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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



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."
And her daughter was healed from that hour.

Matthew 15:28

Christ and the Canaanite Woman by Jean Germain Drouais, 1754
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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 2023

A Clever Woman of Faith

Why is Jesus being so difficult with the Canaanite woman? At first he seems to be putting her off. He does this not to discourage her, but to draw a response of faith. He wants to see how persistent she is in her request.

We can tell ourselves that we are people of faith, but how easily are we discouraged? Do we think God has forgotten us when we experience trouble? The woman's clever reply to Jesus reminds us that she trusted in Jesus' power and willingness to help. She refused to give up and stop asking.

Jesus was also teaching his disciples that faith is more important than nationality. Long after Jesus' resurrection, the church struggled with the question of non-Jewish believers. Today, we may be doing the same thing in reverse. Some people think that only Catholics can be saved and that there is no hope for Protestants, much less for Jews. But though some rejected Jesus, God never rejected the Jews.

Finally, Jesus responded to her persistence. He shows us that we can keep praying till we get an answer to our prayer. The more time we spend in prayer, the more likely we are to listen to God's answer. Prayer can help us come to the peaceful acceptance that God only does what is best for us.

Tom Schmidt



We welcome Miss Evangeline 2023-2024 to 11am Mass.

PSR (Parish School of Religion) and Sacramental Prep — Register NOW



Online registration is open for Confirmation and 1st Eucharist. Access forms via the St. John church website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org under the Formation tab. Schedules are also posted under Formation.

The deadline to register is Sunday, August 20.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

These words of Saint Therese are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: “Do you realize that Jesus is there in the Blessed Sacrament expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart.”
—Saint Therese of Lisieux

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.

Daily Scripture Readings — August 20-26, 2023

Sunday, August 20:

Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Monday, August 21:

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

Tuesday, August 22:

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

Wednesday, August 23:

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

Thursday, August 24:

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

Friday, August 25:

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

Saturday, August 26:

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 23:1-12

Baptisms and Baptism Seminars



Baptism Seminars

Monday, September 18, 2023

Monday, October 2, 2023

Monday, November 6, 2023

Baptisms

Saturday, August 26, 2023

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Saturday, October 28, 2023

Saturday, November 25, 2023

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 at the church office (225.687.2402) during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.

RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time #1251

Entrance: Come, Christians, Join to Sing #733

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: O Lord, Hear My Prayer #760

Sending Forth: O God beyond All Praising #725

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 10, 2023, then every Sunday until December 10.

RCIA resumes after Advent on Sunday, January 7, 2024 following 9am Mass until 10:45am, then every Sunday at 9am Mass until Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 30.

Register online under the FORMATION tab on our website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org or call Donna Carville at 225.687.2402 for more information.

We are hosting a BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

to benefit Woman's New Life Clinic!



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Woman's New Life Clinic's mission is to promote the sanctity of life, the dignity of women, and the sacredness of sexuality through medical and mental health services. WNLC offers FREE professional counseling, pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and abortion pill reversal to women in unplanned pregnancies. They also offer free professional post-abortive and pregnancy loss counseling. Since their founding, they've saved over 2,672 lives from abortion!

Please take a baby bottle after Mass on

Saturday, August 19 - Sunday, August 20, 2023

and return it the following weekend with a donation to support this life-affirming ministry. Or, give online:

womansnewlife.com/babybottle

Altar
Servers



Altar Servers

Any boy or girl in the 4th grade or older interested in becoming an Altar Server and assisting at Holy Mass is invited to join. The ministry of Altar Server is a wonderful way for our young children and youth to involve themselves in service at the Table of the Lord.

Access the registration form located on our website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org, under the FORMS tab. Upon completion of the application, someone will contact you regarding a brief training.

A Vocation View



If you wish to follow Him, Jesus said you must deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Him. Are you courageous enough to follow Jesus as a priest, brother, or sister?

If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.



Community Lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Community Lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion weekly to those who are unable to attend Mass. They may be ill, confined to their homes, care facilities or in the hospital. Families of the sick are encouraged to notify the church parish office at 225.687.2402.

If you are a Eucharistic Minister and are willing to help with this important ministry, please call the church office.

Fall Bible Studies



Thursday: *Exodus: Called to Freedom*

When God called Israel out of slavery in Egypt to a life of freedom as his people, it was the defining moment in Israel's history. *Exodus: Called to Freedom* looks through the lens of Christ and the Church to show that, more than just seeking to free his people from the domination of Pharaoh, God desired to free his people from the far more dangerous grip of sin. The Exodus story is not just Israel's story but our story as well, because it reveals who God is and what he calls us to be. This 10-part Bible Study will begin on Thursday, September 14 at two times (1:30-3pm and 6:15-7:45pm)

Monday: *The Gospel according to Mark*

This 14-part series on the Gospel of Mark will show us St. Peter's account of Christ's life and teaching since Mark was a follower and scribe for St. Peter, the first leader of the church appointed by Christ. This Bible Study will begin Monday, September 11 from 4-5:30pm.

The Bible Studies will be held in the church office conference room. To sign up, please call 225.687.2402.

Monthly Offerings/Contributions/Collections (Weekend, Mail-ins, Online, Other)

Monthly Repairs and Maintenance Expenses

May 2023

Stewardship.....\$57,705.00
Repairs and Maintenance.....\$ 5,950.00
Other Collections/Income.....\$ 6,675.00
Repairs/Maintenance Expenses.....\$ 8,078.00

June 2023

Stewardship.....\$54,204.00
Repairs and Maintenance.....\$ 7,226.00
Other Collections/Income.....\$ 3,654.00
Repairs/Maintenance Expenses.....\$ 7,072.00

July 2023

Stewardship.....\$59,499.00
Repairs and Maintenance.....\$ 9,037.00
Other Collections/Income.....\$ 4,669.00
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ONLINE GIVING

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.



Marriage Help

Retroville (pronounced retro-vi) has helped hundreds of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too.

For confidential information or to register for the September 15-17, 2023 program, call 225.271.4092 or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

Free Catholic Devotionals

Laudate

Laudate is the most popular and comprehensive free Catholic app.

With Laudate, you can access podcasts which include daily Mass readings, the Rosary and mysteries, the New American Bible, several Chaplets, Catechism of the Catholic Church, Second Vatican documents, Code of Canon Law, numerous prayers and much, much more.

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Starting your morning off with God is the key to strength and success in your day. Subscribe to this daily email and keep the Lord at the center of your life!

St. John Alumni Softball Tournament Champions



The St. John Alumni Softball/Kickball Tournament was held August 4 & 5 at Belleview Park in Plaquemine. The first place winners of the Softball Tournament, the St. John High School Class of 1999, took the title with the help of their many supporters!

SUPPORT FOR ST. JOHN SCHOOL Alumni Association

Graduate, awesome! Not a graduate - that's ok too! Show your Eagle pride by becoming a member of the St. John Alumni Association; the organization that supports the whole St. John community.

For more information, email torcino@stjohnschool.org or stop by our Facebook page, St. John Alumni Association (Plaquemine), for level options and pricing. Payments can be made via Venmo [@stjohnalumniassociation](https://www.venmo.com/stjohnalumniassociation).

Save Your Labels

Remember to save Box Tops for Education and Coke Rewards bottle tops in addition to the UPC labels from all Community Coffee products.

St. John is able to raise thousands of dollars for classroom supplies through these programs. You may bring your labels to church in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket at Mass or drop the labels and bottle tops off at our church parish office. We will see that the school receives them.

BINGO

Bingo is held three nights each week at 7pm at the St. John Fathers Club Bingo Hall, 24837 Hwy 1, South in Plaquemine.

The following is the Bingo schedule:
Sunday — Knights of Columbus Bingo
Tuesday — Fathers' Club Bingo
Thursday — Fathers' Club Bingo

Come out and play Bingo and support St. John School and the Knights of Columbus.



St. John Alumni Kickball Tournament Champions



The Kickball Tournament champs, parents of the St. John High School Class of 2032, celebrate with their proud children.



St. John Alumni Kickball Tournament Runners-up



The St. John High School Class of 2030 and their siblings beam with pride for their parents who were runners-up at the Alumni Kickball Tournament.

Mass Intentions — August 26-September 1, 2023

Saturday, August 26-4pm 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; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; Vincent A. & Dr. Larry Ferachi, Hebert & Ferachi Families; J. B. & Buté Richard; Robert Mooney, A. J. & Margie Doiron, Bola Gascon; J. W. Bryant Family, Mrs. E. J. Clifton; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P. W. Albert, Jr.; Michael Laurent; Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim & Nu Nu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol; Frank & Catherine Ferachi; Sidney "Benny", Rose & Sid Quatrevingt, Quatrevingt Family; Joshua "Josh" Landry, Harry & Vivian Banta, Caliste "Joe" & Gloria Landry; Jep Daigle, Eddie & Virginia Clebert, Ulger & Nilda Daigle; Ione Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Randy, Lucy, Peter & Florence Morales; Lois Tullier Falcon; John Hawley Landry, Kathleen Landry; A Special Intention for the Intercession of St. Peregrine, St. Jude, St. Joseph & Mother Mary; Conrad "Poopy" Joffrion; A Special Intention In Thanksgiving

August 27-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, Aug 27-9am 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; Marie Ragusa LeBlanc, Terry Landry, Sr., Terry Landry, Jr., Kynlee Bueche; Henry "Tutie" Berthelot, M/M Edmond Berthelot, Sr., M/M John D. Bourg; M/M Earl Breaux, Sr.; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Virginia Simon; Frank, Josie, Anthony & Victor Canella; Ann Bryant Wilbert Arbour; V. J. Vicknair, Emily & Paul Bourgeois

Sunday, Aug 27-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Joseph & Lillian Crescienne, Peter & Rosalie Crescienne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Brenda Fremin; Amanda Himel, Henry Himel, Kelly Crochet; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn; Betty Keith

Tuesday, August 29-6pm Mass

George Ourso, Jr.; Ray, T. N. & Steve Patin; Edna "Buttons" Verret; Earl Alvin Gibson

Wednesday, August 30-7am Mass

Mary Ann Gregoire

Thursday, August 31-7am Mass

Ethel P. Businelle

Friday, September 1-7am Mass

Nolan "Tattoo" Bueche



Sanctuary Candle August 20, 2023

St. John the Evangelist
Joe Rockforte

St. Clement of Rome
J. P. "Jep" Daigle

Coffee & Donuts August 27, 2023

Pete & Bonnie Blanchard (7:30am Mass)
Ruel & Diana Seneca (9am Mass)




Altar Society

The St. John Altar Society annual dues (\$20) are due in August. You may drop your dues in an envelope marked "St. John Altar Society" in the church collection basket. Please make checks out to St. John Altar Society.

Altar Society Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, August 23 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.







ANNUAL CONVOCATION CELEBRATING CATECHISTS


Saturday, August 26, 2023
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Baton Rouge

*All are invited who hand on the faith:
priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, as well as parish catechists
and school religion teachers, parents and volunteers*







**CLICK HERE
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"Come to me all you who labor and
are burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28

AFTER A SUICIDE LOSS: OFFERING HEALING AND HOPE

After a loss by suicide, individuals and communities are often unsure of how to react and support those who are grieving. Join Crisis Counselor Katie Zylcz and Ignatian-trained Spiritual Director Becky Eldredge for this presentation of practical ways to offer healing and hope in the wake of a suicide loss. Leave with tools from both the mental health and spiritual perspectives to be able to better support those you care about.




**Becky Eldredge,
M.Ed, MPS, CSD**

Katie Zylcz, M.Ed, LPC-S

**August 30 6pm - 8pm
August 31 9am - 11am**

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