cross, Mary cooperated with faith, hope, and charity in her Son's plan to restore supernatural life to us. She is ready to protect our new

life and help us grow in love of her Son, if only we ask.

*"Woman, behold your son"* (John 19:26). Jesus' suffering and death on the Cross was the ultimate act of love. Out of love, too, he offered to share his beloved

Mother with all of us as our own Mother.

Heeding Jesus' words, "Behold your mother" (John 19:27), we can take Mary into our hearts and homes.

*"Do whatever he tells you"* (John 2:5). Mary brought others to Jesus by bringing him into the world and talking about him. Bringing others to

Jesus is our job, too. We can follow her example, ask for her help, and be obedient like her.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics believe the Church is Apostolic?

We call the Church, "Apostolic," because it is founded on the Apostles whom Jesus appointed to carry on his work.

Before he ascended, Jesus commissioned the Apostles to baptize and preach the Gospel in his name (Matthew 28:19-20). The

Apostles ordained others to carry on this mission, and they ordained others. The Catholic faith has been preserved and handed down to us from the Apostles through their successors, our bishops, who can trace their "priestly lineage" back to the Apostles.



## Show others the way to God

God has called all of us to follow him but we are also called to lead. Aiding another's spiritual growth in simple ways can lead others to Christ.

**Be on the watch.** Ask God to reveal to you those who don't know him. Record their names and commit to praying for them daily.

**Go to Mass together.** Inviting a friend or someone seeking a spiritual home to attend Sunday Mass with you is a great way to spend time together and show commitment to the faith.



**Offer prayer cards.** Promote prayer and a devotion to the saints by sending an occasional prayer card featuring a saint relevant to his or her life issues.

**Build bridges.** Spend time with those seeking God. Show them what a life with him looks like. Invite seekers to dinner, go for coffee, listen to their problems. In other words, be a friend.

**Share his love.** God's love breaks down barriers and removes prejudices. Act with love toward others. A little kindness may open the door for the Gospel.

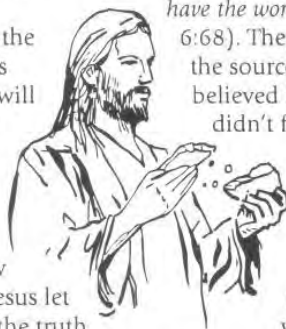
### from Scripture

#### John 6:60-69, To whom shall we go?

This reading comes at the end of Jesus' Bread of Life Discourse, in which he explained the meaning of the Eucharist. Jesus said that he is the Bread of Life. Unless we eat his flesh and drink his blood, we will not have eternal life. Many of his listeners left, horrified.

The Apostles were also shocked. The day before, enthusiastic crowds were ready to make Jesus king. Now they were running away and Jesus let them go. He understood that the truth is more important than popularity.

Jesus turned to the Apostles and asked if they wanted to leave, too. Peter,



speaking for the group, replied, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). They all recognized Jesus as the source of eternal life. They believed him, even though they didn't fully understand him.

Followers of Christ know that there is always hope even in times that appear hopeless. We remember Peter's words: "Master...you

have the words of eternal life." With God, we all can have hope. He can bring us eternal life.

### Q Is it okay & to tell a A "white lie"?

The Eighth commandment directs us to tell the truth always (Exodus 20:16). While a "white lie" told to avoid hurting



someone else's feelings may seem harmless, telling lies is never acceptable. Here are some suggestions to help: "Does this look good on me?" A dishonest "yes" creates the wrong impression in the wearer's mind. Instead of brutal honesty - "You look fat!" - offer a truthful positive - "It's a great color on you." This is "mental reservation," and is better than lying.

"That's personal..." Questions about your personal life, family, and financials don't require explanations, if the seeker has no right to know. A simple, "That's personal," should get the message across. This goes for seeking others' personal information as well (CCC #2489).

**Tell the truth with love.** What is right and wrong is not decided by popular vote. Admonishing the sinner is actually a spiritual act of mercy. "Whoever fears the Lord directs his friendship aright, for as he is, so his neighbor [will be] also" (Sirach 6:17).

### Feasts & Celebrations

**Aug. 7 - St. Cajetan (1547).** St. Cajetan worked to reform the Church by founding the Theatines, a religious order modeled on the teachings of the Apostles.

**Aug. 11 - St. Clare of Assisi (1253).** Born to a noble family in Assisi, Italy, St. Clare followed St. Francis of Assisi into poverty at age eighteen and founded a sister order to the Franciscans called, the "Poor Clares."

**Aug. 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1950).** Declared a dogma of our faith in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates

Mary's being taken up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life.

**Aug. 24 - St. Bartholomew (1st Century).** One of the Twelve Apostles and the son of Tolomai, Bartholomew is thought by some scholars to be the Apostle, Nathanael, who went with Philip to see Jesus. After Jesus's ascension, he spread Christianity to India and in Armenia, where he was martyred. He is the patron saint of Armenia and Belgium, among other places.



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## MASS INTENTIONS — August 11-August 17, 2018

### Saturday, August 11-4pm 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; Millard & Carol Bourgeois; Jim & Ella Panepinto, Ernest & Verina Achee; J. W. Bryant Family; Faye & Paul Troxclair, Alton & Jenny Boudreaux; Robert & Leana Brady, Cleveland & Lucy Boudreaux; M/M L. J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; Joseph Graves, W. A. Graves Family, Jack Jackson, Thomas Morales Family; Peter Palermo, Benny Palermo, Rosa C. Granada, Saraphine Stein; J. Hubert Millet, Milda Millet, Louis Family, Harold Marionneaux; Mack, Laura, Michael & Lawrence Lazzaro, Kolby Lorio, James "Butch" & Sadie Tullier; M/M W. L. Grace, Jr., Harold & Hayes Sparks, Chantell Livingston Choina; Eva Lopez; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze; DeNoux, Dugas, Durand & Panepinto Families; David Currier; Rosa Breaux; Steve Smith, Jr.

### Sunday, August 12-7:30am Mass - St. John Parishioners



### Sunday, August 12-9am 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; Madeline Roth, John Roth, Sr., John Roth, Jr., James Roth; Adolph, Sr., Adolph, Jr., Ida Mae Jumonville, Freddie Hebert; Linda Seneca Raffle, Norman J. Morales; Cathy B. Dupont, Barbara & Harold Himel, Sr., Frances Himel; Kelly, Cody & Clint Navarre; Mitchell Dufour, Boudreaux & Dufour Families; Libby Flatau; Benny & Annie Vaughn; Felix Berthelot

### Sunday, August 12-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; Henry Vadnais, Jr.; Betty Gongre; Orian Gulotta; Bobby Tullier, M/M Verner Comeaux, Sr. & Sons, M/M Russell Rivet, Sr., Tommy Rivet; Brandon & Eddie Schouest, Jr., Josie & Eddie Vicknair, Jr., M/M Joseph Rosso; Leon Graffeo; Victor J Canella; Fette Hebert, Ruth Babin

### Tuesday, August 14-6pm Mass

Roland "Doug" Rivet, Hebert & Rivet Families; Josephine Pizzolato Robinson, Jean A. Pizzolato, Esther Pizzolato Schexnayder; Dwight Marix

### Wednesday, August 15-7am Mass

Marie LeBlanc; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Nora Vitale

### Wednesday, August 15-6pm Mass

Kye Boudreaux; M/M Anthony Orcino, Sr. & Family, Caliste Landry, Jr. & Kimberly; Maxine & Willis Berthelot, Mack & Lucy Guillot

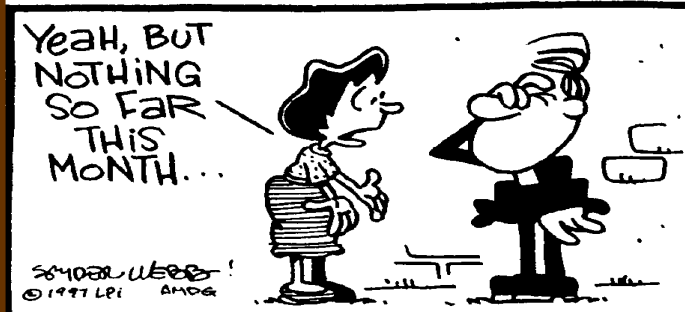
### Thursday, August 16-7am Mass

Cal Wilbert III

### Friday, August 17-7am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Schexnaldre & Nicolosi Families; Beryl Fourroux

#### 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



#### Our Hymn Selections this weekend: (Subject to change)

Entrance: Rain Down  
Music Issue 601  
Preparation: \*Instrumental\*  
Communion: Bread of Life  
Music Issue 349  
Sending Forth: Sing a Joyful Song  
Music Issue 538

#### Sanctuary Candle August 12, 2018

St. John the Evangelist Church  
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St. Clement of Rome Church  
Cal Wilbert III,  
J. M. Cazes & C.W. Wilbert, Sr. Families

#### Coffee & Donuts August 12, 2018



George & Patricia Ramirez (7:30am Mass)  
Wanda Powell, Ed & Sue Middleton (9am Mass)



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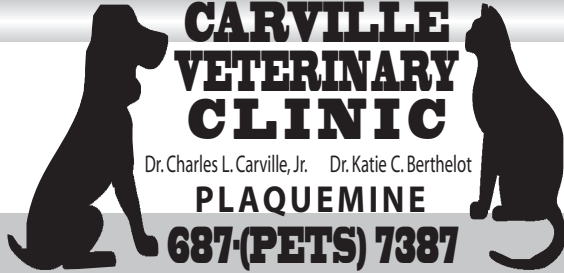
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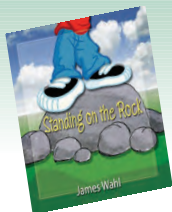
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