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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



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 18, 2019

We reflect upon the voice of the prophet in this Sunday's readings. We hear of the suffering and the rescue of Jeremiah. We hear how Jesus anticipates his suffering and death. As with Jeremiah and Jesus, the prophets were sent by God to the leaders and people of Israel. A prophet is one who speaks truth to the powerful, exposing their darker hidden motives and injustices. The prophet presents a way forward that aligns with God's purposes. A prophet can force people away from a comfortable neutrality or indifference. The prophet creates an urgency to make a choice: Are we content with the status quo, or are we to change our ways and pursue a new and better path? Today, we may also ask, how do we identify and respond to prophets of our time? How might we provide a prophetic voice in our Church and in our world?

ON FIRE Jesus' intentions to set the earth on fire and to cause division were disturbing to his listeners, and may be disturbing to us, too. In the Old Testament, fire was seen as the means of God's purification and judgment, truly a gift to the people. The fire destroys our illusions about ourselves and our behaviors. It burns away obstacles to a loving relationship with God. God's fire melts any institutions, beliefs, or practices that enable evil and injustice. Jesus came to expose evil and thereby force decisions about God's true nature and purposes. Divisions emerged because of the diverse choices people made. Does Jesus represent some demonic power, or the true God? Do we fight to preserve current attitudes and behaviors, or do we enter the path offered by Jesus? In evoking fire, Jesus is certainly not suggesting violence or disrespect toward others. Jesus lights a fire, and then in his death, bears its results. It is a fire of sacrificial love, melting cold hearts and bringing light to a darkened world.

KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS The author of the Letter to the Hebrews places Jesus at the center of faith. The author uses the Greek word *archegos*, translated as leader. This rich word includes various meanings: pioneer, instigator, and captain. Jesus blazed the trail, showing us how to run the long-distance race of faith—with steadfastness and courage. To a community experiencing persecutions and discouragement, Jesus is known as the exemplar of faithful endurance. In keeping our eyes on Jesus, we confront what often is the most persistent obstacle to our faith—discouragement. Our faith-filled focus on Jesus enables us to see reality as filled with the presence of God. God is neither distant nor indifferent; God is close and passionately loves us. Discouragement results in part from seeing mostly sin and darkness in our world and in ourselves. Jesus, God and human, reminds us of the divine activity within us and among us.

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Knights of Columbus Prayer Booklets

After each Mass on August 17 & 18, 2019, members of Plaquemine Council 970 Knights of Columbus will distribute complimentary copies of booklets entitled "Treasury of Prayers" to anyone interested in having one.

K. C. members will be stationed at the church doors with the booklets. These booklets contain many of the prayers of our faith. Please be sure to get one.

We welcome Catholic Daughters Court #1214 Sunday, August 18 to 11am Mass as they celebrate their Quarterly Communion with us.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

- Sunday: 4pm-5pm
- Monday: 10pm-11pm
- Thursday: 10pm-11pm
- Friday: 10pm-11pm

"If the heart wanders or is distracted, bring it back to the point quite gently and replace it tenderly in its Master's presence. And even if you did nothing during the whole of your hour but bring your heart back and place it again in Our Lord's presence, though it went away every time you brought it back, your hour would be very well employed." —St. Francis de Sales

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

Daily Scripture Readings — August 19-25, 2019

Monday, August 19:

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

Tuesday, August 20:

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

Wednesday, August 21:

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

Thursday, August 22:

Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday, August 23:

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday, August 24:

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

Sunday, August 25:

Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30



Following Jesus sometimes means being rejected by others. Speak an encouraging word this week to someone you know who is trying to follow Jesus. Say a prayer for those who are discerning a call to Priesthood or Religious life.

If God is calling you, please contact Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

A Grateful Acknowledgement

A grateful acknowledgement is made to Jackie Watkins who donated a gift in honor of her aunt,

Mrs. Ruth Breaux,

who celebrated her 100th birthday on August 2.

PSR Parent Orientation Meetings

St. John Parish Hall

Grades 5 through 9

Monday, August 26, 2019 — 6:30-7:30pm

Grades 1 through 4

Tuesday, August 27, 2019 — 6:30-7:30pm

Parents are required to attend. Registration form and schedule for the 2019-2020 school year will be presented to each family at this meeting. Registration fee will be \$20 per student. Please present your fee at this meeting. You will be allowed to complete the Registration form during the meeting.

Confirmation Prep

Parent & Student Orientation Meetings

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

St. John Parish Hall

6:15-6:45pm — This meeting is for 1st year (10th Grade) Confirmation students.

Parents and students are required to attend. A registration form and schedule for the 2019-2020 school year will be given to each family. There will be no fees charged for the 1st year (10th grade) students. You will need to present a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate at this meeting. (If your child attends a Catholic School, they do not need to register for this class).

7-7:30pm — This meeting is for 2nd year (11th Grade) Confirmation candidates.

Parents and students are required to attend. A registration form and schedule for the 2019-2020 school year will be presented to each family. Each family will be given a copy of the criteria to be met for Confirmation Candidates. There will be a \$50 fee charged for each Confirmation Candidate. Please have fees available for this meeting. You will also need to present a copy of the Candidate's Baptism Certificate to accompany the registration form. I encourage Confirmation Candidates to begin thinking about their Confirmation Sponsor. This will be required to complete the registration form. You will need the name of your sponsor, their telephone number and mailing address. Parents and students will be given time during the meeting to complete the registration process.

Thank you for your cooperation.

PSR Catechist Meeting

Friday, August 23, 2019 — 6:30pm

Parish Office Third Floor Conference Room

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 Sunday following 9am Mass until 10:45am in the church office conference room. The dates for RCIA are Sunday, September 15, 2019, then every Sunday until December 1, 2019.

RCIA resumes after Advent on Sunday, January 5, 2020 following 9am Mass until 10:45am, then every Sunday at 9am Mass until Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 11, 2020.

For more information, contact Donna Carville at 225.687.2402.

Baptisms & Baptism Seminars



Baptism Seminars — 7pm
Third Floor Church Office
Monday, September 9, 2019
Monday, October 7, 2019
Monday, November 4, 2019

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass
Saturday, August 24, 2019
Saturday, September 28, 2019
Saturday, October 19, 2019
Saturday, November 23, 2019

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



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019
Bass and Fun Divisions
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DIVISION

Music, Food, Drinks, and Door Prizes at weigh-in

Launch Sites: Any Lake Verret/Belle River or Atchafalaya Basin
Launch Open to the Public

Weigh-in: 3:30 pm - Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park

Entry Fees: Bass Division - \$100 (includes Big Bass entry) / Fun Division - \$30

Check-in: 4:30 a.m. - 6:30 a.m. Pierre Part Store Parking Lot or Jack Miller's Store

Tournament Boundaries: No travel or fishing is permitted below Hwy 90 on either side.
(Henderson is considered within tournament boundaries)

Contact: Chris Couch (225) 276-8971
cpcouch81@yahoo.com

Growing in Faith

Fall Bible Study

“Romans: The Gospel of Salvation”



Bible Study begins Thursday, September 19 and Monday, September 23, 2019. This Catholic Bible Study gives Catholics an enlightened understanding of Salvation to ponder, reflect on, and allow Christ to take more of a foothold in their everyday lives.

This comprehensive Catholic Bible Study teaches...

- What St. Paul really preached about Salvation
- How to explain Salvation to non-Christians
- What is required to enter the Kingdom of God — faith or works
- What St. Paul really meant by "works" not leading to salvation
- How Christ's death changed our relationship with God
- How we enter more deeply into Christ
- The meanings of the controversial passages in Romans

Your choice of Thursday sessions will be offered from 1:30-3pm or 6:30-8pm and Monday session will be from 6:30-8pm on the third floor in the church office conference room.

To sign up, contact the church office at 225.687.2402.

Stewardship



August 10 & 11, 2019

Identified.....\$8,691.00
Number — 279
Unidentified.....\$1,477.00
Other collections.....\$ 398.00
Number — 13

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: All the Earth
Music Issue 423

Preparation: Seek Ye First
Music Issue 435

Communion: O Sacrament Most Holy
Music Issue 333

Sending Forth: ** Instrumental**



MASS INTENTIONS — August 24-30, 2019

Saturday, August 24-4pm Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Trista Parro; Michael “Boo” Santangelo, Mike & Rita Santangelo, Clay & Julette Bourg; Yves & Vera Ramirez, Jerry & Jane, Kirsch Kember; Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio, Pauline E. deVerges, Edward N. Engolio, Jr.; Mack & Laura, Michael & Lawrence Lazzaro, Kolby Lorio, James “Butch” & Sadie Tullier; Agnes & Sam Coletti & Family; M/M Gus Himel & Family, M/M Oleus Blanchard; Sidney “Benny” Quatrevingt, Quatrevingt & Gulotta Families; Mary & Chuchie Flatau, Anthony & Camella Orcino, Orcino & Flatau Families; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Lapeze & Ragusa Families; Brendon Joseph Landry & Ronald “Coop” Landry; Ann Ruiz, John Ruiz, Anthony & Frances Palermo; Harry “Bro” Simpson

Sunday, August 25-7:30am Mass — St. John Parishioners



Sunday, August 25-9am Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Kristina Mellema; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux, Jep Daigle, Eddie & Virginia Clebert, Ulger & Nilda Daigle, Clebert & Daigle Families; Benny & Annie Vaughn; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P. W. Albert, Jr.; Connor Brown

Sunday, August 25-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Manuel & Mary Diamond, Marvin & Doris Allen; Henry Vadnais, Jr.; Joseph & Lillian Crescienne, Peter & Rosalie Crescienne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Frank, Josie, Victor & Anthony Canella; M/M Richard Guerin; Ruth Ricard

Tuesday, August 27-6pm Mass

Vivian & Harry Banta, Tracie Caston

Wednesday, August 28-7am Mass

Murray & Dixie Suffrin

Thursday, August 29-7am Mass

Vincent A. Ferachi, Dr. Larry G. Ferachi

Friday, August 30-7am Mass

Kay Brandau

Weekly Ministries



Altar Society

Altar Society Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, August 21 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome!

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 in a regular envelope and drop it in the collection at any weekend Mass.

Please make checks payable to St. John Altar Society.

Coffee and Donuts — August 25, 2019

Dolores & Gary Pruitt (7:30am Mass)

Patrick & Helen Pendley (9am Mass)



Ushers Needed!

We are in need of ushers to serve at any of our weekend Masses. If you can help, please call 225.687.2402.



Sanctuary Candle August 25, 2019

St. John the Evangelist Church
Douglas Breaux & Salvador F. Spano

St. Clement of Rome Church
Harry “Bro” Simpson

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHO CAN
TELL US WHY
THE PROPHET
JEREMIAH
WAS PUT IN
A DEEP
HOLE IN
THE GROUND?

JER 38:4-6, 8-10



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