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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

“Lord, if my brother sins against  
me, how often must I forgive?”



## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time The Cross of Forgiveness

Why should we forgive those who hurt us? The gospel this Sunday gives three reasons: First, because Jesus commands it. Second, because forgiveness is part of loving one another. And third, because we want to be forgiven for our sins. Here Jesus commands us to forgive unceasingly, without limit. Now that could be a challenge for even the most patient person. Does it mean we have to let someone hurt us over and over? No, it is possible to forgive someone and also prevent them from hurting us, if we do it with

love (the second reason.) For instance, we might forgive an alcoholic family member, but still insist that they get help. Since forgiveness is part of love, it is also part of tough love. That leads to the third reason: We forgive because we have been forgiven. Jesus has already died for our sins. If we truly believe that Jesus is risen and that we will rise to eternal life with him in spite of our sins, how can we refuse to forgive someone who hurts us?

Tom Schmidt

We welcome our PSR families who are celebrating 11am Mass with us this weekend.

Dear Family:

God forgives, and so must we. This is the message of this Sunday's readings. Sometimes forgiveness is easy. Friends and family know how to brush off each other's small transgressions as the Book of Proverbs states, "Love covers all offenses" [10:12], an insight that was repeated in the New Testament. [1 Corinthians 13:7; James 5:20; 1 Peter 4:8].



Sometimes forgiveness is difficult. Some sick people enjoy hurting others. Many more sin against each other out of ego or fear, inflicting thoughtless damage out of insecurity. Still others live with destructive tendencies such as addictions, mental illness, or trauma. Although these are out of their control, such inclinations make relationships difficult. Finding ways to forgive in circumstances like these can feel like a hopeless task.

Jesus did not agree. "Not seven times, but seventy-seven times," said Jesus, responding to Peter's question with an absurdly large number. The Old Testament already had a long tradition of teaching forgiveness. God forgave Israel again and again for its transgressions against the covenant, and prophets and teachers reminded individual Israelites to do the same. As this Sunday's first reading proclaims, God's tireless compassion should be the pattern for ours.

"Moved with compassion, the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan." In this parable, forgiveness means starting over from zero. Whatever happened in the past is gone, and a new relationship takes place. God finds new reasons for compassion every time we request forgiveness. This is the example of freedom Christ calls us to follow. Forgiveness costs God nothing but instead deepens opportunities for divine love. Just so, Christ calls his followers to the same freedom. No one can take anything from us that God cannot replace tenfold. This realization can inspire our sense of compassion and free us to forgive, no matter the amount of mercy required.

Some questions for reflection:

What have you learned from being forgiven?

How can Christ teach you to forgive?

What does the king know that makes him so free to forgive his debtors? How can a similar knowledge guide our acts of forgiveness?

Peace,

Fr. Greg

## Ritualsong

### Readings & Songs this Weekend

Readings	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time #1263
Entrance	Where Charity and Love Prevail #809
Preparation	<i>Instrumental</i>
Communion	Make Me a Chancel of Your Peace #912
Sending Forth	Abundant Life #683

Join us for one of our Town Hall meetings concerning our 100 year campaign Saturday, September 16 following 4pm Mass, Sunday, September 24 following 7:30am and 9am Masses or Sunday, October 1 following 11am Mass.

## Scripture Readings

### For the Week of September 17, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Sir 27:30 – 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35
<b>Monday</b>	1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1-3, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
<b>Thursday</b>	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
<b>Friday</b>	1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-13
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 8:4-15
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

## 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. Come join us!





On Sunday, August 27 the members of the 2023 St. John High School Homecoming Court were recognized at 9am Mass. In attendance were senior girls, l to r, front row, Leanne Bueche, Kennedy Landry, Hunter Blair, Genevieve Prejean, Caroline Bueche, Chloe Smith and Layla Brown. Senior boys on the back row are Gage Landry, Dylan Lopez, Gage Blanchard, Jack Marcantel, Michael Patrick Edwards, Clayton Repp and Ellis Braud. Join in the homecoming festivities during the week of September 24-30. Visit [www.stjohnschool.org](http://www.stjohnschool.org) for a schedule of homecoming events.



## Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

**Baptism Seminars — 7pm**  
**Church Office Third Floor**  
 Monday, September 18, 2023  
 Monday, October 9, 2023  
 Monday, November 6, 2023  
**Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass**  
 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.



## Eucharistic Adoration

**An Invitation to Prayer**

“So humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you.”

—1 Peter 5:6-7

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.

## Pilgrimage to St. Jude Shrine

**A Day of Prayer and Relaxation**

A pilgrimage to the International Shrine of St. Jude in New Orleans is planned for Monday, Oct. 23, 2023. It's a beautiful day of getting together, relaxing with friends and our Lord in prayer.

The cost of the trip is \$50. For more information and if you feel you would like to join us, please call Cecilia Blanchard (985.513.2252).

## Church Dedication for September

**The Seven Sorrows of Mary**

The Church dedicates the month of September to The Seven Sorrows of Mary. Mary's Immaculate Heart is often depicted as pierced by seven swords, representing the sorrows that she experienced with and alongside her Son. Mary's Seven Sorrows are the Prophecy of Simeon and Anna, the Flight into Egypt, the Loss of the Child Jesus, the Condemnation of Jesus, the Crucifixion, the Retrieval of Jesus' Body from the Cross and the Burial of Jesus.

In perfect obedience to God and His will, Mary consented to her son's passion and death, entering into his sorrow in a way only a mother can.

The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is September 15.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, September 23-4pm Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Laboure, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Vincent A. & Dr. Larry Ferachi, Hebert & Ferachi Families; Henry "Tutie" Berthelot, M/M Edmond Berthelot, M/M Earl Breaux, Sr.; John D. Bourg; Michael Laurent; LTC Craig T. Robinson, Francis, Shirley & Gasper Pizzolatto, Jr.; Paul & Jenise Ortis, Earl & Mary Devillier; Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim & Nu Nu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Derley Barbier; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay; Yvonne Curry; Anthony & Carmella Orcino, Caliste "Joe" & Gloria Landry, Kimberly & Josh Landry, M/M Eldon Flatau; Merle Ostergren; Lois Tullier Falcon; John Hawley Landry, Kathleen Landry; Conrad "Poopy" Joffrion; Jack Laurent

### Sunday, September 24-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

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### Sunday, September 24-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Dominic Engolio, Frances & Mike Savariste, Frank Savariste; Brenda Fremin; Harry Marionneaux, Charles, Doris & Paul Barbier; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn; James & Marie Miranda, Denise & Glenda Miranda; Frank, Josie, Anthony & Victor Canella; Betty Keith; The Currier Families

### Tuesday, September 26-6pm Mass

George Ourso, Sr.; Bret Thompson; Randy, Lucy, Peter & Florence Morales, Edna "Buttons" Verrett; Jesse DeLee

### Wednesday, September 27-7am Mass

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### Thursday, September 28-7am Mass

Dr. Herman Samson

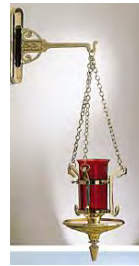
### Friday, September 29-7am Mass

Mary Ann Gregoire

## A Vocation View

### Called to Ministry

Am I willing to "empty myself" as Jesus did to follow what the Father had in mind when he created Me? 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).



## Sanctuary Candle

September 17, 2023

**St. John the Evangelist**  
Fred Hebert

**St. Clement of Rome**  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allain  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Dupont, Jr.

## Altar Society

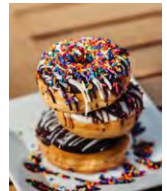
Altar Society Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, September 20 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

## Coffee & Donuts

September 24, 2023

Gary & Dolores Pruitt (7:30am Mass)

Steve & Faith Maddox (9am Mass)



## 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





September 17, 2023

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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