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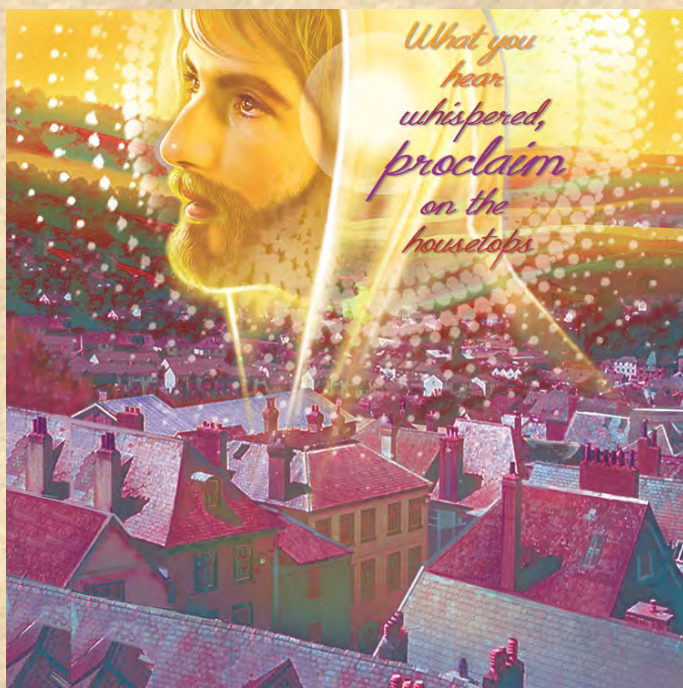
Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri.	7:00 am

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Please contact the pastor a minimum of six months before the wedding.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday	5:30-5:45 pm
Saturday	3:00-3:30 pm



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2020

The Paradox of Faith

"Fear no one," Jesus says. He is talking about fearing those who persecute you for your faith. In the verses before this Gospel passage, he tries to prepare us for that persecution and says that since it was done to him (Jesus), it would be done to his followers. But he triumphed over his persecutors; they could not stop him. And that is what he promises us. We cannot be destroyed as long as we keep that faith.

Now the best way to keep that faith is to give it away. That sounds like a paradox, but it means that when we spread the faith, our faith grows, too. And when we allow others to share their faith with us, we are encouraged and supported.

Sometimes we may hesitate to talk about our faith. That is the only thing to fear: not Satan's power, but our weakness.

That's why Jesus said whoever denies him will be denied by him. Yet Jesus died for our sins, so even they cannot destroy us if we turn back to the Lord. So thank him for his forgiveness, but don't forget to spread the news that you are forgiven. You might give someone else the courage to come back to the Lord, and so score another victory for faith over fear.

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June 21, 2020

Dear Family:

Our second reading from Romans provides a contrast of the impact that Adam's and Jesus' respective acts have on humanity. First, Adam's sin leads to death and condemnations (consider the biblical story beginning with Cain's murder of Abel, to all the violence and deaths that follow, including Noah and the flood). Jesus' gift, however, brings about justification. Second, Paul uses the phrase "how much more" twice (Romans 5:15, 17) to imply that Jesus' gift has a greater scale of impact, even or especially when Paul has already stated that Adam's sin impacted "all." This is understandable given Paul's emphatic description of Jesus' act as "grace" and a "gift." Each of those terms signifies a sense of extravagant generosity. (Romans 5:6-11).

A gift, no matter how generous, cannot be received until it is recognized. We see Jesus send out the Twelve in Matthew 10 and, in the process warning them of inevitable sufferings but also assuring them of God's salvation.

Paul's Letter to the Romans will help us make sense of the opposing images of persecution and deliverance, which is also found in today's Old Testament readings. In his contrast of Adam and Jesus, Paul presents a conflict of two powers: the old power of violence and death against the new power of justice and life. Paul suggests that current experiences of suffering can lead to endurance, character, and hope.

Some questions for reflection:

Cain's killing of Abel is fratricide. How may we think of violence and deaths around us in similar terms?

What are the violent, death-dealing, and unjust forces in our society today?

How may we, as followers of Jesus, practice a generous and extravagant welcome today?

As of June 15th, we have moved into phase two of reopening in the pandemic. Our church can now go to 50% capacity. The pews will be re-marked for our celebrations of the Eucharist allowing for up to 350 persons. It has been clear that attendance is still low due to our concerns. Many of our older parishioners, and those with underlying health conditions are staying home. Therefore, we will no longer use the alphabetical name system for attendance. Come to church. Yet, please remember that the general dispensation for attending Mass is still going on. We will work to be sensible and compassionate. We will continue to wear masks to protect our brothers and sisters near us.

Over the next few weeks we will be celebrating First Eucharist with our second graders who have been well prepared to receive the Eucharist. This will occur each weekend at the 9 & 11 a.m. Masses. We look forward to initiating our young folk to the table of Jesus.

Also in Phase II, funerals, weddings, etc. can move to 50% capacity. However, there are still no processions, no visitations in the church before funerals. Please remember to continue to practice social distancing at this time as well.

One of my greatest concerns during this time has been our inability to minister to the homebound. Bishop Duca sent out some suggestions about how to bring Communion to our homebound without endangering them. One suggestion I have already been using. If you are a family member of a homebound person who regularly sees your loved one and have been in contact with them, I will be happy to train you to bring Communion to them. Please let me know before the Mass you are attending and I'll arrange to train you directly after that Mass, except for the 11 am Mass. Please call the office and let Susan Landry know you would like to be trained before the 11 am Mass. I will do no training after the 11am Mass. It makes sense that a family member serve in this way, and it will strengthen the bond of faith in the family. So, please consider ministering to your loved one this way.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults — 2020



We welcomed the following catechumens into our Catholic faith on Sunday, June 7, 2020. Fr. Greg baptized Derek Hebert before 9am Mass, then administered the Rite of Christian Initiation to four baptized catechumens.

Pictured above, left to right are Devlon Martinez - sponsor, Brittany Martinez - catechumen, Derek Hebert - catechumen, Gabrielle Hebert - sponsor, Emily Gomez - catechumen, Wayne Gomez - sponsor, Matthiew Bonvillian - catechumen and Glynda Bonvillian - sponsor.

Daily Scripture Readings — June 22-28, 2020

Monday, June 22:

2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 23:

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 24:

Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6b, 15ab, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17—Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday, June 25:

2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 7:21-29

Friday, June 26:

2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-6; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday, June 27:

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday, June 28:

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42



On behalf of Father Greg, Deacon Alfred and the entire St. John Parish Staff, we would like to wish all of our fathers a very "Happy Father's Day!"

Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm

Third Floor Church Office

Monday, July 13

Monday, August 3

Monday, September 14

Baptisms

Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, June 27

Saturday, July 25

Saturday, August 22

Saturday, September 26

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.

Altar Society

St. John Church Altar Society will be publishing a new cookbook of family favorites that can't be found if you "Google it!" Please send your recipes to dbcarville@gmail.com or text 225.776.3205. Deadline for recipes is 6/30/20.

Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, June 24 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS — June 20-26, 2020

Saturday, June 20-4pm 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; Catherine & Andrew Roucher; Trista Parro, Alex Parro, John Lively, Sr. & Jr.; Robert & Lee Mooney, A. J. Doiron, Tony Doiron, Lyman Marchand; Vincent A. Ferachi, Dr. Larry G. Ferachi; Alice, Irene, Fabian & Marie Hebert, Ronald Dugas, M/M Fallon Trabeaux, M/M A. L. Dugas; Andrew & Carlo Canova, Jerry & Vic Blanchard, Johnny & Johnny Zito, Jr., Kenneth Ourso, Sr., Douglas Breaux, Salvador F. Spano, Frank Spano; Roland “Dougie” Rivet, Hebert & Rivet Families; John A. Caffarel, Sr., Elmire Caffarel; John, Sr., John, Jr., Madeleine & James Roth, Adolph, Sr., Adolph, Jr. & Ida Mae Jumonville, Freddie Hebert; E. J. Settoon; Mayon, Callahan & Clement Families; M/M Vincent M. Ferachi, Cadence & Cassidy Diamond, Stephanie Rivere, Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Ferachi & Marino Families; Tommy Griffon; Earl Breaux, Alden Hebert, Ronnie Palermo, Brown Family, Palermo Family; Kelly Dugas; Dalfay Cavalier, Joseph C. LeBlanc, Sr.; Gulotta & Quatrevingt Families; Dace K. & Earline R. Hahn, Kim Baggett, Luke Baggett; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Yvonne Curry; Mona Trahan; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Lapeze & Ragusa Families; Wayne Gary, Jeanette Woolam, Thelma & Jim Mitchell; Paul Ortis, Earl & Mary Devillier; M/M Frank Ragusa & Family; M/M Placito Mancuso & Family, Mose Gibson Family, J.D. & Ella Collins Family; Ione & Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Tina Ferachi Loyacano Families, Agnes Ferachi Coletti Families, Vincent M. Ferachi Families, All Souls in Purgatory; Paul Joffrion, Robert Olano; Edward Achee, Dale Miller, Jim Panepinto, Benny Carrington, Peter Palermo; Pim & NuNu Clebert, Eddie Clebert & Family, Billy Wright, Edmund & Bro Bujol, Brennan Eugene Bujol; Mary & Chuchie Flatau, Anthony & Camella Orcino, Orcino & Flatau Families; Donald & Annie Matirne; Bridget Smith Mann; Florence Blanchard; Cecil P. Comeaux, Roy Ourso, Dolza Comeaux; Caliste “Joe” Landry, Anthony Orcino, Sr.

Sunday, June 21-7:30am Mass — St. John Parishioners



Sunday, June 21-9am 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; John Shelby Dupont, Tody Dupont, Jimbo Jumonville, Clarence Ory Dupont; Marie Ragusa LeBlanc, Terry Landry, Sr., Terry Landry, Jr.; Connor Brown; Kotchie Tullier; Anthony “Cap” Scarsone, Firmin C. Tullier, Sr., Alex Tullier, Randy Tullier; Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio, Pauline E. deVerges, Edward Engolio, Jr.; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; M/M Jules J. Noel, Jr.; Dwight Marix, Michael Clause, Allen Buquoi; Alcee & Pauline Becnel, Evans & Virgie Dugas; Joe & Maggie Gullotta, Lola & A. J. Adams; Vera & Burman Guidry, Mary & Clarence Berthelot, J. R. Boudreaux; Anthony Vitale, Lloyd Bouchereau, Sr., Gilmore Couvillion, James Hebert; Adam H. Vercher, Emily Vercher, Donald R. Vercher, Michael Frazier; Thomas M. Businelle; J. W. Bryant Family; Mrs. E. J. Clifton; Gladys & Frank Hidalgo; Adele & George Zeringue, Maude & Norman Schlatre; George & Carol Allain, Gi Gi Allain & Barbara Bajon; Calvin W. Wilbert III, Marion & Betty Cazes, Cal & Betty Wilbert; Edward Kocke, Jr.; Linda Seneca Raffle, Norman J. Morales, Cathy B. Dupont, Ruel J. Seneca, Sr.; Jeb Daigle, Eddie Clebert, Ulger Daigle, Eldon Flatau; Kevin Ardoin; M/M Guy LoBue, Sr., Kenneth “Klu” Brown; Laurence & Winnie Miller, Edward Miller, Paul & Myrtle Richard; Gladys “Butsy” Palermo & Peter A. Palermo, Patrick Burleigh; Millard Bourgeois; Harold, Sr., & Lezin Himel, Alvin Barbier, Sr.; Ernest Brown, Alfred Hebert, Emile Sharon, Raymond Dugas, Huey Roberts, Sr.; Edward Simpson, Eddie Vicknair; Benny & Annie Vaughn; Pizzolato, Robinson, Forte & Gulotta Families; Anthony “Tonto” Pizzolato, Ester Pizzolato Schexnayder; M/M Lindon Rivet & Family, J. P. Messina, Irene & Lo Gulotta; Virginia Simon; Tony Mancuso

Sunday, June 21-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry, Agnes & Sam Coletti; John & Ann Ruiz, Anthony & Frances Palermo; William Middleton, William Lewis, Middleton & Cloutre Families; Henry Vadnais, Jr.; Pizzolato, Robinson, Forte & Gulotta Families; Max “Bubba” Taylor, H. E. Angeron; Joseph & Lillian Crescienne, Peter & Rosalie Crescienne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Harry “Bro” Simpson, M/M Archie Callais; Brenda Fremin; Geraldine Glynn; Victor J. Canella; Bobby Tullier, M/M Verner Comeaux, Sr., M/M Russell Rivet, Sr., Tommy Rivet; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Isaac Vaughn, Ezora & Sidney Hedges; Philomena & Joseph Rosso, Shirley & Ed Darcy; Albert Lopez, Jr., Jaynell Lopez; Colby Gomez, Gomez & Pitre Families; Rusty Haydel

Tuesday, June 23-6pm Mass

Thomas M. Businelle; Richard G. Rizer

Wednesday, June 24-7am Mass

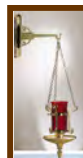
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Thursday, June 25-7am Mass

Ronnie Palermo

Friday, June 26-7am Mass

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