

The HERALD



TWO CATHOLIC PARISHES
ONE FAITH COMMUNITY

OCTOBER 22, 2023



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God
what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21

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1:00pm-5:00pm

Friday | 8:30am-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 | 3:00pm

15 minutes before Daily Masses

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OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Mass Schedule

Sunday

9:00am | Mass

Tuesday

5:30pm | Confession

6:00pm | Mass

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus,
whose right hand I grasp,
subduing nations before him. (Is 45:1)

Psalm:

Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96)

Second Reading:

We give thanks to God always for all of you,
remembering you in our prayers,
unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and
labor of love. (1 Thes 1:2-3)

Gospel:

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God." (Mt 22:21)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God is greater than this world, and his truth is
stronger than all its ideologies. Remember that
no matter how we vote, who we agree with or
what our background is, we belong to Him alone.

Observances for the week of October 22, 2023

Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Mission Sunday

Monday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Tuesday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Saturday: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Venerable Rafael Cordero y Molina dedicated his life to the free education of children in Puerto Rico. Born into a black family and, thus, barred from the local schools as a child, he established a school committed to inclusion and provided free education for any in need.

Prayer

Our Lord and God, You instilled in your Servant, Rafael Cordero y Molina, a Puerto Rican layman, an ardent zeal for the integral education of children and a luminous charity toward the poor and helpless. Help me to also respond with the generosity of service to those in need in around me. I ask of You, if it is Your will, that You grant me (my intercession) so that Your servant Rafael is elevated to sainthood.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://elvisitantepr.com/rafael-cordero-ejemplo-de-humildad-y-servicio/> translation by LPi.)

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of October 22, 2023

Sunday:

Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10
(7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Monday:

Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday:

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a,
8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday:

Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday:

Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 12:49-53

Friday:

Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday:

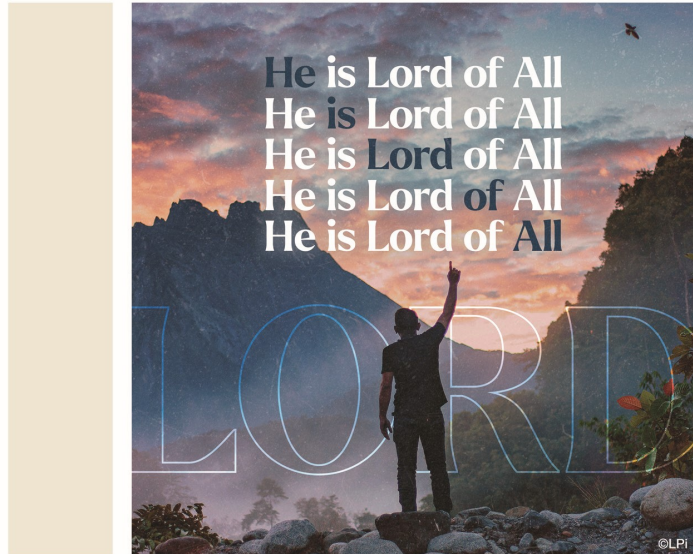
Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Next Sunday:

Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/
1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

With little more than a year until the United States' national elections, I find myself feeling, like many Catholics, both dread and energized. Dread, because our democratic republic can be a messy endeavor and campaigns a long, nasty, and unedifying slog; energized, because hope for positive societal change can be enticing and engaging. As a pastor, I see similar conflicting attitudes in those whom I serve. How can Catholics best engage our political arena in a way which is truly helpful and worthwhile?

This week's gospel reading offers wisdom in this regard. Jesus says, **"Render therefore to Caesar the things are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."** This riddle forces us to answer for ourselves a hidden question: what is the relationship between political and divine authority? Two common but false answers lead to mischief. If we answer that the two are equivalent, politics becomes our absolute authority. This happens whenever religion is slave to the state, as in the travesty of the pro-Nazi German Christian movement in the 1930s and 40s. It also usually occurs when there is an official state religion. If we answer that the two are totally unrelated, we end up with an unchecked aggressive secularist state as we often experience now. Thus, religion becomes a weak and private pastime.

What's a better alternative? At our best, Christians hold that political authority does indeed have its own legitimate autonomy but is nested within God's all-encompassing authority. Think, for example, of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s respect for politics while also being able to criticize unjust human laws because he recognized a higher heavenly law. In other words, *Caesar owns politics — and God owns Caesar*. So, we should allow Jesus' words to lead us to have a deep respect and willingness to peacefully engage in politics without making that engagement our religion. We bring our faith to bear on our politics knowing confidently that Caesar isn't God — but he is indeed God's.

— Father John Muir



Many refer to the rosary as a “bible on a string” because of how the Mysteries of the Rosary so eloquently share the Gospel. So many shy away from the Rosary because it is so boring, others because it just too much time, still others because it is the prayer for old people. Yet, those beads are exciting when praying each mystery, reflecting on Jesus’ life; 20 minutes is not so long, considering we spend hours on our phones per day; and it’s a prayer for all ages not just the old. Those beads teach us discipline, they teach us how to sit still, and they teach us how to focus. Mary’s beads teach us important life lessons! Most importantly how to be her son’s disciple.

Next weekend, join us for the Fall Fest @ SJB on Saturday, October 28 from 5:30 -7:30pm. There will be food, games, face painting, trick-or-treating and especially a chance to meet members from various parish ministries, hopefully you all will find a way to live your faith in service via one of our organizations. Sadly, we will have a going away reception for Sr. Ping. Join us for Sr. Ping’s farewell reception following 11 am mass @ SJB on Sunday, October 22 in the PAC. Let’s thank her for her years of service to SJB-OLA and wish her well as she undertakes a new mission with her sisters.

Though we are getting ready to slide into a busy time of year, please heed your Mother Mary’s voice and pray for peace in our world. Many people are hurting in the war-torn areas of the world, especially the poor. As we sit in our security, may we remember them in their vulnerability and offer Prayers, Fasting and Almsgiving to bring them comfort.

~Father Lamar

Catholic Daughters Annual Pecan Sale

Bergeron Shelled Pecans:

1 pound bag	\$ 9.00
3 pound box	\$27.00
5 pound box	\$45.00

Pointe Coupee Specialty Pecans: \$11.00 per bag (pound)

Chocolate Pecans	Roasted Pecans
Sugared Pecans	Spicy Roasted Pecans



**Sales after all Masses through October 29
or see any CDA Member**

LITURGICAL AND PRAYER LIFE



SANCTUARY LIGHT:

October 21-27

The Sanctuary Light at SJB
will burn in memory of
John Dickinson

The Adoration Chapel
will burn in memory of
Todd Rioux

The Sanctuary Light at OLA
will burn in memory of
**A.J. "Brother" LeBourgeois, Jr.
and Lula Mae Hock**



Welcome **New to
the parish**

Mason and Jessica Case
and
Ryan and Emily Michon,
and daughter, Evelyn,
of Zachary

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday: 10/21: Caleria Ranatza, Bruce Pitre, Luke Everett Fontenot, Austin & Orin Hollingsworth, John Dickinson, Wayne Rabalais, Frank Millican, Todd Rioux, David Litchliter, Corlis Svoboda, Kenneth Wilkewitz, Don Metcalf, Iris & Abner Travasos, Stuart & Lou Plauche', Moise & Virginia Deslatte, M.E. & Mary Deslatte, Jimmie & Olga Lambert, George & Carol Wysor, Dennis & Rena Trosclair, Louis Blanchard

Sunday: 10/22:

7:00 AM: Luke Everett Fontenot, Caleria Ranatza, Ed Bridwell, Brad Vince, Huey Tullier, Alicia Summers, Anna Reams, Doris Tracy, Maxine Rupeter, Fr. Mark Beard, John Tourere, Sr.

9:00 AM: Jacob Meek, Evelyn Beauchamp, Charles Weaver, Jr., Anthony Musso, Fr. Thomas Tri, Fr. Joe, Fr. Carney, Fr. Jerry, all souls in Nguyen & Huynh families, Peter Nguyen, Peter Huynh, Maria Vu, Ida Smith, Dominic Vu, all souls in most need, Davis family, Edgar Unay, Steve Jacob, James Howell, Terry Davis, Leslie Ligon, Cliff Muller, Fr. Henry Vavasseur, Fr. Mark Beard, Harry Roland, Ethel Roland, James Abadie, Sr. Grace Andes, Kathy Weaver, Kathy & Kenny Raye, Sr., A.J. "Brother" LeBourgeois

11:00 AM: Charles Rissler, Joe Anzalone Family, Tyler Craig, Berni & OD Nugent, Anna & Augustino Marchiafava, Marianne Lewis, Dewey Hymel family, Laura Gremillion, Genevieve Angelette, Newman & Jane Mary Matte, Sandra Landry, Fr. Kenny Laird, Liz Basile

Tuesday: 10/24: Caleria Ranatza, Evelyn Beauchamp, Fr. Thomas Tri, Fr. Joe, Fr. Carney, Fr. Jerry, all souls in Nguyen & Huynh families, Peter Nguyen, Peter Huynh, Maria Vu, Ida Smith, Dominic Vu, all souls in most need

Wednesday: 10/25: Caleria Ranatza, Fr. Mark Beard, Ruth & Erin Delahoussaye

Thursday: 10/26: Luke Everett Fontenot, Caleria Ranatza, Jimmie McKenzie

Friday: 10/27: Caleria Ranatza, David Litchliter, Todd Rioux, Moise & Virginia Deslatte, M.E. & Mary Deslatte, Jimmie & Olga Lambert, George & Carol Wysor, Dennis & Rena Trosclair



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

Manley 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

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

Mystery of the Eucharist: Episode 3: Bread for the Journey

Food is one of our most basic needs. We can't live for long without it, and when we are in need of it, our bodies let us know with a hunger that can be nearly impossible to ignore. As indispensable as material food is to our physical life, the Eucharist is even more vital to our spiritual life. God saved the Israelites from starvation in the wilderness by providing manna for them. We need the Eucharist even more that the Israelites needed the manna. It sustains and strengthens us for our life's journey. It is, as Monsignor Ronald Knox once said, "the day's food for the day's march."

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 22

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-7:00 am: Mass

-11:00 am: Mass / Baptisms

-NOON: Sr. Ping's Reception

Tuesday, October 24

-9:00 am: Dusters

-5:30 pm: Children Choir

-6:00 pm: Adult Choir

Wednesday, October 25

-8:00 am: Mass

-6:00 pm: Proverbs 31 Bible Study

Thursday, October 26

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

-9:00 am: Mystery of the Eucharist

-7:00 pm: O.C.I.A. (R.C.I.A.)

Friday, October 27

-8:00 am: Mass / Divine Mercy

-8:30 am: Lite Breakfast & Coffee

Saturday, October 28

-3:30 pm: Reconciliation

-4:30 pm: Vigil Mass

-5:30 pm: Ministry Fair / Fall Fest

Sunday, October 29

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-7:00 am: Mass

-9:15 am: K-5 Religious Ed.

-11:00 am: Mass

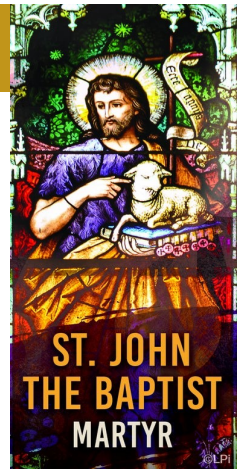
-4:00 pm: Middle & High School Rel. Ed.

COLLECTIONS (10/09/23)

Identified	\$ 13,461.15
Unidentified Cash	\$ 1,086.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 935.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 5,581.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 165.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 795.00
World Mission	\$ 35.00
All Saints	\$ 25.00
Religious Ed	\$ 10.00
Catholic Universities	\$ 25.00

COLLECTIONS (10/16/23)

Identified	\$ 14,512.00
Unidentified Cash	\$ 972.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 410.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,913.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 175.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 1,686.71
Religious Ed	\$ 30.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 20.00



Our Lady of the Rosary

"There are three crowns for the one who recites the Holy Rosary every day: 1) crown of graces during life; 2) crown of peace at death; 3) crown of glory in eternity"

St. Louis de Montfort

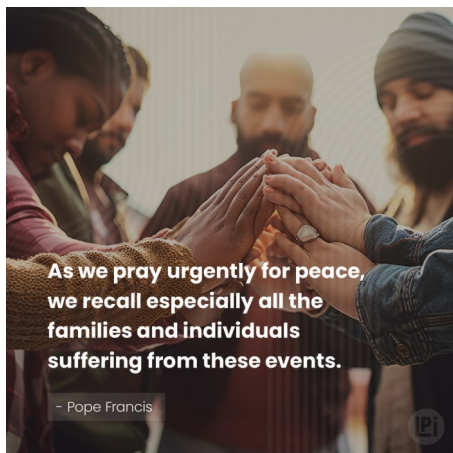
Next classes

October 29th, November 12th & November 26th

K-5th grade: 9:15am

6th—11 grade: 4:00 pm

Confirmation Session #3 is November 8 @ 5:30



All Saints Day Mass Schedule

VIGIL @ OLA only—Oct. 31
@ 6pm

St. John—November 1
8:00 am & 6:00 pm

All offices will be closed Nov. 1



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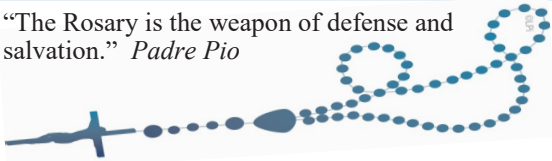
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COLLECTIONS	(10/09/23)
Regular Identified	\$ 3,735.00
Unidentified Cash	\$ 485.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 60.00
Capital Campaign Drive	\$ 230.00
Religious Ed	\$ 225.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 25.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 130.00

All Saints Day Mass Schedule
 VIGIL @ **OLA only**—Oct. 31 @ 6pm
St. John—November 1
 8:00 am & 6:00 pm

COLLECTIONS	(10/16/23)
Regular Identified	\$ 2,165.00
Unidentified Cash	\$ 347.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 5.00
Capital Campaign Drive	\$ 285.00
Religious Ed	\$ 25.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 574.00
All Saints	\$ 10.00

"The Rosary is the weapon of defense and salvation." *Padre Pio*



Class #5 is today
 Class #6 is Nov. 5th
 Class #7 is Nov. 19th
Confirmation Session
 #3 is November 8th
 @5:30 @ **SJB**

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 22
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 -9:00 am: Mass
 -10:00 am: Class #5
 -Noon: Sr. Ping's Reception @ **SJB PAC**
Tuesday, October 24
 -5:30 pm: Reconciliation / P. H. Novena
 -6:00 pm: Mass
 -6:45pm: Mystery of the Eucharist
Wednesday, October 25
 -1:00 pm: Adoration
 -6:15 pm: Vespers
Sunday, October 29
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 -9:00 am: Mass