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## St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

ZACHARY, LA



### Mass Schedule:

#### SATURDAY:

3:30PM CONFESSION  
 4:30PM MASS YEAR ROUND

#### SUNDAY:

7AM MASS  
 10AM HOLY ROSARY &  
 DIVINE MERCY  
 11AM MASS

#### WEEKDAYS:

WED. 7:30AM MASS  
 THURS. 7:30 MASS  
 FRI. 7:30 MASS,  
 DIVINE MERCY TO FOLLOW  
 (CONFESSIONS ARE  
 AVAILABLE 15 MINUTES  
 BEFORE DAILY MASSES)

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*Our  
 Lady of the  
 Assumption*  
 CLINTON, LA

*Mass Schedule for Our Lady of the Assumption:*

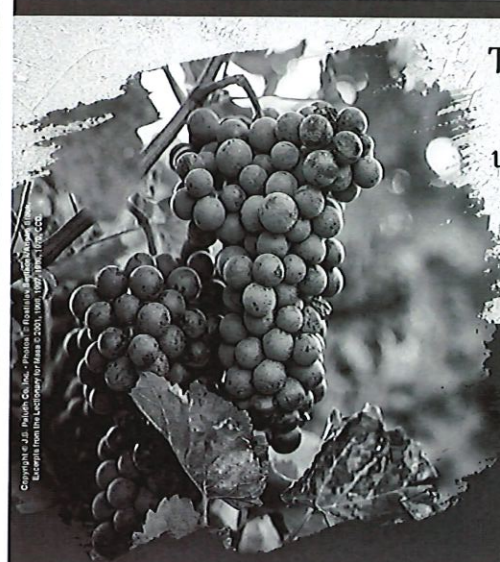
**SUNDAY:** 9AM MASS

**TUESDAY:** 6:15 PM CONFESSION 6:30PM MASS

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The kingdom of heaven  
is like a landowner  
who went out at dawn  
to hire laborers  
for his vineyard.

Matthew 20:1

September 20, 2020

**Twenty-Fifth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

## DIRECTION

Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we're confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are—moves in ways we can't even imagine.

Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13  
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;  
Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21  
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9;  
Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6  
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc;  
Lk 9:7-9  
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4;  
Lk 9:18-22  
Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;  
Lk 9:43b-45  
Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5];  
Mt 21:28-32

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Matthew  
Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)  
Saturday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian;  
Blessed Virgin Mary



Every year in September there is a  
special collection to help fund  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

Registration fees for Religious Education  
cover only a portion of the costs to run the  
programs. Ongoing support of the parish is essential to  
providing these programs. All families are asked to  
consider the ways that they can support the ministries of  
the parish by sharing their talents as well as through  
regular financial support.

Please consider supporting  
the kids in our  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS  
at St. John and Our Lady.



## SANCTUARY LIGHT: SEPTEMBER 19 —SEPTEMBER 25



The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn in  
memory of **Joseph & Eva Ballard**.  
The Adoration Chapel at St. John will burn  
in memory of **Mamie Croxton**.  
The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn  
in memory of **Caldwell & Cazedessus Families**.

## Vocation View

We cannot serve two masters. Which one are you willing  
to follow? Could it be you are being called to serve the  
Master as a priest, deacon, sister, or brother? If God is  
calling you, contact Fr. Josh Johnson at 225-336-8778,  
[jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org) or visit: [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).




40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion  
through prayer, fasting, community outreach and a peaceful all-day vigil  
in front of abortion businesses.

Our faith communities of St. John and Our Lady have been asked to support this mission on **Sunday, October 4th**  
from 7:00am until 7:00pm. For more information or to sign up, please contact Bridget Soileau at 225-773-4727  
or email at: [bkelly@vetmail.lsu.edu](mailto:bkelly@vetmail.lsu.edu).

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## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

**Eucharistic Adoration** 24 HOUR ADORATION  
begins Monday, Sept. 21  
at 8:00am

 The Dusters will meet on  
Tuesday, Sept. 22nd  
at 9:00am in the church.

 There is an  
Alter Server Training  
on Saturday, Sept. 26  
at 10:00am  
in the church.

All servers are asked to attend this  
refresher class due to the extensive  
inactivity. If you are unable to  
attend, please notify the parish  
office.

COLLECTIONS	09/13/2020
Identified	\$ 8,082.00
Unidentified Cash	\$ 471.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 245.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 80.00
Religious Ed	\$ 20.00
Catholic Universities	\$ 20.00
Hurricane Relief	\$ 1,300.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 2,820.00

**This Week at a Glance**  
**Sunday, September 20**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
-7:00 am: Mass  
-11:00 am: Mass  
-4:00 pm: Life Teen  
-4:30 pm: That Man is You  
**Monday, September 21**  
-8:00 am: 24 Hour Adoration begins  
-10:00 am: Bible Study  
-6:00 pm: Prayer Group  
**Tuesday, September 22**  
-9:00 am: Dusters  
**Wednesday, September 23**  
-8:00 am: Mass  
**Thursday, September 24**  
-8:00 am: Mass  
-6:00 pm: Mary's Mantle Group Meeting  
-7:00 pm: R.C.I.A.  
**Friday, September 25**  
-8:00 am: Mass / Divine Mercy  
-7:30 pm: N.A. Meeting  
**Saturday, September 26**  
-10:00 am: Altar Server Training  
-3:30 pm: Reconciliation  
-4:30 pm: Vigil Mass  
**Sunday, September 27**  
**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
-7:00 am: Mass  
-9:30 am: K-5 Group B  
-11:00 am: Mass  
-4:00 pm: Edge  
-4:30 pm: That Man is You

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## OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

COLLECTIONS	09/13/2020
Identified	\$ 3,260.00
Unidentified Cash	\$ 210.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 50.00
Catholic Universities	\$ 20.00
Religious Education	\$ 75.00
Hurricane Relief	\$ 100.00
Capital Campaign Drive	\$ 2,998.00
Total Capital Campaign To Date	\$ 269,017.88

**This Week at a Glance**  
**Sunday, September 20**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
-9:00 am: Mass / Rel Ed Opening Mass  
-10:00 am: Religious Ed. Class #1  
**Tuesday, September 22**  
-6:15 pm: Reconciliation  
-6:30 pm: Mass  
**Sunday, September 27**  
**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
-9:00 am: Mass



# Parish Faith Formation

*"Know that the greatest service that man can offer to God is to help convert souls." St. Rose of Lima*

The first **LIFE TEEN** night (9-11th grade)  
is this Sunday, Sept. 20th, 4-6pm in the gym.

The next K-5(Group B) & EDGE are next Sunday, Sept. 27th.

K-5 Parents, Please monitor your email for possible changes to schedule due to Phase 3

<u>K-5 Group A (A-K)</u>	<u>K-5 Group B (L-Z)</u>	<u>EDGE (6-8)</u>	<u>LIFE TEEN (9-11)</u>
September 13	Sept. 27	September 27	September 20
October 4th	October 18	October 18	October 4 & 25
November 1	November 15	November 1 & 15	November 8
December 6	December 13	December 13	December 6
January 10	January 24	January 24	January 10 & 31
February 7	February 21	February 7 & 28	February 21
March 7	March 14	March 14 & 28	March 7 & 21
April 11	April 25	April 18	April 11 & 25



24 hour Adoration is this Monday, Sept. 21st.

Please contact Religious Ed

If you would like to sign up for an hour. Thank you!

+Please join us for one of our great Bible Studies+

Emmaus Road is postponed until we can find a volunteer to lead

Please let us know if you are interested. Sundays, 9:30-10:30am, in the Parish Hall only during K-5 classes.

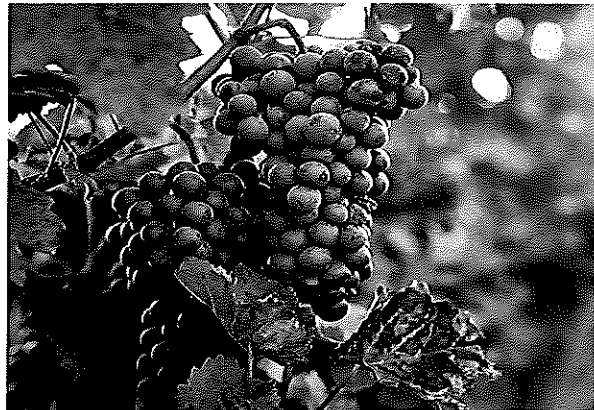
Metanoia: A call to Conversion Mondays @ 10am in the Parish Hall.

Bible Timeline: Mondays @ 10am in the Parish Hall, starting **9/28**.

If you cannot make Monday mornings, contact Emily Patterson (epatterson@sjb-ola.org) for info on a possible additional time.

Mary's Mantle: Thursdays at 6pm in the PAC (old church).





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## LET GO

In our daily lives, and in prayer and worship, we encounter a God whom we don't fully understand. We sometimes meet a mysterious and surprising God, whose actions and designs are beyond us, "as high as the heavens are above the earth." Our readings this week describe the confusion, the joy, and the challenge of this encounter. The readings invite us to "let go." Isaiah invites us to let go of trying to fit God into our own comfortable ways of thinking. Paul, knowing that he might face death at any time, describes his joy over having let go of trying to control his future. Jesus' parable in the Gospel of Matthew challenges us to let go of limiting God's generosity to others. May our encounters with our mysterious but trustworthy God transform our hearts and minds, and deepen our trust in God.

## A GENEROUS GOD

The parable in today's Gospel identifies a very strong human tendency to believe that everyone should get what they deserve. If we achieve more than others, we deserve to receive more: more money, more privilege, more honor. And so we anticipate that God will reward more liberally those who have done more for God.

Jesus says that God does things differently. The full day's wage in the story is like the gift of forgiveness and salvation, shared equally and abundantly with all. The full-day laborers complained that "you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden." They resented not being placed higher than the others, refusing to accept them as equals. Jesus is saying that, among God's people, there is no such pecking order. Regardless of background or achievements, we can accept everyone as brothers and sisters, and rejoice in God's generosity to everyone.

## THE FIRST AND LAST

In today's parable, had the laborers who worked all day been paid first, they likely never would have known that the late-starters had been paid the same wage, and would not have become jealous. In the way the story is told, though, both the justice and the mercy of God are revealed. The landowner gave a just wage to those who worked all day, and he was generously merciful to those who worked less.

When Jesus says that "the last will be first and the first will be last," he points to the kingdom of God. This is a kingdom where oppression is ended and divisions between people are healed. God brings justice and mercy to a world that sorely needs them. In the book of Revelation, Jesus is called "the first and the last," the Alpha and Omega. In Jesus, the first and the last are brought together to heal God's world. When we work for justice and show mercy, we join in Jesus' healing ministry.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 55:6-9  
Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18  
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a  
Matthew 20:1-16a

# September 20, 2020 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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