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Masses:

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

Who is
my
neighbor?



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 10, 2022

Excuses, Excuses

As the saying goes, ignorance of the law is no excuse. That is what Moses is telling the people in the first reading. The laws of God are not difficult to understand. Anyone with a conscience should be able to live with them.

By the time of Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees had added many more laws. The scholar who questioned Jesus about eternal life knew what was important: loving God with all your being and loving your neighbor as yourself. If he had stopped there, he would have been all right. But by asking "Who is my neighbor?" he implied that there are limits to love.

Even today, we find people making excuses for not doing what God asks of us. We judge people who need help, saying they choose to be poor or homeless. We sign our kids up for so many sports

that we don't even go to church on Sundays. Before you start beating yourself up with guilt, remember that God expects us to take care of our families, to spend time with our children, and even to take time to rest and relax. If we are willing to look at our lives and bring them to God, asking for guidance, we are making the first steps to keep God's law of love.

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July 10, 2022

Dear Family:

In the reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses instructs the people about the law. The law that is referred to is far from what most people would consider upon hearing the word law. In the Old Testament, the word law, which appears most often in the Book of Psalms and the Book of Deuteronomy, is understood as "instruction" or "teaching" and was intended to be a guide for living life well. We hear the psalmist praise the blessing of the law throughout Psalm 119, the lengthiest of all psalms. Moses wants the people to understand that God's law is within them and that they need only to recognize it and live it.

Luke's Gospel also turns our attention to the law when the "scholar of the law" asks Jesus about inheriting eternal life. When Jesus questions him about what is written in the law, the scholar refers to teaching found in Deuteronomy (Deuteronomy 6:5) and Leviticus (Leviticus 19:9-18). When the scholar questions Jesus further, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, a story that is an example of selfless love of a true neighbor. In today's Gospel, it can be noted that knowing the "right answer" does not equate with understanding the Scriptures.

Some questions for reflection:

- When have you put yourself at risk to help someone, as does the Good Samaritan? If there were repercussions, were you still glad that you showed mercy?
- The reading from Deuteronomy concludes with Moses stating that God's law is "something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out." Jesus' response to the scholar is "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live." How are these statements similar? What do these words tell you about a life that is faithful to God?
- The author of the Letter to the Colossians extols Christ Jesus as "the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation." Is it difficult for you to understand that Jesus is both human and divine?

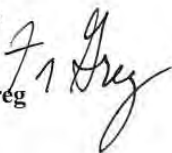
Many thanks to Mrs. Wanda Ashley and her generous team of helpers for Vacation Bible School over this past week. It was great to see our young Christians coming closer to God in unity with us. Special thanks to Mr. Medric Smith, Jr. for leading the music and enabling praise of God through music.

You may have witnessed that the foundation for our storage building has been poured. Thanks so much for your continuing financial support that has enabled us to move forward with this project. The building will be erected soon.

We have enlisted the help of our Diocesan Lawyer to assist us in moving forward with finishing repairs on St. Clement Chapel. We have been dealing with three insurance companies to recover as much as possible. The process is quite time consuming. Thanks to Gary Perrault, Medric Smith, Jr and our Diocesan Lawyer for moving forward in order to have use of St. Clement as soon as possible. The next step in the process is to prepare the floor for the new pews. With consultation and approval of our Parish Finance Committee we will be using funds from Savings and Maintenance. Thanks also, to Mrs. Cherie Schlatre and our St. John School who have also given monies for the Chapel's completion. Many thanks to all of our parishioners for your continued financial support as we face these challenges.

Peace,

Fr. Greg



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. (Mt 11:28)

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To volunteer for a scheduled hour or as a substitute, contact JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

July Devotion: The Precious Blood

The Precious Blood of Christ is what redeemed us from our sin. St. Paul tells us that Jesus reconciled "to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross" (Col. 1:20). It gives us life, cleanses us of our sins, and assures our eternal inheritance.



Daily Scripture Readings — July 11-17, 2022

Monday, July 11:

Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday, July 12:

Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 13:

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday, July 14:

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30

Friday, July 15:

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday, July 16:

Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday, July 17:

Gen 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

Baptism Seminars and Baptisms



**Baptism Seminars — 7pm
Church Office Third Floor**

Monday, July 11, 2022

Monday, August 1, 2022

Monday, September 5, 2022

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, July 23, 2022

Saturday, August 27, 2022

Saturday, September 24, 2022

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

It's a simple concept: love God with your whole being and put that love into practice. How is God calling you to love? Have you considered the way of loving called "priesthood" or "religious Life?" If God may be selecting you for the special life of priest or religious, call or email Fr. Josh Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



K. C. Blood Drive
K. C. Hall, 58715 Price Street
Tuesday, July 12 from 3 until 8pm

RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time #1238

Entrance: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise #684

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: Taste and See #1031

Sending Forth: Christ, Be Our Light #692

St. John School Used Uniform Sale

Monday, July 11, 2022 ~ 3-7pm

St. John Cafeteria



Contact Ashley Doyle (225.385.0200) with any questions, or if you would like to volunteer to help.

Uniforms
Kids

Distribution

Date: Tuesday, July 19, 2022



TIME: 9:00 a.m. — Noon & 1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

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Place: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOME

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Please bring your food stamp print out and Social Security Cards for your children.



St. John Fathers Club Crawfish Bisque

Prepared by "Tugar" Martinez

Saturday, July 23, 2022

Pickup: K. C. Hall, 58715 Price Street, from 3-6pm

Donation: \$25.00/Quart

Contacts: Mike Markins.....225.955.5276

Dwayne Boudreaux.....225.776.7522

Patrick Edwards.....225.776.7108

Holy Spirit Prayer Group



The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet Sunday, July 10 from 4-6pm in church. We will pray the Rosary at 4pm followed by the prayer meeting. For more information, call the church office (225.687.2402).

All are welcome. Come join us!

Morning of Praise and Prayer

Saturday, July 16, 2022 — 10am-1pm

Our Lady of Mercy Parish Activity Center
445 Marquette Ave (Across from OLOM Church)
Baton Rouge, LA

Light Lunch will be served. For more information, contact Mary Smith at 225.776.7419.

Mass Intentions — July 16-22, 2022

Saturday, July 16-4pm 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; Vincent & Jean Pizzolato, Francis & Roxanna Pizzolato, Raymond & Esther Pizzolato Schexnayder; Joan Heath; Judy Priest; M/M John Caffarel, G. E. Marix Family; Vincent E. Ferachi, Dr. Larry G. Ferachi; Johnny & Johnny Zito, Jr., Joseph Zito; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P. W. Albert, Jr.; Alcee & Pauline Becnel, Evans & Virgie Dugas; Sam & Johnette Pizzolato, Alma Pizzolato, Orian Gulotta, Anthony "Tonto" Pizzolato: Ramirez Family, Kirsch Kember Anderson; Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry & Families, Agnes & Sam Coletti & Families; M/M Anthony Orcino, Sr. & Family, Caliste Landry, Jr. & Kimberly, Josh Landry; Janice Brown; Sidney "Benny", Rose & Sid Quatrevingt, Gulotta Families; Faye & Paul Troxclair; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Shannie Verret; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Ione & Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Emily & Adam Vercher, Harry Vercher, J. C. & Connie Vercher; Frank Clement, Jr., Iris Rodosta; Murray & Dixie Suffrin; Lonnie Michel, Baco Romero; Bret Thompson; A Special Intention, In Thanksgiving

Sunday, July 17-7am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, July 17-9am 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; Scott Jude Marino, A. J. & Nera Rodriguez, Anthony Sr. & Mary "Dee" Marino, Kids of St. Jude; Marie Ragusa LeBlanc, Terry Landry, Sr., Terry Landry, Jr.; Kynlee Bueche; Bill Touns, Jr.; Edward Kocke, Jr.; O. J., Buster & Pearl Hidalgo Songy & Families; Mary Ann Gregoire; Laurence & Winnie Miller, Edward Miller, Paul & Myrtle Richard, Harry & Faye Martinez; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Virginia Simon; V. J. Vicknair, M/M Vives Vicknair; Denise Miranda

Sunday, July 17-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; John & Ann Ruiz, Anthony & Frances Palermo; M/M Andrew Tullier, M/M Richard Guerin, M/M J. C. Berthelot; Brenda Fremin; Sam "Buttie" & Lucille Distefano; Michael, Mack & Laura Lazzaro, Kolby Lorio, James "Butch" & Sadie Tullier; Joseph & Lillian Crescienne, Peter & Rosalie Crescienne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn; George "Brother" Michel, Kerry E. Daigle, M/M Anatole Michel; Colby Gomez, Pitre & Gomez Families; Christopher Stassi

Tuesday, July 19-6pm Mass

Murray & Dixie Suffrin; Joan B. Heath, Maurice E. Brown

Wednesday, July 20-7am Mass

Joann Nolan

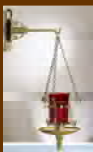


Thursday, July 21-7am Mass

Brenda Comeaux

Friday, July 22-7am Mass

Kathy D. Fulton, Joseph E. "Pat" Dupont III



Sanctuary Candle July 10, 2022

**St. John the Evangelist
Andrew Roucher**

**St. Clement of Rome
Clinton Fournierat & Wendell Fournierat**

Coffee & Donuts July 10, 2022



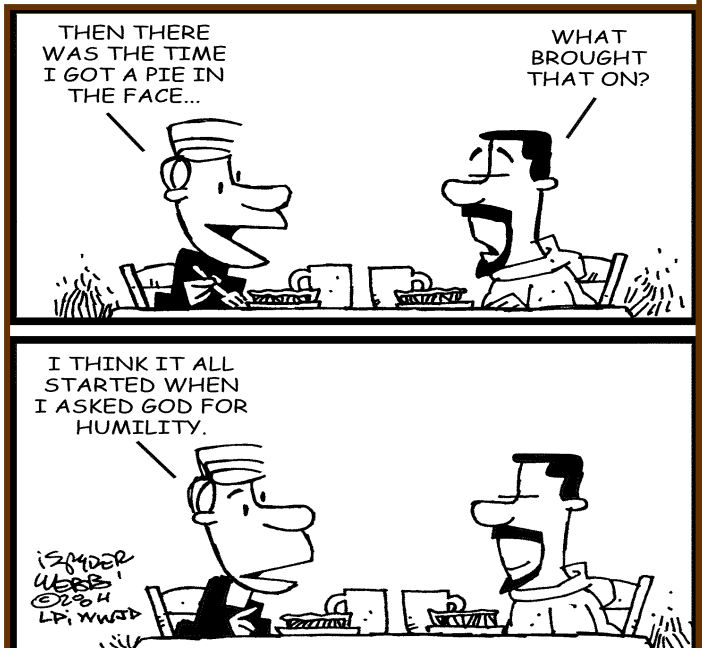
**June Pinsonat, Sandra Bizette & Mary Jo Caffarel
(7:30am Mass)**

Lee Ann Howard & Amy Bradford (9am Mass)



Altar Society

Altar Society Team 2 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, July 13 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.





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