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Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm 7:30 am Sunday

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



#### **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** August 7, 2022 Are You Talking to Me?

In today's Gospel Jesus talks about being prepared, using the parable of the servants waiting for their master's return from a wedding. Parables usually have a surprise twist and this one is no exception. Jesus pictures the master coming back at a late hour and finding the servants ready for him. The master is so pleased that he begins to wait on the servants--he serves them a meal. (I can almost hear the disciples saying, "No way!")

Perhaps Peter was thinking, "Surely we will be prepared when Jesus comes again. He must be talking about the rest of the people." To answer Peter's question, Jesus warns that the servant who knew his duties would be punished more than one who was ignorant of those expectations. Peter and the disciples should have seen themselves as the servants who knew what was expected.

That warning is one for us to hear also. We may look down on non-Christians or wonder if they will get to heaven. But the Lord doesn't expect as much from those who don't know God. Instead of judging them, we would be better off looking at ourselves. Am I serious about my faith, serious enough to show it in my actions? Has my good example ever brought a non-believer to the Church?

There are examples of this even in your own parish. If you have been in the parish for many years, you could be expected to notice a newcomer more readily. How do you welcome them? "So how much does Jesus expect of me?" The answer could be in how well you know Jesus.

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#### **EUCHARISTIC 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. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." (Mt 11:28-30)

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.

#### 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 from 9:40am until 10:50am in the church office conference room. The dates for RCIA are Sunday, September 11, 2022, then every Sunday until December 4, 2022.

RCIA resumes after Advent on Sunday, January 8, 2023 following 9am Mass from 9:40am until 10:50am, then every Sunday at 9am Mass until Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 8, 2023.



Vocations If you realized that Gou was my your door would you answer? If God might be calling you to a life of service in

225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

#### **Daily Scripture Readings** August 8-14, 2022

Monday, August 8:

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 9:

Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday, August 10:

2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Thursday, August 11:

Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62: Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday, August 12:

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday, August 13:

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15 Sunday, August 14:

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

#### **RITUALSONG**

#### (Readings and Songs this Weekend)

**Readings: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

#1250

Entrance: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light #693

Preparation: \*\*Instrumental\*\*

Communion: Center of My Life #788

Sending Forth: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #806

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**Registration for Parish School of Religion** (PSR) 2022-2023 continues. Visit our website, www.stjohnchurchplag.org to find registration forms under the FORMATION tab to register online.

For more information, contact the St. John Director of Religious Education, Wanda Ashley at 225.687.2402.

#### Alumni Softball Tournament



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

Come out, visit with former schoolmates and have a good time while supporting St. John School.

#### **Our Brothers Keeper Thrift Store**

Our Brothers Keeper Thrift Store, 58311 Plaquemine Street, sells gently used clothing and other household items provided by donations from us. Proceeds after paying rent and utilities are used to support community needs such as the school uniform distribution, St. John Church maintenance, and repairs to St. Clement Church.

Please continue to bring your donated items to them during store hours 8am-1pm, Monday through Friday.



welcome.

#### **Coffee & Donuts** August 7, 2022

George & Patricia Ramirez (7:30am Mass) Ruel & Diana Seneca (9am Mass)

#### **Altar Society**

Altar Society Team 2 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, August 10 at 8am. Volunteers are

### St. John the Evangelist Baptism Seminars and Baptisms



Baptism Seminars Monday, September 5, 2022 Monday, October 3, 2022

Monday, November 7, 2022 Monday, December 5, 2022

**Baptisms** 

Saturday, August 27, 2022 Saturday, September 24, 2022 Saturday, October 22, 2022 Saturday, November 26, 2022 Saturday, December 10, 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.



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Suffering from a past abortion? Experiencing feelings of guilt, sadness or regret? You are not alone. There is hope.

**Entering Canaan Post-Abortion Ministry** 

## Women's Day of Prayer and Healing

AUGUST 20, 2022 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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## One Minute Meditations

#### Get involved

Catholics have a long history of action – feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, caring for the poor, pray



homeless, caring for the poor, praying for souls. Are you doing all you can to help? If not, find out if there is a parish ministry that could use your time, talent, or treasure. Catholics are meant to make a difference.

#### Run, don't walk

If you think you don't sin and don't need the Sacrament of Reconciliation, run – don't walk – to the nearest confessional. "If we say, 'We are without sin,' we deceive ourselves" (1 John 1:8). Unconfessed sin, especially when it goes unnoticed, forms a barrier between us and God. Penance, absolution, and life amendment helps to break it down.

#### A Novena

Do you have a particular concern or an upcoming challenge? A novena – a prayer offered over nine consecutive days in preparation for a feast day or a special need – is a great way to ask for God's particular help.

## Jesus, I trust in you!

We fully trust in someone when we have a firm belief in his or her reliability, truth, ability, and strength. Do you trust God? He really is "faithful and true" (Revelation 19:11). You can trust Him ...

When you are
overwhelmed: Can you
imagine being responsible
for every soul in the
world? One night, Pope
St. John XXIII, feeling
overwhelmed by the
problems in the
Church,
prayed, "Lord,
it's Your
Church; You
take care of
it. I'm going to
bed." That's the perfect model for us.

to handle them, and relax.

With the future: St. Padre Pio said,
"You say you are anxious about the

Surrender concerns to God, trust Him

future, but don't you know that the Lord is with you always and that our

> no power over one who has resolved to belong entirely to Jesus?" When we

enemy has

understand the infinite love of God, we won't worry about a thing.

With the past: It's never too late to receive God's mercy. Mother Teresa assures us: "Only open your heart to be loved by Him as you are. He will do the rest." Pope Francis has said that God is never tired of dispensing His mercy. We are the ones who tire of asking. Never tire of asking. Absolution is as close as your nearest Catholic church.



## Why do Catholics bury loved ones' remains?

Everything the Church teaches about care for the dying, funeral rites, and burial is out of respect for the body. For Catholics, the body has the added dignity of participating in the Sacraments during life: "your body is a temple of

the Holy Spirit" (1 Corinthians 6:19). In the Creed, we profess belief in the resurrection of the body. Therefore, the Church permits cremation as long as the cremains are buried in sanctified ground. Scattering ashes is prohibited.

## Discerning God's will

Do you have a big decision to make? It can be difficult to hear God's voice just when you need it most. Asking the right questions and looking for signs you are on track can help you make the right choice.

"Will it help me get to Heaven?" Answering this question first will weed out extraneous options quickly. Then, when deciding between two good choices, consider which one makes best use of your strengths, gifts, and your state in life.

Deep peace. In heartfelt prayer, you'll likely

experience a deep peace for one of your options. Only God gives this kind of peace (John 14:27). It's a good sign when that peace lasts throughout the decision process. Lack of peace is usually God saying, "no."

> Good fruits. These are easiest to see after you have taken steps toward your decision. If you see spiritual fruits like generosity, joy, patience, and self-control growing in your soul, you're on the right track. Anxiety, turmoil, anger, tension are signs that you made a misstep.

> > **Q** What does Mary's

& Assumption mean

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII

infallibly declared that, "having

completed the course of her earthly

life," the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken

## from cripture

## Luke 14:1, 7-14, Unreciprocated kindness

Jesus was under close and careful scrutiny by the Pharisees who were watching for a misstep in order to discredit him. They were afraid that his "radical" ideas would undermine the religion and tradition they protected. Nonetheless, he never let this critical scrutiny by his opponents keep him from saying and doing the right things.

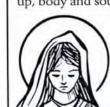
As Christians, we must never succumb to pressure to do what is politically or socially correct at the expense of our spiritual beliefs and obligations. For example, there is a cultural value to

"networking" - entertaining people who can further our personal or

> professional goals. There is usually an exchange of favors implied in this kind of a relationship, "you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours."

In this parable, however, Jesus urged us to forget about obtaining benefit or admiration and instead serve people in need. He said that doing favors

for and being kind to the disadvantaged can be very rewarding and will bring blessings to the host. The guests won't be able to reciprocate, but God will certainly repay the kindness.



A for us?

up, body and soul, into heavenly glory. Although this doctrine was declared relatively recently, the Church's belief in it isn't new. Sacred Scripture and Tradition repeatedly

emphasize Mary's

sinlessness and holiness (Luke 1:28), and her deep involvement in the mysteries of Christ's life. Given this, we believe Jesus preserved her body from decay and raised her to heavenly glory.

For us, the Assumption, is a "sneak preview" of what our ultimate destiny can be if we are faithful to Christ, as Mary was - having our glorified bodies, sinless and perfectly happy. What she is now, we hope someday to be. Moreover, the Assumption reveals the value of our bodies in God's plan. When God created us in His image, He created us body and soul and said it was "very good" (Genesis 1:31). It's so good, that He intends to raise us, bodily, into His glory.

# Feasts & **\*** (Celebrations

August 2 - St. Peter Julian Eymard (1868). Born in France, Peter was ordained in 1834 and earned a reputation as a preacher. He was friends with St. John Vianney. He founded the Congregation of the Priests of the Blessed Sacrament to increase devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

August 9 - St. Edith Stein (1942). Born Jewish, she was a brilliant atheist intellectual in Germany. Edith converted to Catholicism after studying St. Teresa of Avila, and became a Carmelite nun. Although her order tried to shelter her

from the Nazis, she was arrested and executed at Auschwitz.

August 15 - Solemnity of the Assumption. Declared a dogma of faith in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates Mary's being taken up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life.

Aug. 24 - St. Bartholomew the Apostle (1st Century). Bartholomew is thought by some scholars to be the apostle, Nathanael (John 1:46). After Jesus's Ascension, Nathanael spread Christianity to India and Armenia, where he was martyred.

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#### Mass Intentions — August 13-19, 2022

#### Saturday, August 13-4pm 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; Joseph Graves, W. A. Graves Family, Michael Rarick, Thomas Morales Family; Frances Santangelo LeBlanc, Rita & Mike Santangelo, Anatole Santangelo; Johnny & Johnny Zito, Jr., Andrew & Josephine Canova; Ruth Keller, "Se Se" Becnel, Keller Family; Roland "Dougie" Rivet, Hebert & Rivet Families; J. Hubert Millet, Milda Millet, Louis Family, M/M Harold Marionneaux; Sam & Johnette Pizzolato, Alma Pizzolato, Orian Gulotta; E. J. Settoon; M/M Edmond Gomez, Sr., Kathleen Garrene, Chris Gomez, Edmond Gomez, Jr.; Faye & Paul Troxclair, Carolyn Troxclair Bordelon, Jenny Boudreaux, Kye Boudreaux, Darrel Boudreaux; M/M Frank Ragusa & Family, M/M Placito Mancuso & Family, Mose Gibson Family, J. D. & Ella Collins Family; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LaRay, Nora Vitale; Lucy Boudreaux; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Lonnie Michel, Baco Romero; Magdalen Gibson; Bret Thompson; Flo Ourso; The Currier Family; George Gullotto

#### Sunday, August 14-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

#### Sunday, August 14-9am Mass

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#### Sunday, August 14-11am Mass

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#### Tuesday, August 16-6pm Mass

Niece, Nephews, Great Niece & Great, great Niece; Jimmy LeBlanc Family; Kye Boudreaux; Ralph Stassi, Jr.

#### Wednesday, August 17-7am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Nicolosi & Schexnaildre Families

#### Thursday, August 18-7am Mass

Myron Hebert, Jane Hebert

#### Friday, August 19-7am Mass

Jaynell Lopez, Albert Lopez, Jr., Johnson & Lopez Families



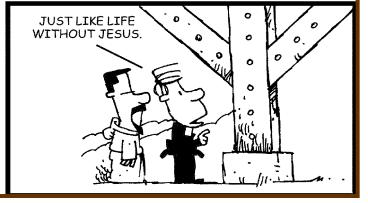
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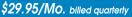


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