# SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



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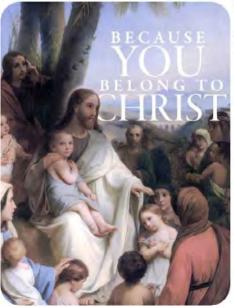
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## Masses

Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday7:30am, 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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 29, 2024

## Exclusive Membership

The first reading might be what Jesus was talking about when he scolded the disciples. They wanted to stop an exorcist whom they didn't know. In both cases, whether prophesying or driving out demons, someone wanted them to stop. The persons doing those things were not members of the group. In the gospel, the disciples objected simply because they didn't know the ones who were casting out demons. Back in Moses' days, the two "renegades" were actually on the list, they just weren't present with the rest gathered around Moses. Both Joshua and the disciples of Jesus thought they should control who could do God's work and who couldn't.

The temptation to control things is pretty common, but we can't be truly at peace till we allow God to be the one in control. God loves all people, even those who don't know him. So if we see someone who has a spiritual gift, it could be God's way of helping that person to know about

His love. There are many non-Christians who are very generous or patient or wise, who could come to faith if they realized that God was acting through them. You don't have to bowl them over with evangelistic fervor. Just the observation that you see God's love in them might get them thinking about their faith. The Apostles Creed reminds us that the Church is catholic, or universal. All are welcome, because Jesus died for everyone. As Moses said in the first reading, wouldn't it be great if God sent his gifts of the Spirit to them all?

## Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church



Pastor's Letter

September 29, 2024

Dear Family:

The Book of Numbers gives instruction on being open to God working in the world even in and among unexpected people. Today's text introduces Joshua, a key figure in the development of the Israelites. But here Joshua is still learning. Moses teaches that God works as God wills and expresses his desire that we were all prophets. A prophet is one who speaks for God in human language to human beings.

The psalmist concurs in his own way. God's law is perfect in its wisdom, especially in its prescriptions for our treatment of one another. James expounds upon this when he gives his harshest condemnation of the rich. In his experience, the rich are focused only on their own gain in this life. They store their treasures at the expense of employees who struggle to get by. James declares their reward to be limited while the faithful have much more for which to hope.

In Mark's Gospel passage for today, Jesus teaches that all those who share the Good News must be accepted and lauded. He further explains that true models are those who give freely and do not prevent others from seeking a right relationship with God. Consequences for those who lead people astray are dire. Jesus as Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, wants all to encounter God in truth.

Some questions for reflection:

- Joshua becomes a significant leader of God's people. Here we see his early struggle to learn what it means to lead. Does this give you hope in your vocation?
- James challenges the rich in his time and does not believe that they are able to be genuine, giving, and active in their faith lives. Many Christians find themselves quite comfortable in our contemporary society. How might his reading challenge us? Other Christians identify more with those who suffer in the current social order. How might this inspire us?
- In Mark, Jesus challenges us to be open to God working in and through unlikely people and places. Are there paths you can take in your life to rise to this challenge?

This past week was St. John School Homecoming Week. It was good to see so many Alumni gather, remember & celebrate our long history. Thanks to all the school associations that bless our Church and School with great generosity. A special thanks to the Senior Retreat Leaders and chaperones that gave of their free time to bless the lives of our Senior Eagles with a deepening faith experience.

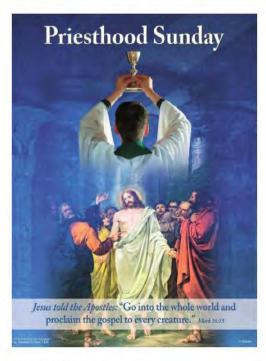
I will be away next weekend for my annual trip to play tennis at the beach with my tennis buddies. I enjoy this time of fellowship with my friends and get an opportunity to read all the Gospels for Advent as I start preparing Advent Liturgies. I will also be away during the following week until Thursday for our Priest's Continuing Education Conference. Fr. Jon Koehler and Fr. Tom Ranzino will be presiding at Eucharist next weekend. Please give them a warm St. John welcome.

Be assured of my prayers for you in my absence and please pray for me, my brother priests and our bishop for an inspiring conference.

Peace,

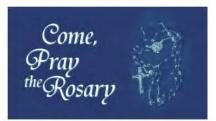
Fr. Greg

## September 29, 2024



#### Called By Name Chosen for Consecrated Life

"Whoever is not against us is for us." They heard God calling them to the priesthood and chose to serve Christ. Now, they enrich our spiritual well-being in the name of God. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org. September 29 is Priesthood Sunday. Pray for our priests.



## Church Dedication for October: The Holy Rosary and Respect Life Month

## Major Feast: Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7)

The Rosary is one of the most powerful forms of prayer that the Church gives to the faithful; popes, saints, even the Blessed Mother herself have spoken on the importance of praying the Rosary. It's a simple but profound way to meditate on the life of Jesus and to grow closer to Mary who will always lead us to her Son.

Join us to pray the Rosary at the home of Betty Aucoin, 57765 Senator Gay Boulevard every Wednesday during the month of October at 6pm. For more information, you may call Betty at 225.776.1685 or Derryl Comeaux at 225.687.3950.

## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Ritualsong

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time #1270 Entrance: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #821 Preparation: \*\*Instrumental\*\* Communion: Grant to Us, O Lord #578 Sending Forth: God of Day and God of Darkness #899

#### In Loving Memory...

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the following persons who donated a memorial gift to St. John the Evangelist Church 100 Year Capital Campaign in loving memory of:

## **Roselyn Sanchez**

Donated by: The Warren Bates Family

## The Pope's Prayer Intention for October For A Shared Mission

Let us pray that the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting

the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

## Eucharistic Adoration

#### Come and Adore. Jesus is Waiting for YOU.

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To volunteer for a scheduled hour or as a substitute, contact Patricia Ebert at 225.385.1501 or Bern Ebert at 225.385.1500.

## Prayer for Protection During a Storm

Loving God, maker of heaven and earth, protect us in your love and mercy. Send the Spirit of Jesus to be with us, to still our fears and give us confidence. In the stormy waters, Jesus reassured his disciples by his presence, calmed the storm, and strengthened their faith. Guard us from harm during this storm and renew our faith to serve you faithfully. Give us the courage to face all difficulties and the wisdom to see the ways your Spirit binds us together in mutual assistance. With confidence we make our

*prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.* (Prayers via Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers. USCCB. 2007)



## Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

## Plaquemine, LA

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A grateful acknowledgement is made to the following persons who donated a memorial gift to St. John the Evangelist Church 100 Year Capital Campaign in loving memory of:

#### Maxine Marionneaux

Donated by: Lesa & Fred Sanchez, Jr.

## OCIA

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a faith journey open to all unbaptized or baptized Christians who wish to explore more about the Catholic Faith and the possibility of becoming Catholic. Current Catholics who may be looking for a refresher about their faith may also attend the inquiry classes in the Fall of 2024.

Schedule of Upcoming Classes:

September 29, 2024: The Church Liturgical Calendar October 6, 2024: Sacred Scripture and Tradition

October 13, 2024: The Nicene Creed

October 20, 2024: The Ten Commandments

All classes are held in the church conference room (3rd floor of the parish office) from 9:30-10:45am. Those looking for a refresher are welcome to join the sessions when Father Greg dismisses the inquirers during 9am Mass.

For more information, please email Donna Carville, dbcarville@gmail.com.

## Scripture Readings

Week of September 29, 2024

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
,	Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14;
	Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday	Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday	Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8;
2	Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10b-15
	Mt 18:1-5, 10
Thursday	Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9,13-14;
	Lk 10:1-12
Friday	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5: Ps 139:1-3,
·	7-10, 13-14; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71,
	75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11;
	Mk 10:2-16 or Mk 10:2-12



#### Baptisms & Baptism Seminars Baptism Seminars — 7pm Third Floor Conference Room Monday, October 7, 2024 Monday, November 4, 2024 Monday, December 2, 2024

#### Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, October 19, 2024 Saturday, November 23, 2024 Saturday, December 21, 2024

Dates are subject to change. Please contact Lily Skidmore at the church office, 225.687.2402, during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.

## Children's Liturgy Schedule 2024

A Safe and Nurturing Environment for Children to Participate in the Mass at an Age-appropriate Level October 6, 2024

9am Mass—Tracy Cox October 13, 2024 11am Mass—Alexis Schlatre October 20, 2024 9am Mass—Tracy Cox November 3, 2024 11am Mass—Alexis Schlatre November 10, 2024 9am Mass—Tracy Cox November 17, 2024 11am Mass—Alexis Schlatre November 24, 2024 9am Mass—Tracy Cox December 1, 2024 11am Mass—Alexis Schlatre December 8, 2024 9am Mass—Tracy Cox December 15, 2024 11am Mass—Alexis Schlatre December 22, 2024 9am Mass—Tracy Cox

## St. John School News

**Blessing of the Pets Prayer Service** 

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of animals and the ecology, the blessing of pets will take place **Wednesday, October 4 from 8-9am at St. John Elementary**. Pets will be blessed on the concrete parking area between St. Clement Church and St. John Elementary.

Please make sure all dogs are leashed.

## September 29, 2024

## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Parish Activities — October 2024

Wednesday, October 2 Alhambra Fall Meeting ..... Parish Hall 6pm Thursday, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Bible Study ...... Conference Room 1:30-3pm, 6:15-7:45pm Sunday, October 6, 13, 20 OCIA ..... Parish Hall 9:30-10:45am Monday, October 7 Baptism Seminar ...... Conference Room 7pm Monday, October 7, 14, 21, 28 Bible Study ..... Conference Room 1-2:30pm Saturday, October 12 America Needs Fatima Rosary ...... Church Noon Presentation of Evangeline ...... Church 4pm Mass Sunday, October 13 PSR Family Mass..... Church 11am Ladies of Peter Claver ..... Parish Hall 2-4pm Holy Spirit Prayer Group ...... Church 4-6pm Monday, October 14 Catholic Daughters Meeting ..... Parish Hall 2-3pm Wednesday, October 16 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting ...... Parish Hall 6pm Saturday, October 19 Baptisms ...... Church Following 4pm Mass Saturday & Sunday, Oct 19 & 20 and Oct 26 & 27 Lions Club Selling Spaghetti Dinner Tickets ... Church Following all Masses Sunday, October 20 OLOL Blood Drive ..... Church Parking Lot 8am-1pm Tuesday, October 22 Altar Society Meeting ..... Conference Room 9:30am Friday, October 25-Sunday, October 27 Acadian Festival ...... Waterfront Park Sunday, October 27 ..... La. Hwy. 1 S 10:30am Acadian Festival Parade \*NO 11AM MASS\*

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America Needs Fatima (ANF) is a campaign that aims to spread the message of Our Lady of Fatima in the United States. The campaign's goals include:

- Winning the hearts and souls of Americans for Mary
- Promoting devotion to Mary's Immaculate Heart
- Spreading the message of Fatima

We will pray the Rosary **Saturday, October 12** at noon in church. The intention for our Rosary Crusade is to beg God and Our Lady to save America from today's chaos, immorality and social upheaval. Please join us as we pray with others throughout the nation at the same time in this devotion to Our Blessed Mother. For more information contact Rosary Rally Captain, Joe Bryant at 225.413.6408, jjjbry@gmail.com.



Sanctuary Candle September 29, 2024 St. John the Evangelist Ronald L. Capone

St. Clement of Rome Kathy D. Fulton & Pat Dupont

Coffee & Donuts October 6, 2024 Ed & Anne Reeves (7:30am Mass)



Kevin & Kelly Gourgues (9am Mass)

## Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church Altar Society Team 1 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, October 2 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

## **Mass Intentions**

#### Saturday, October 5-4pm 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; Trista Parro, Judy & August Sharsky, Lance Chaisson; Tina & Jake Loyacano, Vincent M. Ferachi; Dudley Landry Family, Joe Coletti, Sr. Family; Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim & NuNu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Bryce Gomez; John E., Cecile D. & Maurice E. Brown, Joan B. Heath, Brown & Duhon Families; Kurt, Carlo & Andrew Canova; Johnny Zito, Jr.; M/M A. J. Rodriguez, M/M Alger Rodriguez, M/M Vives Vicknair, Scott Marino; Carringone Family, Achee Family, Dale Miller, Hollye A. Comeaux; Ronnie Palermo, Brown Family, Palermo Family; M/M L. J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; Velma Gaudin, Huey Hebert; Alfred, Mercedese, Lester & Mary Carville, Reid & Gerry Rainey, Edmund & Louise Bujol; Carlo & Kurt Canova; Rose Marie Canella LeBlanc, Jamie Cedotal Landry; Jean Claude, Dalfay & Angele Cavalier, Neila Simoneaux; M/M Vincent M. Ferachi, Cadance & Cassidy Diamond, Stephanie Rivere, Tina Loyacano, Ferachi & Marino Families; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; Faye & Harry Martinez; Carol Brandt, Raymond & Amanda Ducote; M/M Victor Crescionne, Crescionne Family, Michelle Family; Sister Joycelin Staempfli; Aubry Quebedeaux, Robert, Raymond & Saul Quebedeaux; M/M J. E. Dupont, Pat Dupont, Kathy D. Fulton, M/M Wilton Watts, Francis LeFleur; M/M Edmond Gomez & Family; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Nora Vitale; Caliste "Joe" Landry, Gloria Orcino Landry, Josh Landry, Kimberly Landry, Anthony Orcino, Sr., Carmella Orcino, Elden Flatau, Mary Orcino Flatau; Alvin "Pecan" Daigle; Jacqueline Hemenway; Souls in Purgatory Who died from COVID; Mildred LeJeune Hernandez

#### Sunday, October 6-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

#### Sunday, October 6-9am 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; Dudley & Marie Ragusa LeBlanc, Terry Landry, Sr., Terry Landry, Jr., Kynlee Bueche; Fred Hebert, George & Gloria Ramirez, Jimmy & Agnes LeBlanc; Rosemary Cox; Roland "Dougie' Rivet, Hebert & Rivet Families; Laurent, Vicknair & Dupuy Families; "Peshu" Richard; Robert Jude Grace, Dianne Grace; Fred Sanchez, Sr.; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Lawrence & Winnie Miller, Paul & Myrtle Richard, Edward Miller; M/M Tony Falcon, Anthony Falcon, Brandy Quatrevingt, M/M Frank Tempanaro, Camille Tempanaro, Paula Morales, M/M Ray Murry, M/M Earl Quatrevingt; M/M C. J. Saurage, M/M Ronald Lee Gary, Tommy, Jay, Brian & Randy Quatrevingt; Denise Miranda; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Seneca Rafflee; Souls in Purgatory who died from COVID

#### Sunday, October 6-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Nolan Bueche III; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Ezora Hedges, Sidney Hedges, Sr.; Geraldine Kelly; Paul, Doris & Charles Barbier, Harry Marionneaux; Alice Nolan

#### Tuesday, October 8-6pm Mass

Colt Rivet, Leigh Dupre; Kenneth "Klu" Brown; Cathie Blanchard

#### Wednesday, October 9-7am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Schexnaildre & Nicolosi Families

#### Thursday, October 10-7am Mass

Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families

#### Friday, October 11-7am Mass

Anthony Vitale

## September 29, 2024

#### FOOTPRINTS FOR Life



DIGNITY | COMPASSION | TRUTH

You are invited to attend the Diocesan Respect Life Committee's bi-monthly meeting **on October 10, 2024** from 10am to Noon in the Westerfield Conference Room of the Catholic Charities building located in 1900 S. Acadian Thruway, Baton Rouge.

To observe Respect Life Month, our keynote speaker will be Natasia Kissinger, founder of Footprints for Life (FfL), a program designed "to cultivate a Culture of Life in our children" (grades K - 8th). FfL has been successfully implemented in schools in the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Contact jlavastida@diobr.org or 225-242-0222 for any questions.





## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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