

# The HERALD



TWO CATHOLIC PARISHES  
ONE FAITH COMMUNITY

JULY 23, 2023



## 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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Friday | 8:00am-1:00pm



### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

#### Mass Schedule

##### Saturday

4:30pm Mass

##### Sunday

7:00am Mass

11:00am Mass

##### Weekdays

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

8:00am Mass

#### Confession Schedule

Saturday | 3:30pm

15 minutes before Daily Masses

#### Office of Religious Education & Youth Ministry

225-654-5885 | Mon, Tues, Wed



### OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

#### Mass Schedule

##### Sunday

9:00am | Mass

##### Tuesday

5:30pm | Confession

6:00pm | Mass

# LITURGICAL AND PRAYER LIFE



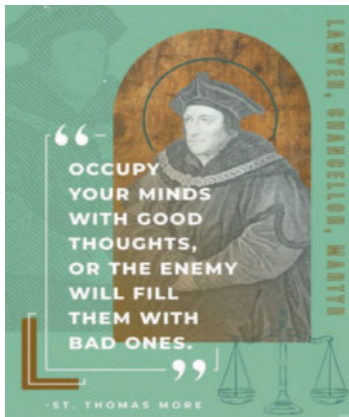
*What an exciting parish SJB-OLA is, and it is you who make it exciting! Vacation Bible School was a blast and a success! THANK YOU to all the people who made it possible – the adults and teenagers who helped! The kiddos seemed to have a great time singing songs, playing games and interacting with one another and of course learning about Jesus!*

*Also “Jesus in July” is happening at OLA, the kids are learning Scripture, growing in their Faith and how to spend time with our Lord in Adoration. BEAUTIFUL!*

*My first weeks here have been busy meeting with various parishioners who lead the different ministries in the parish; we are very blessed to have so many people involved here at SJB-OLA, but remember we always have room for more! The old axiom always rings true, many hands make light work!*

*Thank you all for making me feel welcomed here at SJB-OLA and thank you to all the people at OLA who hosted a great welcoming potluck for me! I am looking forward to working with you all as we continue to build God's Kingdom here in Southeast Louisiana!*

*Fr. Lamar*



## Readings for the week of July 23, 2023

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/  
Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30  
Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42  
Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28  
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9  
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17  
Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23  
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-4

## Observances for the week of July 23, 2023

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest  
Tuesday: St. James, Apostle  
Wednesday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Thursday:  
Friday:  
Saturday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus  
Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



What really matters to you? What's the main thing in your life? I have witnessed once-strong disciples place politics, wealth, career, and family ahead of Jesus over time. All those things are enticing, but they are things that change. Even your family grows and changes as the years go by, as does your relationship with them. The one thing that does not change is God. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. It can bring great peace to your life when what matters to you is the one thing that remains constant. The main thing is to keep the main thing, the main thing. That main thing is Jesus.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



# LITURGICAL AND PRAYER LIFE



## SANCTUARY LIGHT: July 22 — 28

The Sanctuary Light at SJB  
will burn in memory of  
**Todd Rioux**

The Adoration Chapel  
will burn in memory of  
**Gerald Simmons**

The Sanctuary Light at OLA  
will burn in memory of  
**Leslie Ligon, Jr.**

*In Sympathy* Our  
Communities of  
Faith  
extend our sympathy and  
prayerful support  
for the family of  
**Terry Davis**, husband of Pat and  
father of Dawn Davis.  
May the Lord grant comfort and  
peace to this family. May his  
soul and the souls of all the  
faithful departed, through the  
mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

**Saturday: 07/22:** Caleria Ranatza, Dana Baker Othmer,  
Louis Baker, Jr., Bruce Pitre, Luke Everett Fontenot,  
Austin Hollingsworth, Chris Cosse, Orin Hollingsworth,  
John Dickinson, Thomas Rabalais, Frank Millican,  
LC Riche, Renee Fontenot, Burke Daigle, Helen Hurst,  
Kenneth Wilkewitz, the Schaffett family,  
David Litchlitter, Todd Rioux, and Don Metcalf

### **Sunday: 07/23:**

**7:00 AM:** Luke Everett Fontenot, Caleria Ranatza, Ed  
Bridwell, Brad Vince, Huey Tullier, Alicia Summers,  
Franklin Flanders, Sr., and Eugene Sunderman

**9:00 AM:** Jacob Meek, Evelyn Beauchamp, Charles  
Weaver, Jr., Anthony Musso, Fr. Thomas Tri, Fr. Carney,  
Fr. Joe, Fr. Jerry, All souls in Nguyen & Huynh families,  
Peter Nguyen, Peter Huynh, Maria Vu, Dominic Vu,  
Ida Smith, Little family, Edgar Unay, Fr. Kenny Laird,  
Steve Jacob, AJ "Brother" LeBourgeois, Jr., and all souls  
in most need

**11:00 AM:** Charles Rissler, Joe Anzalone Family,  
Tyler Craig, Bernie & O.D. Nugent, Anna & Augustino  
Marchiafava, Dewey Hymel Family, Laura Gremillion,  
Genevieve Angelette, Anita Thoms, Gerald Simmons,  
Newman & Jane Mary Matte

**Tuesday: 07/25:** Caleria Ranatza, Evelyn Beauchamp,  
AJ "Brother" LeBourgeois, Jr., Fr. Thomas Tri, Fr. Carney,  
Fr. Joe, Fr. Jerry, All souls in Nguyen & Huynh families,  
Peter Nguyen, Peter Huynh, Maria Vu, Dominic Vu,  
Ida Smith, and all souls in most need

**Wednesday: 07/26:** Caleria Ranatza

**Thursday: 07/27:** Caleria Ranatza,  
Luke Everett Fontenot

**Friday: 07/28:** Caleria Ranatza, David Litchlitter,  
Todd Rioux

## PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS, THEIR FAMILIES & OUR COUNTRY

Dr. Marvin Ashford, Jr., Army  
Aaron Barr, USAF  
Jared Barr, USAF  
Nathaniel Barr, USN  
James A. Benning, USM  
Matthew Boyd, Army  
Cody Castello, USMC  
Eugene Cazedessus, USMC  
Manly Anthony Cazedessus, USAF  
Matthew Thomas Cazedessus, USAF  
Allen Jude Charlet, Army  
Daniel Clesi, USAF  
LeLand Crochet, III, USMC  
Matthew Charlet Dart, USN  
Jeffrey Oliver Davis, USN  
Stephen DiLorenzo, Army  
Thomas Foster, USN  
Neil Ahldwin Garcia, US Army  
Brad Gautreaux, USMC  
Nesta Gross, USAF  
Dylan Gustafson, USMC  
Dr. Christopher Johnson, USN  
James Anthony Johnson, USAF  
Sabrina Jones, LaNG  
Markus Kippers, USN  
Dustin Knight, USN  
Joshua Knight, LaNG  
Laura Clesi 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

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Patience is rooted in Hope (an image of a bush filled with birds would be great) Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. The Lord's parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

Evil: in Jesus' parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love. He will finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

Smallness: It's funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like ... wait for it ... a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.

Impurities: divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It's the secret of the Cross. Not how we'd prefer it. But finally, great news.

The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-free.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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**IN HONOR**  
**OF OUR**  
**HEROES**  
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# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

-ZACHARY

## TIMES ARE CHANGING ...

Beginning August 5th, Saturday's  
Reconciliation will be 3:00-4:00pm

RECONCILIATION  
TIMES



A special THANKS  
to the ladies of SJB  
Altar Society for  
purchasing a new  
computer for  
Fr. Lamar's office.



Join the Dusters  
On Tuesday, July 25  
at 9am.

### Debt Reduction (Loan on the church) as of 7/10/23

Balance Remaining:  
\$774,666.96

Monthly Payment:  
\$11,172.50

Collected in June:  
\$10,498.00

Original Loan Amount:  
\$1,590,000.00 on  
02/01/2018

### COLLECTIONS 07/16/2023

Identified	\$ 12,465.00
Unidentified Cash	\$ 1,016.12
Building Maintenance	\$ 485.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 185.00
Religious Education	\$ 203.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 410.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 85.00
Adoration Chapel	\$ 100.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 2,446.10

## This Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 23

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-7:00 am: Mass

-11:00 am: Mass

Tuesday, July 25

-9:00 am: Dusters

-5:30 pm: Children's Choir Practice

-6:00 pm: Adult Choir Practice

Wednesday, July 26

-8:00 am: Mass

-6:00 pm: 4th Degree Knights

Thursday, July 27

-8:00 am: Mass / P.H. Novena

Friday, July 28

-8:00 am: Mass / Divine Mercy

-8:30 am: Lite Breakfast

Saturday, July 29

-3:30 pm: Reconciliation

-4:30 pm: Mass

Sunday, July 30

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-7:00 am: Mass

-11:00 am: Mass

# OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION ~CLINTON

## This Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 23

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-9:00 am: Mass

Tuesday, July 25

-5:30 pm: Reconciliation / P.H. Novena

-6:00 pm: Mass

Wednesday, July 26

-1:00 pm: Eucharistic Adoration

-6:15 pm: Vespers with the Sisters

Sunday, July 30

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-9:00 am: Mass

FEAST DAY  
CELEBRATION  
Sunday, August 13th

Theme for this year:  
**International Cultural  
Devotion to Mary**

Bring your favorite  
international dish  
and join the fun!

Join us every Wednesday for Adoration.  
Sign up in the entrance of church or  
call the parish office.

### COLLECTIONS 07/16/2023

Identified	\$ 3,275.00
Unidentified Cash	\$ 436.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 5.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 5.00
Religious Education	\$ 25.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 50.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 281.00
Total C.C. Collected to date	\$ 560,347.80

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## Do What Needs to Be Done

A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, "Do the drill," meaning just do what needs to be done.

We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. **No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill!**

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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