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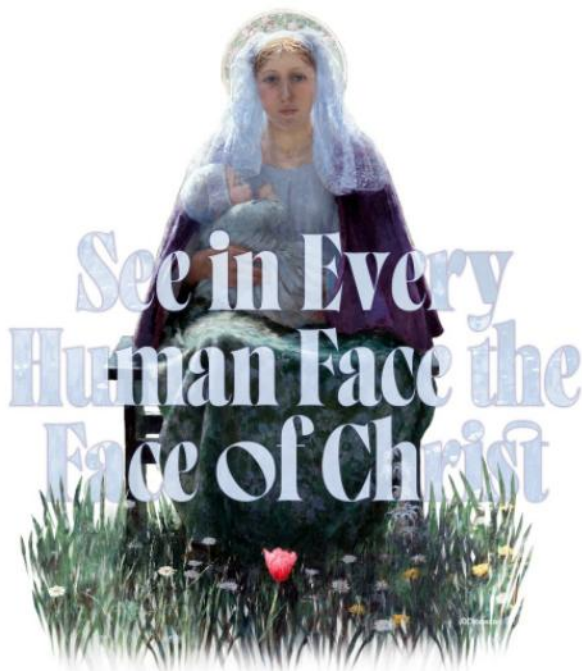
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Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday.....7:30am, 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
Saturday3:00-3:30 pm



Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 6, 2024

The Way to the Kingdom

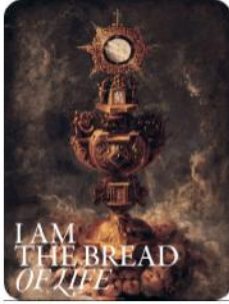
The disciples were trying to be helpful. They knew that children never approached the Rabbis. To show their respect for Jesus, they tried to turn the children away. But Jesus saw this as a chance to teach the disciples about the kingdom. As they tried to send the children back to their parents, Jesus changes the rules. He invites the kids to come to him and even makes an example of them: "accept the kingdom of God like children" or you won't get in at all. So what do we learn from this?

Children don't make themselves look important. They haven't learned to brag about their accomplishments, or how to offer a bribe to get what they want. They simply accept what is given to them. In a culture where we are expected to make a good impression, where we compete to get scholarships and jobs, we may be more like the disciples than we think. We cannot make ourselves look important to God; we can't bribe Him with

good works or change His mind with promises to avoid sin. We can be sorry for our sins, and tell Him we love Him, and ask for help with our weaknesses.

Children also have great faith. If we can keep that faith in God's goodness, while developing a deeper faith that is not discouraged by sin and evil, we are on the way to the Kingdom.

Tom Schmidt



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.



Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars

Monday, October 7, 2024
Monday, November 4, 2024
Monday, December 2, 2024

Baptisms

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

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 contact Lily Skidmore at the church office, 225.687.2402, during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.

Scripture Readings

Week of October 6, 2024

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

Monday Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1-2, 7-10;
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15;
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1-2; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13

Friday Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17;
Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or
Mark 10:17-27

Ritualsong

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time #1273

Entrance: All Are Welcome #925

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: All Who Hunger #1032

Sending Forth: Abundant Life #683

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

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Praying the Rosary During October

The Month of the Holy Rosary

Join us to pray the Rosary at the home of Betty Aucoin, 57765 Senator Gay Boulevard each Wednesday at 6pm during the month of October (October 9, 16, 23 & 30).

For more information, you may call Betty at 225.776.1685 or Derryl Comeaux at 225.687.3950.



AMERICA NEEDS
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Pray the Rosary for America

Rosary Crusade

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 concurrently with others throughout the nation in this devotion to Our Blessed Mother.

For more information contact Rosary Rally Captain, Joe Bryant at 225.413.6408, jjjbry@gmail.com.

56th Annual International Acadian Festival Mass of Thanksgiving

Saturday, October 12, 2024 ~ 4pm

We will celebrate the Acadian Festival Mass of Thanksgiving at St. John Church marking the 56th Anniversary of the Acadian Festival.

The Festival will be held Friday, October 25-Sunday, October 27, 2024 at the Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park, 57845 Foundry Street.

OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

OCIA is the process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith and for those seeking more information on the Catholic Church.

Schedule of Upcoming Classes:

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, dbcaville@gmail.com.

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



Called By Name

Chosen for Consecrated Life

"We see Jesus crowned with glory and honor." Will you let the Holy Spirit lead you to be a reflection of His divine glory as a

priest? Seek the opportunity to serve and lead others. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.



All Saints' Day

Masses — Friday, November 1, 2024

7am — St. John Church

8:30am — St. Clement Church - SJS Mass

6pm — St. John Church

Blessing of the Graves

Sunday, November 3, 2024

St. John Cemetery — 12 Noon

Grace Memorial — 1:30pm

Help Keep Our Cemetery Beautiful

A cemetery envelope has been added to the church contribution packet for the month of October. Please place your donation for the upkeep of St. John Cemetery on Main Street in the envelope provided. It will be marked "Cemetery" and can be placed in the offertory basket at any weekend Mass.

Thank you for your generous contributions.



St. John School News

St. John Cemetery Clean up Project

St. John students and teachers will be cleaning and painting graves at the St. John Cemetery on Main Street. This will be a service day for students in preparation and anticipation of All Saints' Day.

If you have a loved one whose grave is unable to be cared for or know of any elderly people who are unable to care for loved ones' graves, the students would be happy to help. You may call St. John School (225.687.6616) and leave your name and telephone number with the school secretary. Deadline to call is **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18.**

Fathers Club \$10,000 Raffle

The 27th Annual Fathers Club \$10,000 raffle tickets (2nd place—\$2,500, 3rd Place—\$1,000, 4th Place—\$500) are \$20 each and are available for purchase by contacting Mike Markins at 225.955.5276.

There will be an early buyer drawing on Saturday, October 19 at the St. John Alumni Softball Tournament. Buy your ticket before this date and be in the drawing for \$1,000. The \$10,000 raffle drawing will be on Wednesday, November 13 at 6pm. Results will be posted via Facebook.

Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

October 2024

St. John the Evangelist

Rev. Gregory J. Daigle

One Minute Meditations

St. Teresa of Avila

Born in 1515, St. Teresa joined the Carmelites—over family objections—in 1535.

Soon after, she became so ill that the sisters dug a grave for her. St. Teresa recovered and wrote a book on prayer called *The Interior Castle*, based on her suffering. In 1562, she founded a stricter order whose nuns wore rough brown habits and sandals instead of shoes. Despite initial resistance, she founded several convents of Discalced Carmelites and helped reform the Carmelite friars.

"I need all eternity to love them."

Jesus confided these words to Gabrielle Bossis referring to us. By spending time with God, we get vital graces and limitless love. God wants to spend all eternity with us. Can you give five minutes to Him today?

"Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people"

(Psalm 125:1-2).



Holiness grows from deep roots in God's Love

God is crazy-in-love with each of us: *"In this is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us"* (1 John 4:10).

Holiness begins when we accept His "crazy love" (John 15:9) and return it. We can do this by meeting God in the present moment, renewing our "Yes" to Him each day, and receiving the Sacraments:

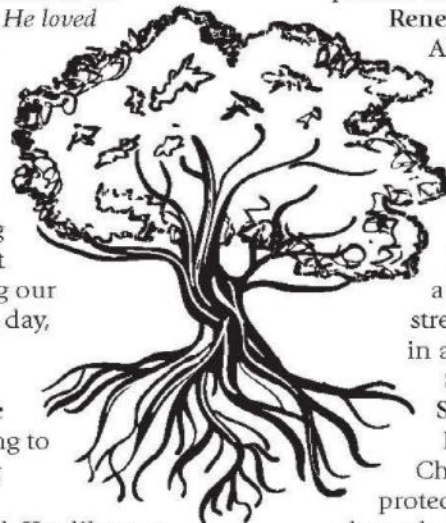
Meet God in the "now." It's tempting to delay approaching God until life is wonderful or awful. Yet, like any loving parent, He delights to be with us always (Proverbs 8:31), even when life is messy, unfinished, or imperfect. He knows we can't change ourselves without His grace. Give Him your heart

"as is," and receive the grace of the present moment.

Renew your "yes" daily.

Aligning with God's teachings and Commandments, as revealed in Scripture, affirms our "yes" to Him, showing trust in His plan over our own. Beginning each day with a sincere "yes" in prayer strengthens us to say "yes" in all areas of life.

Stay close to the Sacraments. Living the Faith is a battle, and the Church encourages us to protect ourselves with grace through the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist (in the Mass) and monthly Confession. In the Sacraments, God pours His grace and love into us, empowering us to share His love with others.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics wear saints' medals?

One way to recognize a Catholic is the crucifix or saint medal he or she may wear. Often blessed by a priest or deacon, these symbols represent the protection of God, Our Lady, or the saint depicted. Rather than being "good luck



charms," they are sacramentals—consecrated objects meant to open the wearer's heart to God's grace. More than just adornments, they serve as constant, holy reminders to live out the values of the Catholic Faith in everyday life.

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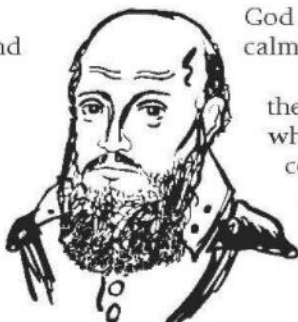
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Advice on patience from a saint with a temper

St. Francis de Sales, usually known for his meekness and patience, also had a fiery temper, and struggled against it all his life. Here are his tried-and-true tips for staying patient in a bad moment:

Avoid speaking while angry. St. Francis said, "It is better to drive it away quickly than to start a discussion with it." Even if you're right, what is said in anger is rarely effective. Most of the time, you end up apologizing anyway.

Regain self-control "quietly and simply." Only



God never has "bad hair days." Focus on staying calm. Be patient with everyone, including yourself.

Prayer always helps. St. Francis said to call on the Lord as the apostles did in the storm. Jesus, who calmed the wind and the waves, "will command your passions to cease and there will be a great calm."

Apologize quickly. If your anger does get the better of you, offer an act of gentleness towards the person right away (or as soon as you're feeling better). The sooner, the better.

from Scripture

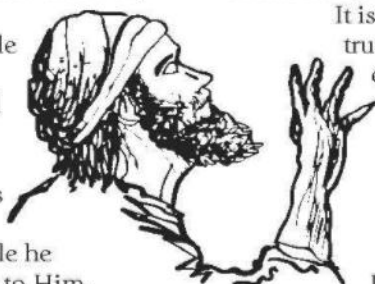
Mark 10:46-52, a blind man leads

Bartimaeus was a blind beggar who saw Jesus clearly. When he heard Jesus was near, he cried out, "Son of David," a title reserved for the Messiah. Although people tried to quiet him, Bartimaeus persisted until Jesus noticed him and called him over.

Immediately, Bartimaeus threw off his cloak and ran to Jesus. Even the little he had was discarded to get to Him.

Bartimaeus stood before Jesus humbly, but he was confident that Jesus had the power to do whatever he asked. The only person in Mark's Gospel to call Jesus, "Master," Bartimaeus asked Jesus

for his sight. When his prayer was answered, Bartimaeus followed Jesus as His disciple.



It is this faith, this profound trust, that Jesus wants to elicit from the crowd and from us. The difficulties of being Christian in the world can blind us to the joys of following Him. Like Bartimaeus, approach Jesus with excitement and humble confidence. When we throw off our fear and doubt, we become true disciples who can tackle the difficult task of leading others down the road to God.

Q & A How can I fully experience the Body and Blood of Christ at Communion?

God's grace is powerfully at work in this most accessible of Sacraments. To fully embrace this grace-filled experience, try these simple practices:

Prepare your heart. Just like medicine works best when taken correctly, being spiritually ready helps the Sacrament work more deeply in us.

Dress respectfully, fast for one hour from food and drink, and confess any serious sins beforehand. These actions open us to fully receive this healing medicine for our souls.

Be real with God. If you're struggling, don't hold back. Talk to Him! Echo the words of Scripture, "I believe; help my unbelief" (Mark 9:24). God welcomes your honesty, doubts, and questions. Ask Him to reveal His love to you in a personal way.

Say "Thank you!" We're taught to thank a giver for a gift, even when it's not what we expected, because the real gift is the love behind it. At Mass, we receive Love Himself. Thank God for this life-changing gift, trusting that the joy of His presence will grow within you over time.

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Feasts & Celebrations

October 1 – St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1897). At the age of 15, Thérèse Martin became a Carmelite nun in Lisieux, France, and served others with "quiet acts of love." Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, includes her "Little Way" to holiness in daily life.

October 2 – Feast of the Guardian Angels. All of us have a guardian angel, in charge of protecting us and watching over us. Remember to thank the Guardian Angels for the work they have done in helping us.

October 9 – St. Denis (258). Originally born in third-century Italy, St. Denis was sent with two companions, Rusticus and Eleutherius, to Christianize Gaul (modern day France). St. Denis became the first bishop of Paris. The three men were martyred by the pagan authorities for their success in converting souls to Christ.

October 18 – St. Luke the Evangelist (1st Century). St. Luke was a Christian physician from Antioch. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles were probably written between 70AD and 85AD.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 12-4pm 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; M/M John Caffarel, Sr., M/M G. E. Marix; Scott Jude Marino, A. J. & Nera Rodriguez, Anthony & Mary Marino, Kids of St. Jude; Enaux Blanchard; Joseph Graves, W. A. Graves Family, Michael Rarick, Thomas Morales Family; Joshua Barker; Sidney "Benny", Rose & Sid Quatrevingt, Quatrevingt Family; Donald Stockman; Joe & Marion Daigle, Warren & Stafford Daigle, Johnny Zito Sr. & Jr., Carlo Canova, Sr.; Janice Brown; Faye & Paul Troxclair, Carolyn Bordelon; Lance Blanchard, Clarence Himel, Alvin Himel, Sterling Himel; Josie & Tony Palermo; Kearney Sr., Sadie & Kearney Jr. Thibodeaux; Betty T. Musco, The Suggs Family

Sunday, October 13-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, October 13-9am 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; Alcee & Pauline Becnel, Evans & Virgie Dugas; J. C. & Hetta Hebert; Lloyd & Lillian Bouchereau; Anthony "Tonto" Pizzolato; M/M Sam Morales & Family; Mary Ann Gregoire; Anthony "Pet" Cilano; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Michael Clause, Lane Panepinto, Dwight Marix; Denise Miranda; Jason Guidry; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Seneca Raffle; Berthelot, Guillot, Cavet & Schlatre Families; Sylvia Rivet

Sunday, October 13-11am

Cindy Dickerson; Edward Kocke, Jr., Kathy Olivier; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Isaac Vaughn, Sr., Nilda Vaughn; Wayne & Colby Gomez, Pitre & Gomez Families; The Currier Families; Betty Keith & Family; Cameron Edward Whatley; Helen Scallan Sasser; Dianne Grace; Marie Kocke

Tuesday, October 15-6pm Mass

Theresa D. Businelle; Helen Scallan Sasser; Dianne Grace

Wednesday, October 16-7am Mass

Barbara Laurent

Thursday, October 17-7am Mass

Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry, Agnes & Sam Coletti & Family

Friday, October 18-7am Mass

Ed Bahry



Sanctuary Candle

October 6, 2024

St. John the Evangelist

Edward Kocke, Jr. & Kathy Olivier

St. Clement of Rome

Walter Mazone & Larry Skidmore

Coffee & Donuts

October 13, 2024

Gary & Dolores Pruitt

(7:30am Mass)



Steve & Faith Maddox (9am Mass)

Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

The Altar Society cleans the church and assists the sacristans. They provide services for church activities and host receptions as needed. Monthly meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Team 2 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, October 9 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



October 6, 2024

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



*May the LORD bless us
all the days of our lives.*

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