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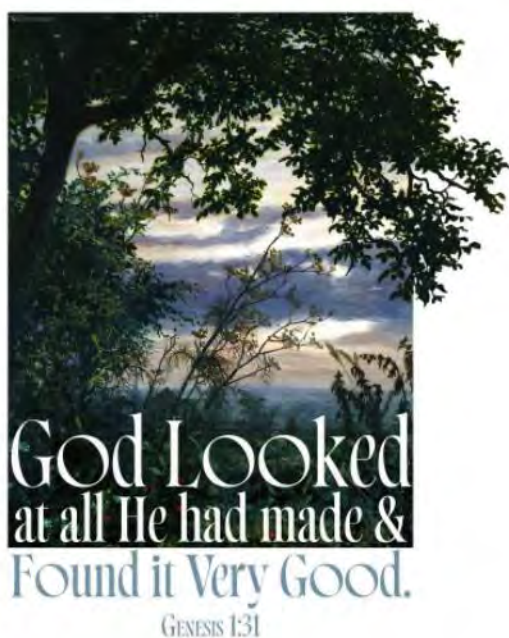
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## Masses

Saturday Vigil ..... 4:00 pm  
 Sunday ..... 7:30, 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
 Tuesday..... 6:00 pm  
 Wednesday..... 7:00 am  
 Thursday..... 7:00 am  
 Friday..... 7:00 am

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time The Eyes of a Child

Christian churches sometimes advertise that they are a contemporary, casual church. One thing that concerns me is that they do not add “challenging” to that description. Some people try to teach that since Jesus is risen from the dead, we should also be able to live that way—rejoicing, but never sorrowing. But if we preach resurrection without the cross, we are acting like Peter in the Gospel.

Peter had just proclaimed that Jesus was the Messiah, but he failed to understand that Jesus’ mission was not to bring wealth and glory to Israel. Like Satan’s temptations in the desert, he wanted Jesus to take the easy way to glory.

Instead, Jesus challenges us to deny ourselves. As long as we center our lives on our own pleasure and comfort, we are rejecting the cross. To deny oneself means to choose God’s will over our own. It means to be willing to suffer for being honest. It means giving God the first place in our lives. It means we get more joy from serving others than serving ourselves.

That is one reason I like the image of God as father. Parents will lose much of their freedom—and much sleep—when they bring a child into the world. But they find a new joy in the eyes of that child. We are all called to lose our selfish lives and find the joy of living for Jesus.

*Tom Schmidt*

## Scripture Readings

For the Week of September 3, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27
<b>Monday</b>	1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1,3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
<b>Wednesday</b>	Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
<b>Thursday</b>	Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6abc, Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest</b> Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

## Pastor's Letter

Dear Family:

Following Christ means to break free from immature ways of thinking and acting. The Gospel's teachings are God's dreams for the world. But we often fail to understand the truth of Christ's teachings, viewing this same world through fantasies of power, pride, greed, fear, and obsession. Instead of following a path to eternal life, we build monuments to our egos. It is easy to forget that, with death, our fantasies will vanish even faster than our bodies will return to the dust.

Living the Gospel means trading a life of fantasy for one that follows the mind of God. The challenges and results of this transformation are the theme of this Sunday's readings. For example, Jeremiah served Israel's king and came from an elite family. His prophecy of invasion and exile was so ominous, however, that most rejected him. As this Sunday's first reading recounts, he struggled as an outcast, but he remained committed to the mind of God, and thus ensured that Israel survived the coming disaster. When Jesus instructs his disciples to deny themselves, take up their cross and follow him, he is speaking to exactly the kind of life Jeremiah lived.

Disciples who catch sight of God's dreams often find that they want even more, feeling a desire for God's presence in both soul and body. This Sunday's responsorial psalm speaks of a soul thirsting for God like a desert for rain. Satisfying this desire requires an offering of the whole self, as St. Paul instructs in this Sunday's second reading. Those who offer soul and body as a living sacrifice will begin to understand the mind of God and discover a life of abundant grace. Of such joy the psalmist can only sing, "As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you!"

Some questions for reflection:

What immature ways has Christ invited you to leave behind?

What dreams has God shared with you? How can you fulfill them?

Paul exhorts: "Be transformed by the renewal of your mind." In the Gospel, how does Peter's thinking need to be transformed?

I pray you all have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day Weekend. Let us give thanks to God for the opportunity to work with our hands and hearts to build up the kingdom Jesus has proclaimed.

Peace,

Fr. Greg



## Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

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

Monday, September 18, 2023

Monday, October 2, 2023

Monday, November 6, 2023

**Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass**

Saturday, August 26, 2023

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Saturday, October 28, 2023

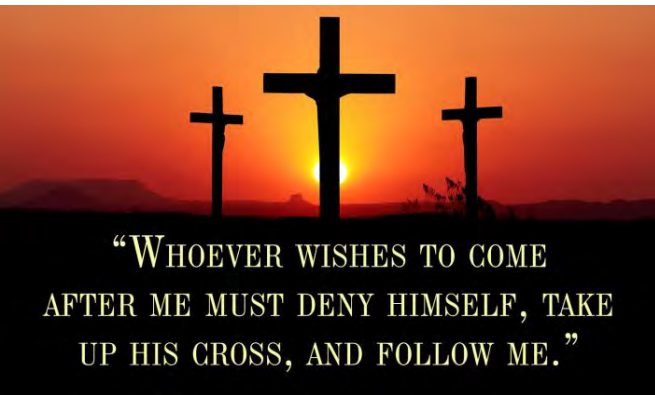
Saturday, November 25, 2023

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.



## A Vocation View

Jesus continues to draw those who believe. Our world is hungry and thirsty for the Bread of Life. Will you share your faith? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org).



## Fall Bible Studies

The Gospel According to Mark  
Monday, September 11 — 4-5:30pm

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.

Exodus: Called to Freedom  
Thursday, September 14  
1:30-3pm or 6:15-7:45pm

This 10-part series 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.

Both Bible Studies, will be held in the church office and are free of charge. To sign up, please call the church office at 225.687.2402.

Our office will be closed Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

## Ritualsong

### Readings & Songs this Weekend

<b>Readings</b>	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time #1257
<b>Entrance</b>	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #982
<b>Preparation</b>	<i>Instrumental</i>
<b>Communion</b>	We Remember #784
<b>Sending Forth</b>	Lift High the Cross #981

## Catholicism...

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](http://www.stjohnchurchplaq.org) or call Donna Carville at 225.687.2402 for more information.



## 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.

## Parish Activities

### September 2023

#### Saturday, September 2

##### Maintenance & Repairs Collection

##### Pray The Rosary

11am.....Adoration Chapel

#### Sunday, September 3

##### Maintenance & Repairs Collection

#### Monday, September 4

Office Closed.....Labor Day Holiday

#### Sunday, September 10

##### Holy Spirit Prayer Group

4pm.....St. John The Evangelist

#### Monday, September 11

##### Catholic Daughter Meeting

2pm.....Parish Hall

##### Bible Study

4pm-5:30pm .....Church Office

#### Thursday, September 14

##### Bible Study

1:30-3pm, 6:15-7:45pm.....Conference Room

#### Saturday, September 16

##### Town Hall Meeting

Following 4pm Mass.....St. John the Evangelist

#### Sunday, September 17

11am Mass with PSR Families.....St. John the Evangelist

#### Monday, September 18

##### Bible Study

4pm-5:30pm .....Church Office

##### Baptism Seminar

7:00 pm.....Conference Room

#### Thursday, September 21

##### Bible Study

1:30-3pm, 6:15-7:45pm.....Conference Room

##### K.C. Meeting

7pm.....K.C. Hall

#### Saturday, September 23

##### Baptisms

4pm (During Mass).....St. John The Evangelist

#### Sunday, September 24

##### Town Hall Meetings

Following 7:30 & 9am Masses.....St. John the Evangelist

#### Monday, September 25

##### Bible Study

4pm-5:30pm .....Church Office

#### Tuesday, September 26

##### Altar Society Meeting

9:30am.....Conference Room

#### Thursday, September 28

##### Bible Study

1:30-3pm, 6:15-7:45pm.....Conference Room

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, September 9-4pm 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; Roland "Doug" Rivet, Hebert & Rivet Families; John & Ann Ruiz, Joseph Ruiz, Lena P. Brooks; Yves & Vera Ramirez, Jane & Jerry, Kirsch Kember; John Caffarel, Sr.; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Lapeze Family, Ragusa Family; Aubrey Quebedeaux, Dub, Aline & Mit Comeaux; Mary "Dee" Marino; "Se Se" Becnel, Larry Percle, Keller Family; Joseph Graves, W. A. Graves Family; Michael Rarick, Thomas Morales Family; Cavalier, LeBlanc & Simoneaux Families; Sterling, John, Clarence, Alvin & Louis Himel; Wayne Gary, Kaitlyn & Chase Correll, Baley Hudnall; The Lazzaro Family, Kolby Lorio, "Butch" & Sadie Tullier; The Currier Family, M/M Thomas Keith & Family; Berthelot & Guillot Families; John "Shane" David Smith; Linda Hebert; Sadie & Kearney Sr. & Kearney Jr. Thibodeaux, The Suggs Family; John Hawley Landry, Kathleen Landry; Jack Laurent

### Sunday, September 10-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

### Sunday, September 10-9am 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; Anthony "Tonto" Pizzolatto; Alcee & Pauline Becnel, Evans & Virgie Dugas; Clinton & Wendell Fournierat; Rosemary Cox; J. R. Boudreaux, Virgie Junot, Jerry Orcino; J. W. & Sue Bryant, Mrs. E. J. Clifton; Anthony & Margie Vitale, Lloyd & Lillian Bouchereau; Gladys "Butsy" Palermo, Peter A. Palermo, Patrick Burleigh, Douglas Brewer; Bill Touns, Jr.; Mitchell Dufour, Boudreaux & Dufour Families; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Virginia Simon; Matthew, Doris, Guy & Ernest Allen, Angelo F. Mancuso, Connie Mancuso & Seraphine Stein; Clarence "Pete" & Mary Berthelot; Rose Marie LeBlanc, LeBlanc & Canella Families; Anthony Cilano; George, Maggie & Joe Gullotto, Lola & A. J. Adams; V. J. Vicknair, Emily & Paul Bourgeois; John "Sonny" Bunch

### Sunday, September 10-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; O. J., Buster & Pearl Hidalgo Songy & Families; Michael Shepherd, Ruth "Se Se" Becnel; Patrick, J. P. & Anna Gaudet; Kathy Kocke, Oliver & Edward Kocke, Jr.; Laura Lynn, Dorothy & Norman Jr. Grass; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; Gloria A. Dupont, J. G. Dupont, Sr.; Brenda Fremin; Ignace & Vivian Banta; William H. Middleton, Bill Middleton III, Clouatre & Middleton Families; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Ezora & Sidney Hedges; Victor J. Canella, Ann Bryant Wilbert Arbour; Betty Keith

### Tuesday, September 12-6pm Mass

Randy Morales; Case, Gum & Schuler Families; Van & Thelma Junot, Elvis & Mamie Rabalais

### Wednesday, September 13-7am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Schexnaildre & Nicolosi Families

### Thursday, September 14-7am Mass

Larry Skidmore

### Friday, September 15-7am Mass

Beverly & Fred Allain, Angela & J. E. Dupont



## 2023 International Acadian Festival Miss Evangeline & Runners-up



**Congratulations to the young ladies who were chosen as Miss Evangeline 2023 and the runners-up.**

Kennedy Landry, left, first runner-up, is the daughter of Mr. Todd Landry and Ms. Haley Migliacio. Miss Evangeline Mackenzie Grace Janet, center, is the daughter of Mrs. Layne Janet and the late Mr. Cary Janet, and Layla Martinez, second runner-up, right, is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Huey Martinez, Jr.

## 2023 International Acadian Festival Miss Evangeline and Court



**Congratulations to the senior girls who were chosen as the Knights of Columbus Council 970 International Acadian Festival Indian Princess Court.**

Left to right are Marguerite Hedges, Lakelyn Devillier, Alyse Landry, Isabella Rawlinson, Chloe Smith, second runner-up Layla Martinez, Miss Evangeline Mackenzie Grace Janet, first runner-up Kennedy Landry, Genevieve Prejean, Caroline Bueche, Lilla Aucoin, Leslie Bueche and Madilyn Bourgoyne.

The International Acadian Festival will take place at the Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park October 27-29, 2023.





## Prayer for Protection During Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control. The Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming

lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

By the Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder,  
Second Bishop of Lafayette  
Written in 1957 following Hurricane Audrey



## Sanctuary Candle

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Pauline E. deVerges  
Ed Engolio, Jr.

St. Clement of Rome  
A Special Intention

## Altar Society

Altar Society Team 1 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, September 6 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

## Coffee & Donuts

September 10, 2023

George & Patricia Ramirez  
(7:30am Mass)  
Bobby Blanchard, Susie Burns &  
Michelle Sharon  
(9am Mass)





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