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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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Not My Problem

Ever notice how people today like to ignore the evil in the world? People will witness a mugging and not bother to call the police. We see television stories of children starving in poor countries and say, "Not my problem." The readings for this Sunday challenge this attitude.

In the Gospel, Jesus' words teach us something about our duty to the sinner. First, he tells us that sin is our problem, and when we see it we need to take the initiative to stop it. Second, he tells us we need not feel alone in this duty. When the sinner refuses to listen, we bring in help. In fact, this command is meant for the whole church. Third, he tells us to be persistent; don't give up on someone too easily.

So what about that line about treating the sinner who refuses to listen as a Gentile or tax collector? On the one hand, the sinner would be excluded from the church, excommunicated, if he doesn't repent. On the other hand, Jesus never rejected tax collectors (like Matthew himself, who wrote this Gospel) or Gentiles. He said he came to call sinners, to save them. He loves sinners. And that is the reason we are to confront them—not to punish them, but to love them. For God never forces a person to repent. God invites with love, especially the love Jesus showed by dying on the cross. May we all learn to fight evil with love!

Tom Schmidt

Pastor's Letter

Dear Family:

I had a friend who had a terrible drug problem, and I feared for his life. When I tried to talk to him about it, he believed I was being manipulative. I had failed to communicate my compassion, and only spoke of my frustration and fear. As a result, he felt justified to ignore my intervention.

Because it is easy to fall into this trap, many people are hesitant to challenge another even when there is good reason to do so. Jesus expects this of his followers, however. Jesus was effective because he wanted nothing from the people he encountered. His compassion and generosity were obvious to the most hardened sinners. He knew how to find their hidden dignity and how to speak to it with respect and hope. Their hardened hearts beat anew in his compassionate presence.

We are responsible for each other, as this Sunday's first reading shows. "If...you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way," the prophet Ezekiel learned, "the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death." Correcting each other is nonnegotiable.

Jesus teaches us how to correct another properly. The command to "treat him as you would a Gentile or tax collector" is not harsh when one remembers that Jesus tirelessly proclaimed divine love to exactly such individuals. As Christians, we too recognize the love God has for everyone. Just as that love motivated Jesus to find the greatest sinners and treat them with compassion, so we too must address each other out of the love God has taught us.

Some thoughts/questions for reflection:
Today is World Suicide Prevention Day; ask a friend to join you in praying for those who may be cut off from hope or help by despair. Has anyone ever corrected you with compassion? How did you respond?

To whom can you offer loving correction?
Jesus follows his teaching on correction with teachings about forgiveness and prayer. In putting these teachings together, what deeper realities does Jesus reveal?

Please make note and consider joining us after the Vigil Mass next weekend for our Town Hall Meeting on the 100 year campaign. We will have several other opportunities listed in the bulletin. On Sunday, September 24th we will have Town Hall meetings directly after the 7:30 & 9:00 a.m. Masses. Also, on Sunday October 1st we will have the final Town Hall Meeting after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Peace,

Fr. Greg



Ritualsong

Readings & Songs this Weekend

Readings	Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time #1260
Entrance	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #806
Preparation	<i>Instrumental</i>
Communion	Psalms 95: If Today You Hear God's Voice #76
Sending Forth	O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God #649

Fall Bible Studies

Growing in Faith

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.

Holy Spirit Prayer Group

Group Prayer for the Needs of Others

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet Sunday, September 10 from 4-6pm in church. The mission of the prayer group is to offer praise to God, and intercessory prayers for individuals, our community and the needs of the world.

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group also welcomes folks of different denominations and those who may not be connected to a church community at this time.

For more information, contact the church office at 225.687.2402. All are welcome! Come join us!

A Vocation View

Called to Ministry

Life in service of the Lord is never dull, and often challenging. Consider life 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.





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.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for September 2023

For People Living on the Margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Angels for Angels

Providing for School Children in Need

The Angels for Angels program has been able to help children in our local schools with much needed items. Teachers contact the Angels for Angels with a specific need for a specific child in their classroom.

Volunteers are needed to relieve the burden some teachers face who use their own monies to purchase these items. If you are able to make a positive impact in a child's life in our community, please call Dr. Katie Berthelot at 225.776.2809 or the church office at 225.687.2402.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of September 10, 2023

Sunday	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20
Monday	Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday	Memorial of the Holy Name of Mary Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday	Col 3:1-11, Ps 145:2-3, 10-13; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Friday	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday	1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 27:30 – 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35



Eucharistic Adoration

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

Do not be afraid.

—Luke 5:10

Let Jesus' words to Peter settle in your heart as well. Let them convince you that it's perfectly safe to come into the presence

of God. On the contrary, it's the most rewarding, joyous, saving thing you could ever do—and you can do it every single day!

"The Word Among Us" Daily Meditation

September 1, 2022

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.

Our Brothers Keeper Thrift Store

Donate Your Gently Used Clothing

Our Brothers Keeper Thrift Store 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 at 58311 Plaquemine Street. Store hours are 8am-1pm, Monday through Friday.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 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; Kristina Mellema; Murray & Dixie Suffrin; Kerne M. Coreil, Sr.; Mike "Fuzzy" Marino, Melissa Jarreau, Maggie David, Amadee David, Edwin "Peanut" Gras, Houston Blanchard, Lisa J. Sands, Adam Sands, Glenda "Phyne" Cedotal; Mayon, Callahan & Clement Families; Scott Jude Marino, A. J. & Nera Rodriguez, Anthony & Mary Marino, Kids of St Jude; Catherine & Andrew Roucher; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P. W. Albert, Jr.; Janice Brown; Faye & Paul Troxclair; Alton & Jenny Boudreaux; M/M Frank Ragusa & Family, M/M Placito Mancuso & Family, M/M Mose Gibson & Family, J. D. & Ella Collins & Family; M/M Tony Falcon, Anthony Falcon, Camille Tempanaro, M/M Ray Murry, M/M Earl Quatrevingt, M/M C. J. Saurage, M/M Ronald Lee Gary, Tommy, Brian, Jay & Randy Quatrevingt, M/M Frank Tempanaro, Brandi Quatrevingt, Sharkey Altazin; Flo, Allen & Paco Ourso; M/M Edmond Gomez & Family; Sam "Buttie" & Lucille Distefano; Evelyn Varnell; John Hawley Landry, Kathleen Landry

Sunday, September 17-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, September 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; Frances Santangelo LeBlanc, Rita & Mike Santangelo, Anatole Santangelo; Frank, Josie, Anthony & Victor Canella; M/M A. J. Rodriguez, M/M Vives Vicknair, M/M Alger Rodriguez, Scott Marino; Rosemary Cox; Harold Sr., Barbara & Frances Himel; Jeffrey Martinez; Gary Ourso, Sr., Gary Ourso, Jr., Gerrit Ourso; Laurence & Winnie Miller, Edward Miller, Paul & Myrtle Richard; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Virginia Simon; Ray, T. N. & Steve Patin; Frank, Josie, Anthony & Victor Canella; A Special Intention through the Intercession of St. Peregrine, St. Jude, St. Joseph & Mother Mary; John "Sonny" Bunch

Sunday, September 17-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Buck Fourroux; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Agnes & Sam Colletti & Family, Vincent M. Ferachi & Family; Brenda Fremin; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Sidney Hedges, Jr., Margaret Landry; Wayne & Colby Gomez, Pitre & Gomez Families; David Borden Tidmore; Ann Bryant Wilbert Arbour

Tuesday, September 19-6pm Mass

Michael Melsheimer, Sr.; Alfred & Mercedes Carville, Edmund & Louise Bujol; Jep Daigle, Eddie & Virginia Clebert, Ulger & Nilda Daigle

Wednesday, September 20-7am Mass

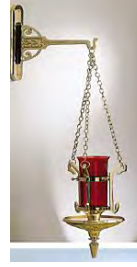
Joshua "Josh" Landry, Harry & Vivian Banta, Caliste "Joe" & Gloria Landry

Thursday, September 21-7am Mass

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

Friday, September 22-7am Mass

Mary Ann Gregoire



Sanctuary Candle

September 10, 2023

St. John the Evangelist
John Caffarel, Sr.

St. Clement of Rome
Alice & Alex Nolan

Altar Society

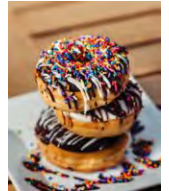
Altar Society Team 2 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, September 13 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

Coffee & Donuts

September 17, 2023

Ed & Anne Reeves (7:30am Mass)

Kevin & Kelly Gourgues (9am Mass)



"We'll always honor the heroes of 9/11. And here at this hallowed place, we pledge that we will never forget their sacrifice."

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