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Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am

9:00 am
11:00 am

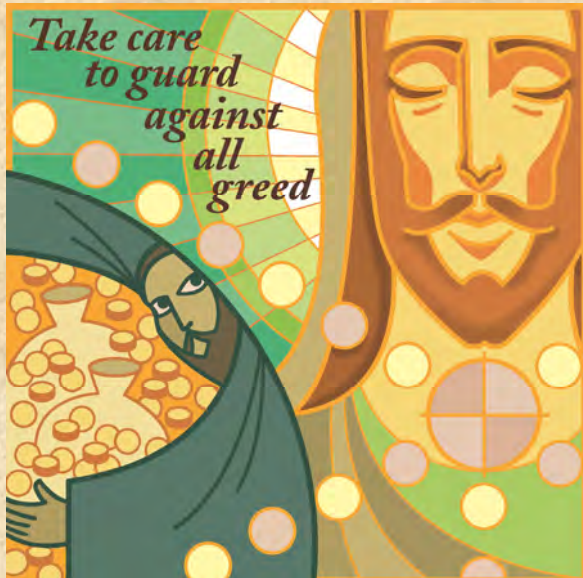
Tuesday 6:00 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri. 7:00 am

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



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 31, 2022

Robbing a Bank

The second reading from the Letter to the Colossians goes well with the first reading and the Gospel. Those passages warn how useless material wealth will be when we die. St. Paul continues this warning by reminding us that we have already died with Christ in baptism and risen to new life. To live this new life we must put to death whatever tendencies keep us from Christ.

Wealth can be a gift from God. The abuse is not necessarily in the possession of wealth. More likely, we abuse wealth in the way we attain it. How does that happen? I can give an obvious answer such as robbing a bank. Instead, do I work a full day for my pay, or do I spend a lot of time visiting with other employees or texting my friends? Am I honest with my customers, charging only for work I have done?

As for using our wealth, we usually think of family first. Do we spoil our kids, so they can "have the things I couldn't afford when I was young"? Or do we teach them to work for what they get? Do we teach our children to be generous to others?

Notice that Paul goes deeper, pointing out the thoughts and desires that lead to a life centered in wealth. In baptism we put to death passion and greed, tendencies that push us to own more or to control another person. Paul uses the image of taking off these vices as if they were clothing and putting on a new self that shows Christ in us. We begin to see Christ in others, for as Paul says, "Christ is all and in all" (Colossians 3:11).

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July 31, 2022

Dear Family:

Today's first reading from Ecclesiastes introduces us to the skeptic of the Old Testament. The preacher, or teacher, who speaks in this book is a man who comes across as having seen it all and tried it all. He is an individual whose instruction might leave us wondering, "So now what?" The Gospel reading paraphrases Ecclesiastes 8:15 ("therefore I praised joy, because there is nothing better for mortals under the sun than to eat and to drink and to be joyful.") when the landowner says to himself, "you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!"

The opening line in the first reading, "Vanity of vanities," is significant. The Hebrew word can mean vapor, breath, meaninglessness, and even transitoriness. Whatever the translation it carries with it an intensity. Like our first reading, the responsorial psalm recognizes the limitation of human life.

Luke's Gospel passage for today is a reminder that human beings can be very petty. The man who comes to Jesus through the crowd is upset because of a legal dispute with his brother. Jesus responds by telling the man a parable that demonstrates how ridiculous it is to hoard what one has received.

Some questions for reflection:

- Have you ever felt that life is futile? That human life does not have a specific purpose? As you reflect on the first reading, ask God to be with you in your moments of darkness. Listen to how God responds to you. Keep in mind that God's voice is likely to speak within your heart.
- Paul tells the Colossians that they "have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self." Have you discarded any poor practices, habits, or attitudes so that you can take on ones that are more life-giving?
- How can you express gratitude to God for the blessings you have received and share those blessings with others? Offer words of thanksgiving for the gifts you have been given.

This weekend is one of the last weekends before a new school year will begin. Be assured of my prayers for your travels during these weeks before school starts. Enjoy these days as we look forward to a new school year with you all in August.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"In our self-centered culture and classic American emphasis on work, we often feel we have to accomplish something during our times of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. We rate our experience by how 'good' our prayer was, how heartfelt our devotion was, or how focused we could remain. Yet prayer and contemplation are fundamentally God's work, in which we are invited to participate. We need only to give Him the opening, and He will do the rest. By coming to adoration, we are handing Him the keys to our hearts, allowing the rays of His love and grace to bathe our souls in the light of His Presence, as the rays of the sun bathe our bodies in light. If we can take the time to pull away from the busyness and distractions of life and just sit at His feet, He will lead us."

—Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, p. 33
An excerpt from Manual for Eucharistic Adoration

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.



A Grateful Acknowledgement

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the volunteers who helped with the "Uniforms for Kids" program on July 18 & 19.

The volunteers giving of their time and talent to organize and distribute uniforms were Betty Aucoin, Audrey Blank, Crystie Brocksmith, Dianne Bujol, Nadine Carlin, Bobby Cavalier, Derryl Comeaux, Joyce Daigle, Connie Hebert, Beverly Kolder, Rose Marino, Betty Gayle Markins, Jennifer Markins, Cindy Michel, Nettie Michel, Marie Pugh, Joyce Quebedeaux, Lisa Sanchez, Carolyn Wilson and program coordinator Gwen Hayes. Student volunteers helping out were Anelise Couch, Austin Mendoza, Blaire Mendoza, Amelia Gaudet and Addie Pellerin.

Because of the generosity of our parishioners using the Social Responsibility stewardship envelopes, St. John Church Parish was able to assist 95 families with most families having more than one child. Any remaining uniforms were donated to schools in the parish for homeless students or emergency situations.

Baptism Seminars and Baptisms

Baptism Seminars

Monday, August 1, 2022
Monday, September 5, 2022
Monday, October 3, 2022



Baptisms

Saturday, August 27, 2022
Saturday, September 24, 2022
Saturday, October 22, 2022

The Baptism Seminars are held on the third floor of the church office at 7pm. The Baptisms are usually held on the fourth Saturday of the month following 4pm Mass.

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.



Anointing of the Sick

Every First Tuesday following 6pm Mass, our parish celebrates the SACRAMENT 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 administer the Anointing of the Sick, Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

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

Grow rich in the sight of the Lord. Pray to know God's will, especially if you think He's calling you to a Church vocation. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Josh Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time #1247

Entrance: We Gather Together #746

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: Eye Has Not Seen #819

Sending Forth: Abundant Life #683

PSR Registration

Registration has begun for PSR 2022-2023! You may register by visiting our website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org. Click the FORMATION tab to register online.



Daily Scripture Readings — August 1-7, 2022

Monday, August 1:

Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday, August 2:

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 3:

Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10-12b, 13; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday, August 4:

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

Friday, August 5:

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35c-36b, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday, August 6:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

Sunday, August 7:

Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Hb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

August Devotion: The Immaculate Heart of Mary

The heart of Mary is full of love for God, and, because she is sinless, hers is the only human heart capable of loving God the way we were meant to. The image of the Immaculate Heart recognizes Mary's extraordinary holiness and the great love she has for her son that we are called to imitate.



ST JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

Back to School Rosary

The St. John School family invites you to pray the "Back to School" Rosary with them Wednesday, August 3 at 6pm at the St. John High School Grotto (between the gym and high school).

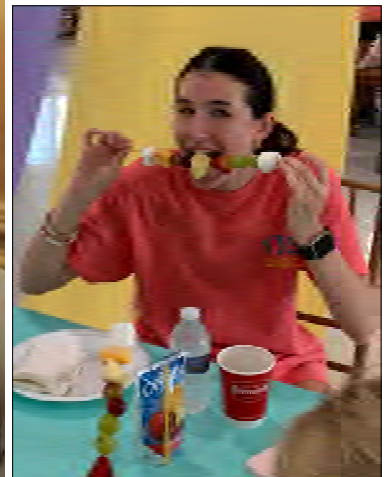
Alumni Softball Tournament

The 20th Annual St. John Alumni Softball Tournament will be held August 6 & 7, 2022 at Myhand Park in Addis.



We need concession stand workers, cooks and umpires. For more information regarding playing or volunteering, please contact Mary Gaye David at 225.776.1694, Bart Schlatre at 225.385.5712 or Coby Minton at 985.992.0245.

Vacation Bible School "Peace Lab" — July 5-8, 2022



August

St. John the Evangelist
Catholic Church
2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7pm Baptism Seminar Conference Room	2	3 6pm SJS Back to School Rosary High School Grotto	4	5	6  Maintenance & Repairs Collection SJS Alumni Softball Tournament Myhand Park Addis
7  Maintenance & Repairs Collection SJS Alumni Softball Tournament Myhand Park Addis	8  2pm Catholic Daughters Meeting Parish Hall	9	10 St. John School begins	11	12	13
14  4-6pm Holy Spirt Prayer Group Church	15 OFFICE CLOSED 	16	17	18  7pm K. C. Meeting K. C. Home	19	20
21	22	23	24 6pm Mass PSR Families	25	26	27  Following 4pm Mass Baptisms
28	29	30	31			

Mass Intentions — August 6-12, 2022

Saturday, August 6-4pm 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; Scott Jude Marino, A. J. & Nera Rodriguez, Anthony Sr. & Mary “Dee” Marino, Kids of St. Jude; Jimmy & Gloria Hebert, Bryan Hebert & daughter, James Hebert & daughter; The Currier Family, M/M John Caffarel, G. E. Marix Family; Vincent A. & Dr. Larry Ferachi; Mary & Chuchie Flatau, Flatau & Orcino Families; Andrew & Catherine Roucher; Wilfred C. Benoit; M/M L. J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; Alcee & Pauline Becnel, Evans & Virgie Dugas; M/M A. J. Rodriguez, M/M Vives Vicknair, Sr., John E., Cecile D. & Maurice E. Brown, Joan B. Heath, Brown & Duhon Families; Ronnie Palermo, William, Eyoula & Carl Brown, Mary & Dominick Palermo; Brandon & Eddie Schouest, Jr., Josie & Eddie Vicknair, Jr., Philomena & Joseph Rosso, Shirley & Eddie Darcy; Anthony “Tonto” Pizzolato; M/M Vincent M. Ferachi, Cadence & Cassidy Diamond, Stephanie Rivere, Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Ferachi & Marino Families; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; Colletti, Ferachi & Landry Families; Mr. Carol Brandt, Raymond & Amanda Ducote; Alfred, Mercedese, Lester & Mary Carville, Edmund & Louise Bujol, Reid & Gerry Rainey; M/M Anthony Orcino, Sr. & Family, Caliste Landry, Jr. & Kimberly, Josh Landry; M/M Tony Falcon, Anthony Falcon, Brandi Quatrevingt, M/M Ray Murry, M/M C. J. Saurage, M/M Ronald Gary, M/M Earl Quatrevingt, Tommy, Jay, Randy & Brian Quatrevingt, M/M Frank Tempanaro, Camille Tempanaro; Harry & Faye Martinez; Mayon, Callahan & Clement Families; Wayne Gary, Jerry, Milton & Doris Fontenot; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Angelo Mancuso; Lonnie Michel, Baco Romero; Bret Thompson; Betty Keith & Family

Sunday, August 7-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners



Sunday, August 7-9am 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; James Hebert; J. W. Bryant Family; George & Gloria Ramirez, Jimmy & Agnes LeBlanc, Fred Hebert; Glynn Hebert, A Special Intention; Gladys “Butsy” Palermo, Peter A. Palermo, Patrick Burleigh, Doug Brewer; Kathy Ourso; George & Carol Allain, Gi Gi Allain, Barbara Bajan; Victor Crescienne, Theresa Crescienne, Crescienne Family, Michelle Family; Robert Jude Grace; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Virginia Simon; The Calvaruso Family; Henry J. Daigle & Family, Alfred & Volena Roth & Family, Alfred Roth, Jr., Dupuy & Bourgoyne Families; Karen Banta; Burman & Vera Guidry; Valerie V. Simpson, Edward & Windy Simpson, Eddie & Selma Vicknair, Eva Simpson; John W. Wilbert, Jr.; T. N., Ray & Stephen Patin; Denise Miranda

Sunday, August 7-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; William H. Middleton, Bill Middleton III, Cloutre & Middleton Families; Dominic Engolio, Pauline & Joseph Engolio, Charles Engolio; David, Renee, Brian & Ashley Donaldson; Brenda Fremin, Luke & Mary Fremin, Charles & Rosa Drago, Ellis & Enola Fremin; Sam “Butte” & Lucille Leggio Distefano; Cleveland & Lucy Boudreaux; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn, Sr.; George “Brother” Michel, Kerry E. Daigle, M/M Anatole Michel; Victor Joseph Canella; Christopher Stassi; Flo Ourso

Tuesday, August 9-6pm Mass

Case, Gum & Schuler Families; Edna “Buttons” Verrett

Wednesday, August 10-7am Mass

Bill & Ruth Ostergren

Thursday, August 11-7am Mass

Nera Rodriguez

Friday, August 12-7am Mass

Alex & Alice Nolan



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

August 2022

For Small Businesses

We pray for small and medium businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

Altar Society



Altar Society Team 1 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, August 3 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

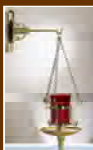


Coffee & Donuts

July 31, 2022

Guy & Sabrina Ruggiero (7:30am Mass)

Tom & Germaine Bradley (9am Mass)



Sanctuary Candle

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St. John the Evangelist

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