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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2025

Stagnant or Overflowing?

We find ourselves in the midst of a short, seven and a half week stint of Ordinary Time. It can seem like we are somewhat lost in time - no longer in the Christmas season and not yet in the throes of Lent. How can we not grow stagnant in our walk of faith during this time?

A friend once told me that Ordinary Time was his favorite season of all. He shared that, just as the liturgical color green indicates, Ordinary Time is a season of growth. As we muddle through the mundane, tackle the trivial and battle the boredom, we are invited to continue blossoming and blooming.

In today's first reading Saul finds himself in a jealous rage and wishes to extinguish David, while David's men encourage him to obliterate Saul. But when afforded the opportunity to retaliate, he refused to lay a finger on the Lord's anointed one. He acquiesced to God rather than anger.

Jesus puts the actions of David into words saying: "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you... Do to others as you would have them do to you...and you will be children of the Most



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LUKE 6:31

High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked." Sounds selfless and saintly and... super hard. To act in a way that gains no reward, not even a tiny bit of dopamine, sounds just horrible.

Yet we live for the promise of a different kind of reward all together: "then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High...gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down and overflowing..." So let us shake off the ordinaryness of this time and dive into the growth, so that our heavenly reward may be overflowing.

Tami Urcia



Pastor's Letter

January 23, 2025

Dear Family:

This Sunday's Gospel reading provides another example of Luke's theme of the great reversal. Humanity has created a world that is the opposite of what God intended, and now God is acting through Christ and the Spirit to set things right.

Sin tells us that we are alone, and that we must struggle to get and keep what is ours. Christ tells us that we are loved by the creator of all things, who pours out abundance upon us. Sin tells us that the world is filled with enemies, and that we must remain vigilant not to fall into their hands. Christ reminds us that God created each person with gifts that, when used in love, will draw all others closer to eternity. In today's Gospel reading, we see Jesus practicing radical trust in God by placing his faith before the safety of his goods or even his person.

This radical trust, and the mercy that extends from it, had a long pedigree in Israel. As St. Paul implies in his distinction between natural and spiritual beings, mercy was long foreshadowed in Israel's Scriptures. In today's first reading, for example, David refrains from harming his enemy Saul, and instead trusts God to find a just resolution to their conflict. David did so, not because of a general stance on mercy, but because Saul was the divinely anointed king of Israel. Nonetheless, David's act shows a profound personal trust in God. David's descendant, Jesus, will extend this trust to every act of his life and ministry, and in doing so will reveal that mercy is the essence of God's call. Those who wish to be children of God must trust with the same zeal, learning how to set aside the lessons of the world and live according to the insights of God.

Some questions for reflection:

How have you gone the extra mile for someone who did not deserve it?

How have you been merciful to the "ungrateful and the wicked"?

How can you replace habits of judgment with a spirit of generosity?

Congratulations to all who received the Sacrament of Confirmation. I offer thanks from God to all the parents and guardians who enabled our candidates to take this step in their faith life.

Peace,

Fr. Greg



Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore. Jesus is Waiting for YOU.

“Do you realize that Jesus is there in the Blessed Sacrament expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart.”

–Saint Therese of Lisieux

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To schedule an hour, please email or call Susan Landry, susanblandry@sj.brcoxmail.com, 225.687.2402.

Ritualsong

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time #1214

Entrance: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #714

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: Take & Eat #1025

Sending Forth: Sent Forth by God’s Blessing #880

In Loving Memory...

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Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars

Monday, March 10, 2025

Monday, April 7, 2025

Monday, May 5, 2025

Monday, June 2, 2025

Baptisms

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025-9am & 11am Masses

Saturday, May 31, 2025

Saturday, June 28, 2025

The Baptism Seminars are held at 7pm in the Church Office Conference Room. Baptisms are usually held once a month following 4pm Mass.

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



Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5, a day of fast and abstinence.

Ash Wednesday Schedule:

7am - Mass & Distribution of Ashes

8:30am - St. Clement Mass & Distribution of Ashes

12 Noon - Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes

6pm - Mass & Distribution of Ashes

Lenten Weekday Schedule:

Tuesday - 6pm Mass

6:30pm Divine Mercy Novena

Wednesday & Thursday - 7am Mass

Friday - 12 Noon Stations of the Cross

6pm Mass & Stations of the Cross

(No 7am Mass during Lent)

Fasting & Abstinence

Fasting: On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, those who are 18, but not yet 59, are allowed only one full meal. Two small meals are allowed as needed, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Abstinence from Meat: Those who are 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. The Church no longer attempts to prescribe our Lenten practices in detail. The above regulations simply highlight Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and other Fridays in Lent.

St. Joseph Altar Preparations

Honoring St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church

Baking for the altar is in progress. Anyone interested in helping can join us at the Knights of Columbus Hall Monday through Friday at 9am.

The St. Joseph Altar will be held Sunday, March 16 from noon until 1:30pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Call Betty Aucoin at 225.776.1685 for more information.



Divine Mercy Novena Mass and Chaplet

This year on Tuesday, February 25 at 6pm our parish will begin its nine-week Novena of Divine Mercy with Mass, followed immediately by the sung chaplet of Divine Mercy and Novena prayers.

Divine Mercy is a prominent theme of the Scriptures, in both the New Testament and the Old. In our own time, devotion to the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ has spread throughout the world in an extraordinary way through the grace of a private revelation given to a humble Polish nun, St. Faustina Kowalska (1905-38). Our Lord Himself appeared to St. Faustina and instructed her to act as His “Apostle of Divine Mercy,” giving her the following commission: *My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy!* He also instructed her to have an image of His Divine Mercy painted, just as He had appeared to her, so that veneration of this image would lead a great number of souls to Him. At the foundation of that image is the simple message, Jesus, I trust in You. Our Lord likewise instructed Faustina to let it be known that He wished the Sunday after Easter to be instituted in the Church as a universal Feast of Divine Mercy. Concerning the feast, Jesus made the following promise: *On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I will pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy. The souls that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion on this day shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.* This incomparable grace has been described as a kind of “second baptism,” including the remission of all sin and temporal punishment due to sin. *(N.B. confession within a proximate time before the feast, e.g., during the season of Lent, is sufficient. One must receive the Eucharist worthily on the feast, this is, in the state of sanctifying grace.)*

Jesus invites you to enter into the cloister of His Heart! This is the Message of Divine Mercy. He wants you to reside within His Heart and experience His Peace. Through His mediation, He wants you to come to know God the Father and the Holy Spirit, too. There is nothing that Our Lord withholds from the soul who sincerely seeks Him with humble repentance, generosity and trust. Jesus Christ loves you with all His Heart, and He wants to dwell within your heart, too. If there is a need for healing there (and indeed, there is always need for healing there), you can be sure that He knows just what to do.

You are invited to come on the nine Tuesdays from February 25 through April 22 in preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy (the second Sunday of Easter) on April 27, 2025.

Cor ad Cor Loquitur. Heart speaks to heart. The Heart of Christ speaks to the heart of man — to your heart — if you will but open the door and listen to Him.



St. John School News

PreK3-5th Grade Grandparents' Mass

Wednesday, February 26 — 8:30am
St. John Church

St. John Fest — Auction Fund Raiser

The St. John Fest "Back to the 80s!" will be held **Saturday, April 5** at the Carl F. Grant Civic Center. Join the Eagle family for the largest fundraising night event of the year! Enjoy food, drinks, live and silent auctions and music by a DJ all while raising money for St. John School!

- Silent auction begins at 5pm
- Live auction begins at 8pm

If anyone would like to donate items for either the silent or live auction, please contact Kim Bueche, Auction Chair at kimberlybueche4@gmail.com, 225.776.4980 and we can make arrangements to pick up the items.

BINGO

Bingo is held three nights each week at 7pm at the St. John Fathers' Club Bingo Hall, 24837 Hwy 1, South in Plaquemine.

The following is the Bingo schedule:

- Sunday — Knights of Columbus Bingo
- Tuesday — Fathers' Club Bingo
- Thursday — Fathers' Club Bingo

Come out and play Bingo and support St. John School and the Knights of Columbus.

Scripture Readings

Week of February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23;

Ps 103; 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;

1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Monday Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171-172, 174-175; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16;

1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45



Altar Servers

Serving at the Table of the Lord

Any boy or girl in the 3rd grade or older interested in becoming an Altar Server and assisting at Holy Mass is invited to join. The ministry of Altar Server is a wonderful way

for our young children and youth to involve themselves in service at the Table of the Lord.

Access the registration form located on our website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org, under the RESOURCES tab. Upon completion of the application, someone will contact you regarding a brief training.

Angels for Angels

Providing for 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.

Please call Dr. Katie Berthelot (225.776.2809) or the church office (225.687.2402) to participate in this worthy cause.

Our Brothers Keeper

Thrift Store

Our Brothers Keeper Thrift Store, 58311 Plaquemine Street, sells gently used clothing and other household items provided by donations from us. Proceeds after paying rent and utilities are used to support the ARC. For more information, contact Linda at 225.684.4062 or 225.610.5404.

Please continue to bring your donated items to them during store hours 8am-2pm, Monday through Friday.

You are Covered in Prayer

May you feel His presence-

Experience His Peace-

Draw from His strength-

Rest in His love-

May God bless and keep you in His loving care.

If someone you know is having major surgery or has been diagnosed with cancer or any other grave illness, please let us bring you a prayer blanket to help get you through this tough time. It matters not the age, all who need it will receive it.

Contact Jane Gauthreaux at 225.413.7157.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 1-4pm 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 Jules J. Noel, Jr.; M/M L. J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; Alfred & Mercedes, Lester & Mary Carville, Reid & Gerry Rainey; Brennan Bujol, Pim & Nu Nu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Derley Barbier; Murray & Dixie Suffrin, Colby Gomez; Mayon, Callahan & Clement Families; Carol Brandt, Raymond & Amanda Ducote; John E. & Cecile D. Brown, Maurice E. Brown, Joan B. Heath, M/M Robert E. Brown & Families, M/M Maurice L. Duhon & Families, Wayne A. "Parin" Achord; M/M Vincent M. Ferachi, Cadance & Cassidy Diamond, Stephanie Rivere, Tina Loyacano, Ferachi & Marino Families; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; Ronnie Palermo, Brown Family, Palermo Family; Amelia, Wheel, & Gayle Badeaux; Henry J. Daigle, JoAnn Daigle & Family, Alfred & Volena Roth & Family, Alfred Roth, Jr., Dupuy & Bourgoyne Families; Rodney & Betty LaBauve, Paul & Emily Bourgeois; M/M Victor Crescionne, Crescionne Family, Michelle Family, Sister Joycelin Staempfli

Sunday, March 2-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, March 2-9am 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; James Roucher; M/M Albert Guillot; Fred Hebert, George & Gloria Ramirez, James & Agnes LeBlanc; Paul & Emily Bourgeois, V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair; Rosemary Cox; Sylvia Rivet, Shane Smith, Rivet Family; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Raffle; Gloria Cavalier, Mary Cavalier, Mark Cavalier; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Mitchell Dufour, Boudreaux & Dufour Families

Sunday, March 2-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Nolan J. Bueche III; George O. Michel, Alvin Daigle, Sr. Family, Anatole Nestor Michel Family; Isaac Vaughn., Jr., Brent Vaughn, Ezora Hedges, Sidney Hedges, Sr.

Tuesday, March 4-6pm Mass

Josh Rodrigue

Ash Wednesday, March 5-7am Mass

Ed Bahry, Tommy Griffon, Earle, Debbie & Cathie Blanchard; Dempsey Short, William Middleton, Bill Middleton III

Thursday, March 6-7am Mass

Scott Jude Marino

Friday, March 7-6pm

Alice Nolan



Sanctuary Candle

February 23, 2025

St. John the Evangelist

Walter Mazone

St. Clement of Rome

Brenda Comeaux

Coffee, Donuts & King Cake

March 2, 2025



Ed & Anne Reeves (7:30am)

Patrick & Helen Pendley (9am Mass)

Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

Altar Society Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, February 26 at 9:30am. Volunteers are welcome.

Children's Liturgy

February 23, 2025 — 9am Mass

Carrie Chiaravalle

Kids' Corner

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Love Enemies Bless Pray Offer
Reward Children Kind Merciful Father



February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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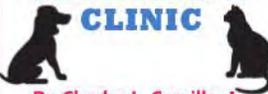
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