

#### **FAMILIAR INSIGHTS**

Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings—like us—who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today's readings.

People complain God isn't "fair," and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. "Actions speak louder than words." A fresh new insight? Hardly.

Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." A novel idea? I don't think so.

In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn't work—but did—is way ahead of the one who said he would work—but didn't. "Talk is cheap." Heard that before?

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:

Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;

Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday:

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15;

Lk 9:57-62

Thursday:

Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14;

Lk 10:1-12

Friday:

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10,

13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5

Saturday:

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75,

91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday:

Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9;

Mt 21:33-43

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday:

St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions;

St. Wenceslaus

Tuesday:

Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael,

Archangels

Wednesday: St. Jerome; Sukkot

Thursday:

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Friday:

The Holy Guardian Angels; First Friday

Saturday:

Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

#### SANCTUARY LIGHT: SEPTEMBER 26 — OCTOBER 2



The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn in memory of **Thomas, Wayne & Ryan Rabalais.** The Adoration Chapel at St. John will burn in memory of **Arnie Christiansen**.

The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn in memory of **Joe Goudeau**.



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.

Please consider supporting

the kids in our

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS** 

at St. John and Our Lady.





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



#### **Baptismal Seminar**

Saturday, October 3 at 9:30am in the church



Dr. Marvin Ashford, Jr., Army Aaron Barr, USAF James A. Benning, USM Matthew Boyd, Army Cody Castello, USMC Eugene Cazedessus, USMC Chase Boyd Chandler, Army Daniel Clesi, USAF LeLand Crochet, III, USMC Matthew Charlet Dart, USN Stephen DiLorenzo, Army Adam Foster, USN Thomas Foster, USN Neil Ahldwin Garcia, US Army Brad Gautreaux, USMC Nesta Gross, USAF Dr. Christopher Johnson, USN Army Sabrina Jones, LaNG Markus Kippers, USN Dustin Knight, USN Joshua Knight, LaNG Joseph L. LeBlanc Jr., Army Stanley Mays, USAF Andrew Metcalf, Army Gordon Newman, Army Robert Brett Parker, LaNG Brian Plauche, USAF Andrea Byrd Prosser, USCG Mike Prosser, USCG Jesse B. Richard, Army Nicholas Richards, USN James Rouchon, USMC David Welch, LaNG Gordon M. White, USAF Christopher Williston, USAF

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



months of the pandemic, we did temporarily

suspend our activities. Currently we are assisting those with needs in our area, mostly with utility bills and rent. We handle the calls by phone since we have not resumed home visits. Most of the people we serve are those who have been hit hard by the pandemic-laid off from jobs and single parents who stay home with kids.

Our regularly scheduled collection will be October 10/11.

Please place your donations in the basket in main aisle of church.

COLLECTIONS	0	09/20/2020		
Identified	\$	10,105.00		
Unidentified Cash	\$	566.00		
Building Maintenance	\$	420.00		
Youth Ministry	\$	280.00		
Religious Ed	\$	385.00		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	215.00		
Hurricane Relief	\$	100.00		
Debt Reduction	\$	3,271.00		

#### This Week at a Glance

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 Monday, September 28

-10:00 am: Bible Study / Hall -6:00 pm: Prayer Group / Chapel Wednesday, September 30

-8:00 am: Mass

-5:30 pm: Confirmation Parent Meeting

-Thursday, October 1

-8:00 am: Mass

-10:00 am: Altar Society

-6:00 pm: Mary's Mantle Group Meeting

-7:00 pm: R.C.I.A. /Hall Friday, October 2

-8:00 am: Mass / Divine Mercy

-7:30 pm: N.A. Meeting -Saturday, October 3

-9:30 am: Baptismal Seminar

-3:30 pm: Reconciliation -4:30 pm: Vigil Mass

Sunday, October 4

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

-7:00 am: Mass

-9:30 am: K-5 Religious Ed Class

-11:00 am: Mass -4:00 pm: Life Teen

-4:30 pm: That Man is You

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# **OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

COLLECTIONS	09	9/20/2020	This Week at a Glance
Identified	\$	3,628.00	Sunday, September 27
Unidentified Cash	\$	271.00	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Building Maintenance</b>	\$	5.00	-9:00 am: Mass
Religious Education	\$	45.00	Tuesday, September 29
Youth Ministry	\$	5.00	-6:15 pm: Reconciliation
Priest Retirement	\$	100.00	-6:30 pm: Mass
Retirement for Religious	\$	100.00	Sunday, October 4
Capital Campaign Drive			Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
	\$	2,260.00	-8:30 am: Rosary
Total Capital Campaign To	Date		-9:00 am: Mass
		71,277.88	-10:00 am: Religious Ed Class #2



October 18: Class #3

Confirmation Session #1 & 2 Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 5pm at OLA

We will pray at the Delta Abortion Clinic on Sunday, Oct. 4th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.



# Parish Faith Formation

To Maintain a Joyful Family requires much from both the Parents and the Children. Each Member of the Family has to become in a Special Way, the Servant of the Others. Pope Saint John Paul II

K-5(Group B) & EDGE are this Sunday, Sept. 27th. The next K-5 (Group A) and Life Teen are Sunday, Oct. 4th.

\*K-5 Parents, Please check your email for UPCOMING CHANGES to schedule due to Phase 3\*

### **First Communion**

Parent Meeting
this Sunday at 9:30am
in the Gym,
for parents who did not
attend the last one





PARENTS



# **Confirmation**

Parent Meeting
for 11th grade parents
Wed., Sept. 30th at
5:30
in the PAC



GO FORTH

For High School Seniors
Coffee, Donuts & Discussion
Begins Wed. Oct. 7th
5:30 in the Old Church Foyer

Confirmation Session #1

Wed. Oct. 7th

5:30pm in the PAC

(old church)



+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.

Bible Timeline: Mondays @ 10am in the Parish Hall, starting 9/28. Tuesdays @ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall, starting 9/29.

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



Jesus said to
the chief priests
and elders
of the people,
"Amen,
I say to you,
tax collectors
and prostitutes
are entering into
the kingdom
of God
before you."

MATTHEW 21:31

TWENTYSIXTH
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY
TIME
SEPTEMBER
27
2020

### **HUMILITY**

Blessed Giles of Assisi, in the thirteenth century, wrote, "No one can attain the knowledge of God but by humility. The way to mount high is to descend." This helps express the profound truth of today's readings. In Ezekiel's view, only the humble can acknowledge fault and turn to God with repentance. In the Gospel from Matthew, those who view themselves humbly are able to recognize God's presence in Jesus. And in his letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul's stirring hymn tells the story of Jesus, who through his humility showed us the depths of God's love. Jesus Christ is exalted as Lord precisely because of his humility and service to God. In our own parishes and faith communities, just like the Christian community of Philippi, we are called to follow Jesus' way, and live with humility and in service to one another.

#### BY WHAT AUTHORITY?

Today's Gospel describes the second half of a sharp exchange between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. They asked, "By what authority do you do these things?" Much of this dispute is about authority. How could Jesus claim to represent God's purposes? This question continues to resonate today. Who speaks for God? Who doesn't? How do we tell the difference?

Jesus' response is, look at the evidence. Look at how, in response to John the Baptist and to Jesus, people were healed in body and in spirit. Look how people found new intimacy with God, and how they turned away from their sin. The authority of John and of Jesus rested not in some position within the religious institutions, but in the grace and healing power evident in John and in Jesus.

#### **CHANGING YOUR MIND**

The readings today make it clear that to be a follower of Jesus you have to be able to change your mind. More precisely, we must allow God to change us, to transform our minds. For most of us, this can be really hard. This is why the readings speak so much about humility. Humility opens up our capacity to be transformed. Humility allows us to challenge our own thinking and behavior, so as to avoid self-justification on one hand, and self-denigration on the other hand.

Humility can be cultivated in the practice of reflection. This might mean claiming some time to allow God into our busy days. This might mean time away, through a retreat or day of quiet, perhaps with the help of a spiritual guide or director.

Humility can also be cultivated in actions of service. We learn Jesus' humility through washing each other's feet. We can place other's interests ahead of our own, and relinquish our need to be in control. When we cultivate humility, we create space within us to allow God to take residence and transform us.

#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

Ezekiel 18:25–28 Psalm 25:4–9 Philippians 2:1–11 [1–5] Matthew 21:28–32



# Join Parishioners of St John and Our Lady of Assumption

# Delta Women's Clinic 756 Colonial Dr., Baton Rouge Sunday, October 4 from 7 am – 7 pm

## You can protect mothers and children

by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!



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With God's help, here are the proven results in coordinated campaigns:

- **17,226 babies** saved from abortion
- 206 abortion workers converted
- 107 abortion centers closed

## Sign up to pray for 1 Hour or More

- Contact: Bridget Soileau
   with your available times
   225-773-4727
   bkelly@vetmail.lsu.edu
- **Prayer Vigil:** in front of Delta Women's Clinic on October 4.
- What to Bring: Your Rosary, water to drink, chair to sit, and your face covering. There will be a tent for shade.
- Social Distancing and Masks
- Pray and Fast: during 40 Days for Life, September 23 November 1.

sjb-ola.org/40DaysForLife



Memorial Masses are recorded for an offering of \$5.00 and the Sanctuary Light may be dedicated for \$10.00.

Thu	1	8:00	AM	Luke Everett Fontenot, Austin Hollingsworth, Stephen Blackwell
Fri		8:00		Don Metcalf, Arne Christiansen
Sat	3	4:30	PM	Don Metcalf, Mamie Croxton, Ryan Rabalais, Kenneth Wilkewitz, Godofredo Garcia, Thomas Scruggs, John LaCaze, Doris Milburn, Bob Arceneaux, Joseph Achord, Daigle/Gaudet family, Wally & Glenn King, Reggie & Joyce Smith,
				Mark Rioux, Dana Baker Othmer, Bruce Pitre, Austin Hollingsworth, Luke Everett Fontenot, Kay & Charles Pelletier
				Sanctuary Light at SJB: Mamie Croxton Adoration: Kathleen Smith OLA: John Legleu
Sun	4	7:00		Luke Everett Fontenot, Jessica Aucoin, Arne Christiansen, Patricia Millican, Bill Ensminger
		9:00	AM	Joe Goudeau, Ann & Lloyd LeBlanc, Maude Williams, John Legleu, Paulia Kinabrew, Ducky Cranford, Walter Colclough, Carl Cooper, Little & Davis Family, Anthony Musso, Charles Weaver, Jr., souls in the Hue, Nguyen and Huynh family,
				souls in most need
		11:00	AM	Dewey Hymel Family & Betty, Kathleen Smith, Betty & Gene Craig, Brad Cormier, Michael McCants, Larry Plauche',
				Doris Milburn, Joseph & Eva Ballard, Glenn & Elizabeth Connor, Henry, Marianne & Ronnie Tauzin, Charles Rissler,
Tue	A	6:30	PM	Joe Anzalone Family, Tyler Craig Maria & Peter Nguyen, Uwe Topfer
Wed		8:00		Christopher Giroir, Arne Christiansen
Thu		8:00		Luke Everett Fontenot, Austin Hollingsworth, Grover Gay King III
Fri		8:00 4:30		Don Metcalf, Arne Christiansen  Don Metcalf, Mamie Croxton, Naquin Family, LC Riche, Renee Fontenot, M/M Abner Travasos, M/M Stewart Plauche,
Sat	Ю	4.50	FIVE	Bernadette Lee, Ryan Rabalais, Godofredo Garcia, John LaCaze, Bob Arceneaux, Joseph Achord,
				Daigle/Gaudet family, Doris Milburn, Donald Fonte, Wally & Glenn King, Reggie & Joyce Smith, Mark Rioux,
				Dana Baker Othmer, Bruce Pitre, Austin Hollingsworth, Luke Everett Fontenot, Kay & Charles Pelletier
				Sanctuary Light at SJB: Austin Hollingsworth, Bernadette Lee Adoration: Joseph & Eva Ballard, Glenn & Elizabeth Connor, OLA: Hue, Huynh, Nguyen Families
Sun	11	7:00	AM	Judy Patriquin, Jessica Aucoin, Luke Everett Fontenot, Arne Christiansen, Ray Cooper, Bill Ensminger
		9:00	AM	Joe Goudeau, Ann & Lloyd LeBlanc, Maude Williams, John Legleu, Carl Cooper, Little & Davis Family, Anthony Musso,
		11-00	A B A	Charles Weaver, Jr., souls in the Hue, Nguyen and Huynh family, souls in most need Johnny Wales, Brad Cormier, Ronald Parker, Kyler King, Larry Plauche', Doris Milburn, Joseph & Eva Ballard,
		11:00	MIVI	Glenn & Elizabeth Connor, Henry, Marianne & Ronnie Tauzin, Charles Rissler, Joe Anzalone Family,
				Tyler Craig
		6:30		Maria & Peter Nguyen, Uwe Topfer
		8:00 8:00		Russel Roberie, Arne Christiansen Luke Everett Fontenot, Austin Hollingsworth
Fri		8:00		Don Metcalf, Arne Christiansen
Sat	17	4:30	PM	Don Metcalf, Mamie Croxton, Ryan Rabalais, Godofredo Garcia, Anna Mae Thrower, Doris Milburn, John LaCaze,
				Bob Arceneaux, Joseph Achord, Daigle/Gaudet family, Donald Fonte, Wally & Glenn King, Wilmur Weeks, Reggie & Joyce Smith, Mark Rioux, Dana Baker Othmer, Bruce Pitre, Austin Hollingsworth, Luke Everett Fontenot,
				Kay & Charles Pelletier
				Sanctuary Light at SJB: Thomas & Wayne Rabalais, Ryan Rabalais
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Sun	10	7:00 9:00		Joe Goudeau, Ann & Lloyd LeBlanc, Maude Williams, John Legleu, Ducky Cranford, Walter Colclough, Carl Cooper,
		0.00	,	Little & Davis Family, Anthony Musso, Charles Weaver, Jr., souls in the Hue, Nguyen and Huynh family,
				souls in most need
		11:00	AM	Brad Cormier, Larry Plauche', Doris Milburn, Henry, Marianne & Ronnie Tauzin, Charles Rissler, Joe Anzalone Family, Tyler Craig
Tue	20	6:30	PM	Maria & Peter Nguyen, Pat Ferlise, Uwe Topfer
Wed	21	8:00	AM	Arne Christiansen
	22	8:00	AM	Luke E Fontenot, Austin Hollingsworth, Robbie Lee Albert
Fri Sat		8:00 4:30		Don Metcalf, Arne Christiansen Don Metcalf, Mamie Croxton, LC Riche, Renee Fontenot, Thomas & Wayne Rabalais, Ryan Rabalais,
		1.00		Godofredo Garcia, John LaCaze, Bob Arceneaux, Joseph Achord, Daigle/Gaudet family, Doris Milburn, Donald Fonte,
				Wally & Glenn King, Reggie & Joyce Smith, Mark Rioux, Dana Baker Othmer, Bruce Pitre, Austin Hollingsworth,
				Luke Everett Fontenot, Kay & Charles Pelletier Sanctuary Light at SJB: Bob Arceneaux Adoration: Mamie Croxton OLA: Caldwell & Cazedessus Family
Sun	25	7:00	AM	Luke Everett Fontenot, Arne Christiansen, Patricia Millican, Bill Ensminger
		9:00		Joe Goudeau, Ann & Lloyd LeBlanc, Maude Williams, John Legleu, Carl Cooper, Little & Davis Family, Anthony Musso,
		44.00	A B A	Charles Weaver, Jr., souls in the Hue, Nguyen and Huynh family, souls in most need Ishmael & Vernice Steib, Helena Chatelain, Elise Kotlar, John Dixon, Johnny Wales, Brad Cormier, Ronald Parker,
		11:00	MIVI	Jose Belen Serrano, Larry Plauche', Doris Milburn, Henry, Marianne & Ronnie Tauzin, Charles Rissler,
				Joe Anzalone Family, Tyler Craig
		6:30		Maria & Peter Nguyen, Uwe Topfer
		8:00 8:00		James Graves, Arne Christiansen Luke Everett Fontenot, Austin Hollingsworth
Fri	30	8:00		Don Metcalf, All Souls in Purgatory and deceased members of FOSS
		4:30		Don Metcalf, Mamie Croxton, Christopher Giroir, John LaCaze, Bob Arceneaux, Joseph Achord, Daigle/Gaudet family,
				Doris Milburn, Donald Fonte, Wally & Glenn King, Reggie & Joyce Smith, Mark Rioux, Dana Baker Othmer, Bruce Pitre,
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