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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



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 2, 2018

Laws of Love

When someone mentions laws and/or commandments, we usually think of them as burdens that we have to bear to be good citizens or church members. But if you listen carefully to the first reading from Deuteronomy, you get the sense that the laws Moses presented to the people of Israel were gifts from God, something to be proud of. Moses gives two reasons for this.

Moses presents the laws as wise and just, so much so that other nations would praise and envy the Israelites for having such laws. Some of the nations around at the time had kings who used the law to keep themselves in power and make them wealthy.

The second reason was that they showed how much God cared for his people, that he would guide them in their everyday lives and hear their prayers. Though God is greater than they could comprehend,

he is also nearer than we think. This brings us to Jesus, who shows us the Father and who made the law both simpler and more challenging.

Jesus simplified the laws by showing us that loving God and loving our neighbors as ourselves was the basis of all God's laws. The challenge is to do more than simply avoid hurting or cheating others. We are to love one another as Jesus loves us. That means reaching out to those in need, forgiving our enemies, caring for the sick or dying. And don't forget about loving God: How often do we even think about Him, thank Him for all we have, or take time to listen to Him? Do we love Jesus so much that we want other people to know him too? If we are willing to accept the challenge to love God and neighbor, we will not have to worry about breaking laws.

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September 2, 2018

Dear Family:

Our Summertime break for vacations, rest and renewal has closed with the opening of a new and exciting school year. Our prayers go out to all Iberville Parish School administrators, teachers, staff, parents and students as you begin a new school year.

Our St. John School continues to celebrate its 165 year history as another year of school begins. If you drove by school during the summer you probably saw lots of activity. The front of the high school was painted and given a fresh look. The gym has a new roof, new ceiling, new lighting and yes - will soon have air conditioning.

All this has been possible because of the generosity of so many people participating in our Continue the Legacy Campaign. There has been great support for our campaign and there is still much we seek to accomplish with our updating of buildings and technology availability for students, better preparing them for life and the world.

Later this month, Sunday, September 23rd, we will celebrate our 165 years and the one year anniversary of the beginning of our campaign. At our regular Sunday Mass there will be priests concelebrating who have either graduated from St. John or have served as pastor. It will be a special homecoming celebration. Check for details in the bulletin as the date gets closer.

I find myself truly grateful for your loving support for our parish and school community. July came and went, and I am humbled to have celebrated five years with you as my parish family. Thank you for your love of God and your church community.

Today's readings challenge us to think about the motivations for our actions, reminding us that God calls us to lead lives of integrity. The Book of Deuteronomy calls the Israelites to keep the commandments of the Lord so that all nations will consider Israel's laws as a true gift: "This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people." Wisdom in the ancient world embraced practical insight and knowledge about how to act and how to make the right decisions in difficult situations. The commandments are God's ultimate gift of wisdom, inspiring his people to decide according to God's will.

In the Gospel, Jesus challenges the scribes and Pharisees, who have forgotten that the laws and commandments are a source of wisdom and insight for leading their lives. They have come to see them legalistically as an end in themselves rather than as guidance for actions. The Pharisees were focusing on externals, but unless one's interior dispositions are guided by God's Word and laws, one's actions will tend toward selfish and evil interests. Wise decisions and good actions come from hearts that have steeped themselves in God's wisdom.

Some questions for reflection:

- How does the Letter of James define "religion"? Why do you think he defines it in this way?
- What connection can you find between today's Responsorial Psalm and Jesus' point in the Gospel about the connection between the disposition of our hearts and our actions?
- How might the understanding of God's laws as a gift of God's wisdom help us in leading a good Christian life?

Peace,

Fr. Greg



Welcome, Lily!

We welcome Lily Skidmore to our Parish Staff. Lily served for many years at St. Clement and now at St. John as a Eucharistic Minister and Choir Member. She is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Peter Clever. She and her husband, Larry, have 2 sons, Eric and Terrance, and 4 grandchildren.

We look forward to life and ministry with Lily.

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.

An introduction to RCIA will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, from 6:30-7:45pm in the church office. After this initial class, all other classes will be held between 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday. We will attend 9am Mass, dismissing after the homily for class from 9:30-11:50am in the church office. Classes continue until Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 20, 2019 where you become full members of the Catholic Church receiving sacraments of Baptism (if needed), Confirmation and Holy Communion.

For more information, call Donna Carville at 225.687.2402.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: *"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."* (Mt. 11:28)

The available hours for scheduled visitation to the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel are:

- Tuesday: 4pm-5pm
- Thursday: 1pm-2pm
- Sunday: 3pm-4pm

Please join us in the Adoration Chapel every Saturday from 11am until Noon to pray the Rosary for priestly and all religious vocations.

To volunteer as a scheduled adorer or substitute, call JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.



The St. John Church Office will be closed Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day.

GEMS LUNCHEON



The GEMS (Golden Eagle Member, aged 50 and older) are hosting a luncheon on Wednesday, September 5 from 11am until 1pm in the Parish Hall. Our guest speaker, Patricia LaDut from the Lighthouse for the Blind, will make a presentation regarding no-cost hearing aids and glasses for seniors.

Please join us and don't forget to bring canned goods for Our Brothers' Keeper Food Bank.



Widows & Widowers Support Group

The Widows and Widowers Support Group will meet in the Parish Hall Wednesday, September 5 from 6pm to 7pm.

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. Everyone is welcome.

Weekday Worship & Scripture—September 3-9

Monday, Sept 3: 7am Liturgy of the Word

1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday, Sept 4: 6pm Liturgy of the Word

1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, Sept 5: 7am Liturgy of the Word

1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, Sept 6: 7am Mass

1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday, Sept 7: 7am Mass

1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday:

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

Sunday:

Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Vocations



Our second scripture reading reminds us that "every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit, comes from God". God's gifts should prompt our responsive gratitude, which should be the basis of our daily lives. If you feel God is offering you the gift of priesthood or religious life, and you wish to respond generously, trusting in God, contact Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



Catechetical Sunday

This year, St. John the Evangelist will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 9, 2018. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

Catechists of St. John the Evangelist community of faith will be recognized for their ministry at all Masses September 8 & 9.



The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September

Young People in Africa

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

GROWING IN FAITH

Want to learn more about some of the important people instrumental in our faith? Join us for the series **CATHOLICISM: THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS** written and narrated by Bishop Robert Barron.



You'll discover the places where St. Thomas Aquinas lived, learned, and wrote. Visit the countryside where St. Francis gathered a group of friars and revived the Church. See the places where St. Catherine of Siena ministered and prayed. Trek through England to where Bl. John Henry Newman and G.K. Chesterton left their mark and sparked an English Catholic revival. And through unprecedented HD footage, marvel at the extraordinary art of Michelangelo, from his David statue in Florence, to the Pietà at St. Peter's, to the Sistine Chapel.

one of the three times the series will be offered this fall:
Thursday, September 13, 2018 through Thursday, November 15, 2018 - 1:30-3:00pm
Thursday, September 13, 2018 through Thursday, November 15, 2018 - 6:30-8:00pm
Monday, September 17, 2018 through Monday, November 19, 2018 - 6:30-8:00pm

Bible study resumes in the Spring beginning on Thursday, January 10, 2019 and Monday, January 14, 2019 and will end on Thursday, February 28, 2019 and Monday, March 4, 2019.

Come by or call the church office (225.687.2402) or Donna Carville (225.776.3205) to register. The cost of the study guide is \$25.00 per participant.

For more information about this series and others by Bishop Barron, go to wordonfire.org.

In Loving Memory...

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the following persons who donated a memorial gift in loving memory of:

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Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars—3rd Floor Church Office —7pm



Monday, September 10, 2018
Monday, October 1, 2018
Monday, November 5, 2018

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, September 29, 2018
Saturday, October 27, 2018
Saturday, November 24, 2018

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.

Weekly Ministries

Altar Society



Altar Society Team 1 will be cleaning the church on Wednesday, September 5 at 8am.

Volunteers are welcome!



Coffee & Donuts — September 9, 2018

June Pinsonat & Sandra Bizette (7:30am Mass)
Buté Richard, Beverly Percle &
Bobby Blanchard (9am Mass)

Children's Liturgy



Please consider serving in the Children's Liturgy Ministry. As a catechist, you will share lessons with the children, ages 3-7, regarding Sacred Scripture readings and how they may apply to their lives today. To volunteer, contact Beryl Burruss at 225.687.1335.



Our Hymn Selections this weekend: (Subject to change)

Entrance: For the Beauty of the Earth
Music Issue 587

Preparation: Christ Before Us
Music Issue 410

Communion: Taste and See
Music Issue 335

Sending Forth: America, the Beautiful
Music Issue 627



St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  Maintenance & Repair 2nd Collection 11am-noon Pray the Rosary every Saturday for Vocations Adoration Chapel
2  Maintenance & Repairs 2nd Collection	3 OFFICE CLOSED 	4	5 11am-1pm GEMS Luncheon Parish Hall 6-7pm Widows & Widowers Support Group Parish Hall	6	7	8 4pm Mass Blessing of Catechists
9 Catechetical Sunday All Masses Blessing Catechists 2pm -Ladies of P. Claver Mtg.-P Hall 4-6pm Holy Spirit Prayer Group Church	10  7 pm Baptism Seminar Church Office Conference Room 7pm Catholic Daughter Meeting Parish Hall	11 6:30-7:45pm RCIA begins Church Office	12	13  1:30-3pm 6:30-8pm Bible Study Church Office Conference Room 7pm K. C. Meeting K. C. Home	14	15
16	17 Happy Birthday Deacon Alfred 6:30-8pm Bible Study Church Office 3rd Floor	18	19	20 1:30-3pm 6:30-8pm Bible Study Church Office Conference Room	21	22
23 11am Mass SJS 165th Anniversary 30 8am-1pm OLOL Blood Drive - Church Parking Lot	24 6:30-8pm Bible Study Church Office 3rd Floor	25  9:30am Altar Society Meeting Conference Room	26	27 1:30-3pm 6:30-8pm Bible Study Church Office Conference Room		29  Following 4pm Mass Baptisms

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Discovering **hope and joy** in the Catholic faith.

September 2018

St. John the Evangelist
Rev. Gregory J. Daigle

One Minute Meditations

St. John Chrysostom

St. John received his name "Chrysostom" ("golden-mouthed") for his eloquent homilies. Born in Antioch around 349 A.D. and raised by a devoutly Christian mother, he wanted to be a monk, but was ordained a priest instead. He later became Bishop of Constantinople. His calls for reform of the wealthy and his criticism of the powerful and corrupt earned him exile. He was known for his personal holiness, faithful teaching of the Gospel, and generosity to the poor.



Take the long view

Our nature urges us toward satisfaction now, but we often learn the necessity of taking the long view. For example, saving means financial security later in life. Our faithfulness to God now will lead us to great reward later.

"For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Corinthians 5:1).



Find joy in Church

Worship is God's idea. He intends our connection to him to be joyful and exhilarating. Yet, when our worship in church becomes routine, we can lose the sense of joy. Try these ideas to recapture the fun in faith and worship.

Mass is a celebration when Heaven and Earth meet. Approach each Mass as you would any great occasion. Dress your best. Imagine the other guests who will be there. Anticipate the food you will receive – food no one else can serve. Fast for an hour before to whet your appetite.

"And I commend enjoyment, for man has no good thing under the sun but to

eat and drink and enjoy himself ..."

(Ecclesiastes 8:15). Greet your neighbors warmly. Laugh at the priest's jokes during the homily. Smile at the cute altar servers. Sing loudly and with vigor.

Volunteer for a parish ministry.

Working with others toward the common goal of serving

Our Lord is rewarding and can be just plain fun. Laughing and joking with others on a team while using our talents to serve others builds up the Church.

Find out who needs you. There are few

better ways to feel loved than to joyfully give love first. Call the parish office to see if anyone needs a ride to Mass, help getting groceries, or just needs prayers.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholic Churches have stained glass windows?

In the days of the early Church, most church goers couldn't read, so the images were teaching tools. They told stories of Christ's life or of the saints. Today, these beautiful windows inspire us to reflect on our own faith.



Stained glass windows also remind us that we are in no ordinary building. Here, "the truth and the harmony of the signs ... should show Christ to be present and active in this place" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1181).

Giving from a grateful heart

In Old Testament times, a faithful farmer gave the first of his harvest to the temple for God's use. He understood that it was through God's blessing that he had a harvest at all. We, too, can give to God from our grateful hearts.

Give God the first, best moments. Many of us rush through our day from the moment we open our eyes. We forget that it is by God's grace that we are even able to see a new day. Instead, give the first moments of the day to God in prayer.



Pay God first. Most of us pay pressing bills first – housing, food, insurance – and give to the Church from what is left. Then we grumble when our parish fundraises to meet its needs. Yet all we have is through God's blessing in the first place. In fact, if we each give to the Sunday collection for God's use a first portion of our income – the Biblical 10%, for example – all our important needs will be met.

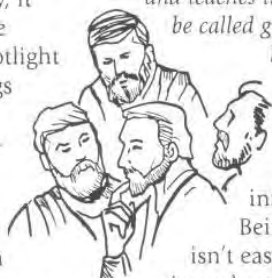
from Scripture

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48, The discipline of discipleship

In this Gospel passage, the disciples hear of an unknown man who healed in Jesus' name. In their jealousy, it seemed the disciples were more concerned about losing the spotlight than in healing. Jesus put things into perspective. The man had the same goal as the disciples – to build up God's Kingdom. They gained a teammate, not an enemy.

Discipleship means making a change of heart and mind. Jesus was very clear: if we choose to follow him, we can't foster private sins, too. If, through those sins, we lead others into sin, our responsibility is doubled.

These are grim words, but the opposite is great news: *"Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven"* (Matthew 5:19).



God rewards us for the good we do to and for others. Our example is powerfully influential.

Being a faithful disciple isn't easy. Rooting out personal sin and setting a good example is difficult, but we're not alone or without grace to do the job. No matter what we sacrifice, the reward is infinitely better.

Q What can we & find in every Catholic church?

Each Catholic church is decorated differently, but some elements stay the same. Here are a few items you can find in every Catholic church.



Crucifix: One of the defining features of a Catholic church is the presence of a crucifix – a cross with Christ's body on it. The crucifix reminds us of Christ's saving sacrifice, made mysteriously present again at Mass, and of God's infinite love for us.

Baptismal fonts: Blessing ourselves with holy water recalls our own baptism, which washed us of Original Sin and made us members of the Church. In blessing ourselves, we renew our baptismal promise.

Statues of Saints: Having statues and images of the saints in church helps us recall their examples of heroic virtue and faithful love for God. In honoring them, we honor God who created them.

Tabernacle: Every Catholic church has a tabernacle – a box that contains the Eucharist (look for the red candle to show it is occupied). Here Jesus, really present in the Eucharist, waits for us to visit him.

Feasts & Celebrations

Sept. 3 – Pope St. Gregory the Great (604). St. Gregory resigned as chief prefect of Rome to become a monk and turned the family estate into the Abbey of St. Andrew. As Pope, he used his political skill to make peace with the invading Lombards, save Rome from famine, and restore order within the Church itself.

Sept. 8 -- The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1st century). Tradition says Mary was born in Jerusalem after her mother, Anna, and her father, Joachim, had been married

more than twenty years without children. Mary's birth brought her parents joy, and we are joyful too – because Mary brings salvation to all of us with the birth of Jesus.

Sept. 23 – St. Padre Pio (1968). Born to farmers in southern Italy, Padre Pio was an inspiring confessor and counselor. He received the five wounds of Our Lord's Passion (stigmata) eight years after he became a Capuchin Friar. Despite intense personal and physical suffering, he remained dedicated to prayer.



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MASS INTENTIONS — September 8-14, 2018

Saturday, September 8-4pm 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; Roland "Dougie" Rivet, Hebert & Rivet Families; Mary "Dee Dee" Marino; Vincent A. Ferachi, Dr. Larry Ferachi; John A. Caffarel, Sr.; Marie LeBlanc; Joseph Graves, W. A. Graves Family, Jack Jackson, Thomas Morales Family; Harold & Helen Raber, Victor Salvadrass; Palermo Family, Gaudin Family, Louviere Family, Rosa C. Granada; J. Hubert Millet, Milda Millet, Louis Family, Harold Marionneaux; Mack, Laura, Michael & Lawrence Lazzaro, Kolby Lorio, James "Butch" & Sadie Tullier; Lena P. Brooks, Daisy P. King, Frances C. Palermo; O. J. & Pearl Hidalgo Songy & Family; Brandon & Eddie Schouest, Jr., Josie & Eddie Vicknair, Jr., M/M Joseph Rosso; M/M Anthony Orcino, Sr. & Family, Caliste Landry, Jr. & Kimberly; Eva Lopez; De Noux, Dugas, Durand & Panepinto Families; Oneil Favron, Sr., Oneil Favron, Jr., Randy Favron, Sr., Patricia Savoie Hebert; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze; Rosa Breaux; David Currier



Sunday, September 9-7:30am Mass - St. John Parishioners

Sunday, September 9-9am Mass

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Sunday, September 9-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; Henry Vadnais, Jr.; Betty Gongre; Patricia Marionneaux Nelson; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Charles Denis Dupont; Victor J. Canella; Fette Hebert, Ruth Babin; Marlene Sanchez

Tuesday, September 11-6pm Mass

Van & Thelma Junot; Elvis & Mamie Rabalais; Millard & Carol Bourgeois; Earline LeBlanc

Wednesday, September 12-7am Mass

Alex & Alice Nolan

Thursday, September 13-7am Mass

Brenda Comeaux

Friday, September 14-7am Mass

Tommy Griffon

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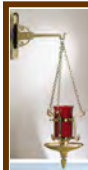
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