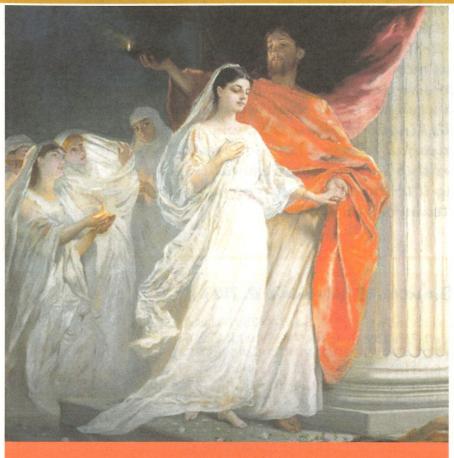
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NOVEMBER 12, 2023



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:11-12

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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 | **3:00 pm** 15 minutes before Daily Masses

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Mass Schedule

Sunday

9:00am | Mass

Tuesday

5:30pm | Confession

6:00pm | Mass

LITURGICAL AND PRAYER LIFE

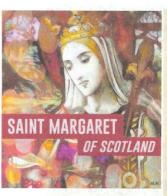


The weather is almost perfect, cool mornings and comfortable days! God is blessing us after a brutal summer.

All of November we remember in a special way all the Souls that have passed from this life to eternal life. Not just remember them, but to give thanks for their lives and the blessings they were in our

lives. November is also a month that we recognize the blessings we have in our lives and give thanks. As Catholics we know that the Mass is our number one way to give thanks! Eucharist is from the Greek word, Eucharistia, which means to give thanks. We not only give thanks in our worship but also in giving back. We have all seen or heard of stories of people paying it forward - paying for someone's groceries, giving a generous tip to the server, giving to St Vincent de Paul to help the needy; but what is our story? How are we giving? This month we are focusing on the Stewardship of Ministry, our way as a Catholic to give back with our time and talent; whether it be an hour a month or 15 minutes a week. We have many ways here at St John the Baptist to serve, to help build God's Kingdom. Please take some time to read the list of ministries in the bulletin and prayerfully discern how God is calling you to serve. Next weekend we will have Stewardship Sunday where we will invite you to fill out a commitment card and then bring it to the Altar. Just remember we are all on team Jesus and there is a place on his team for everyone!

~Father Lamar



Readings for the week of november 12, 2023

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/ Mt 25:1-13

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25 Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/

Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Observances for the week of November 12, 2023

Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Monday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

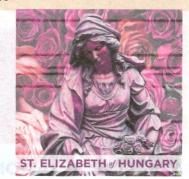
Wednesday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

Friday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles;

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

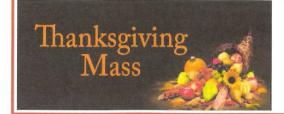




OLA: Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 6:00pm SJB: Thursday, Nov. 23 at 8:00am

Bring your bread and wine to be blessed at Mass. Parish Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday.





LITURGICAL AND PRAYER LIFE



SANCTUARY LIGHT: November 11-17

will burn in memory of
Ruth Delahoussaye
The Adoration Light
will burn in memory of
Marianne Lewis
The Sanctuary Light at OLA
will burn in memory of
Edward "Buddy" Terrell

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Lately I've been enjoying the deep meaning of Eastern icons. I love how they express a tapestry of meaning in a way that can surpass the written or spoken word. Today's parable of the ten virgins from Jesus is a good example. Try googling "wise and foolish virgins icon" and you'll see an image of how our Christ meets our heart's deepest needs if we attend to him with the proper attitude.

I'm serious. Take a moment to google and look at it. See how it depicts the risen Jesus behind a closed door with the five wise virgins with lighted lamps. He gazes with them toward the five foolish and lamp-less virgins, symbolizing the outward looking of divine love for the lost. Moreover, the wedding feast is no ordinary one. It takes place in a walled city and garden, indicating it's a new Jerusalem and a return to Eden. The table isn't typical, either. It's a Eucharistic feast. Now we see that the door in Jesus' parable is the way into the

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday: 11/11: Caleria Ranatza, Dana Baker Othmer, Louis Baker, Jr., Bruce Pitre, Luke Everett Fontenot, Austin & Orin Hollingsworth, John Dickinson, Wayne Rabalais, Herman & Mickey Ditcharo, Todd Rioux, Ruth Delahoussaye, David Litchliter, Kenneth Wilkewitz, Iris & Abner Travasos, Stuart & Lou Plauche', Moise & Virginia Deslatte, M.E. & Mary Deslatte, Jimmie & Olga Lambert, George & Carol Wysor, Louis Blanchard, Dennis & Rena Trosclair, Gloria Stevens, Katherina Schubert

Sunday: 11/12:

<u>7:00 AM</u>: Luke Everett Fontenot, Caleria Ranatza, Ed Bridwell, Brad Vince, Huey Tullier, Cyndy Greschak, Doris Tracy, Maxine Rupeter, Fr. Mark Beard, John Tourere, Sr, Alicia Summers

9:00 AM: Jacob Meek, Evelyn Beauchamp, Kathy K& Charles Weaver, Jr., Anthony Musso, Fr. Thomas Tri, Fr. Carney, Fr. Joe, Fr. Jerry, all souls in the Nguyen & Huynh families, Peter Nguyen, Peter Huynh, Maria Vu, Dominic Vu, Ida Smith, all souls in most need, Steve Jacob, Little Family, Terry Davis, Leslie Ligon, Cliff Muller, Graces Andes, Fr. Mark Beard, Kenny & Kathy Raye, Sr., Edward Terrell, James Abadie, Sr., Ethel Roland, Harry Roland

11:00 AM: Charles Rissler, Joe Anzalone Family,
Tyler Craig, Bernie & O.D. Nugent, Anna & Augustino
Marchiafava, Marianne Lewis, Donald Langley, Ron
Parker, Karen Babin, deceased members of the Naquin &
Parker families, Laura Gremillion, Newman & Jane Mary
Matte, Genevieve Angelette, Fr. Kenny Laird, Liz Basile,
Gloria Stevens

<u>Tuesday: 11/14:</u> Caleria Ranatza, Evelyn Beauchamp, Fr. Thomas Tri, Fr. Carney, Fr. Joe, Fr. Jerry, all souls in the Nguyen & Huynh families, Peter Nguyen, Peter Huynh, Maria Vu, Dominic Vu, Ida Smith, all souls in most need

<u>Wednesday: 11/15:</u> Caleria Ranatza, Ruth & Erin Delahoussaye

<u>Thursday: 11/16:</u> Caleria Ranatza, Luke E Fontenot, Jimmie McKenzie, Gloria Stevens, thanks for 50yrs Marriage (Ronnie & Mima Mathews)

Friday: 11/17: Caleria Ranatza, M/M Eldred Babin, David Litchliter, Todd Rioux, Moise & Virginia Deslatte, M.E. & Mary Deslatte, Jimmie & Olga Lambert, George & Carol Wysor, Dennis & Rena Trosclair, Don Metcalf, Gloria Stevens, special intention

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 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

church, where Christ is the new light burning amidst the dark midnight of this world.

The richness continues. We notice, too, that the foolish virgins look exactly the same as the wise ones in their clothes, hair, and expressions. The only difference is they departed to buy oil and now they are sadly excluded. We often act like consumers in the marketplace to fulfill our need for love and mercy. We'll always end up disappointed if we shop around. Jesus sums up the moral of the story this way: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Watch, remain, don't spiritually shop. It is always better to quietly remain close to the Eucharistic community of the Church, even if we feel like our oil has run out. This week let's consider placing the icon of the wise and foolish virgins on our phone lock screen or computer desktop to help us remember to stay close to him, especially when life feels dark.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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CHAPTER TWO LADIES

Lunch Monday, November 13 11:30am

South Plains

DUSTERS

Tuesday, November 14

9:00am

Tuesday, November 28

9:00am

COLLECTIONS 10/29/2023 Identified 10,576.00 1,212.00 \$ Unidentified Cash **Building Maintenance** \$ 306.00 \$ 25.00 Religious Education St. Vincent de Paul 160.00 Debt Reduction 545.00

COLLECTIONS	1	1/05/2023
Identified	\$	14,967.00
Unidentified Cash	\$	1,101.00
All Saints Day	\$	1,749.00
Building Maintenance	\$	1,700.00
Youth Ministry	\$	196.00
Religious Education	\$	138.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	20.00
Adoration Chapel	\$	200.00
Debt Reduction	\$	6,228.00

DEBT UPDATE as of 11/06/23

Loan Balance: \$739,495.86

Monthly payments are: \$11,172.50

Collected in September \$10,383.53

Collected in October \$12,849.00

Original Loan of \$1,590,000 was made 02/01/2018

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 12

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

-6:30 am: KC Rosary -7:00 am: Mass

-9:15 am: K-5 Religious Ed

-11:00 am: Mass

-4:00 pm: Middle & HS Religious Ed

Monday, November 13

-11;30 am: Chapter 2 @ South Plains

Tuesday, November 14
-9:00 am: Dusters

-5:30 pm: Children's Choir Practice -6:00 pm: Adult Choir Practice

Wednesday, November 15

-8:00 am: Mass

-5:00 pm: St. Vincent de Paul meeting

-6:00 pm: Proverbs 31 Bible Study

Thursday, November 16

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

-7:00 pm: OCIA / RCIA Friday, November 17

-8:00 am: Mass / Divine Mercy / Benediction

-8:30 am: Lite Breakfast Saturday, November 18

-3:00 pm: Reconciliation

-4:30 pm: Mass

Sunday, November 19

Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

-7:00 am: Mass -11:00 am: Mass

-8:30 am: Discernment Retreat for Ladies

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION ~CLINTON

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 12

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

-9:00 am: Mass

Tuesday, November 14

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

-6:00 pm: Mass

-6:30 pm: Altar Society

Wednesday, November 15

-1:00 pm: Eucharistic Adoration -6:15 pm: Vespers with the Sisters

Sunday, November 19

Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

-9:00 am: Mass

-10:00 am: Religious Ed class #7

Thanksgiving Food Drive

See flyer for details.

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Many are the opportunities to serve in our parish.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY



We are always in need of teachers, leaders and volunteers to assist with the faith formation and education of our youth. We have several age groups for you to choose from: Elementary (K-5th), Middle (6th-8th), High (9th-11th) and Children's Liturgy. Youth Ministry is divided into two groups: middle and high school.

ALTAR SERVERS



Catholics 9 yr old and up who assist the priest during Mass and other liturgical services. Altar serving is an opportunity to grow in faith and become more active in the Mass.

ALTAR SOCIETY



This is the oldest organization of our parish. These ladies clean and manage the altar, as well as church decorations, linens, vestments and generally anything that helps make the worship space more inviting and prayerful.

BEREAVEMENT



We have alternating teams who prepare meals for parish funerals that take place in our church. As a member, you would be asked to provide one large dish when your team is called upon. For working moms, we simplify your task by asking you to bring easily purchased items. Volunteers are sometimes needed for set up and clean up.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS



CDA is one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas. These ladies embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and dignity for all.

CHOIR



The adult choir practices on Tuesdays and performs on Sundays at 11am Mass. The youth choir is open to all children able to read. They practice on Tuesdays and perform during the school year only.





















DUSTERS

These volunteers meet on every second and fourth Tuesday of the month to dust our beautiful church.

HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD

Through the use of videos, members learn and share the Catholic faith, sometimes incorporating retreats and trips. They also host our annual Morning of Reflection.

HOMEBOUND VISITATION

Teams that visit Catholic residents of our local nursing homes, hospital, and homebound parishioners.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

A Catholic Fraternal Organization of men 18 years and older founded on principles of charity, unity and fraternity. They assist in many needs in and out of our parish.

LECTORS / COMMENTATORS

These men and women play an important function in the Mass. The lectors have the privilege of proclaiming the word of God. The Commentator's role is to welcome the people and make any necessary announcements at Mass.

MEN'S CLUB

This club is open to all men of the parish, including non-Catholic spouses. They strive to live Christ centered lives by prayers and the sacraments and assist in the many needs of the parish.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

This group works together by offering person-to-person services to the needy and suffering in our local area. They also prepare and deliver a meal once a month to the homeless shelter.

TECHNOLOGY

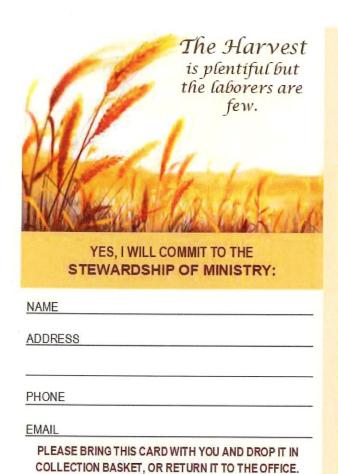
This team handles requests related to the website, communications, Flocknote, social media, zoom and video streaming in the church.

USHERS

Ushers help maintain order and efficiency at each Mass by seating the congregation, taking up the collection and cleaning after parishioners leave.

WELCOME COMMITTEE

These members are dedicated to ensuring that visitors and new members are greeted warmly and are invited and welcomed to our parish community.



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_ Altar Server	Religious Ed. Teacher
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_ Choir, Youth	Children's Liturgy
_ Dusters	_OCIA/OCIC
_ Handmaids of the Lord	Youth Ministry/ Middle
Lector/Commentator	Youth Ministry/ High
_ Technology	
_ Usher	
_Welcome Committee	COMMUNITY LIFE
	Knights of Columbus
OCIAL RESPONSIBILITY	Men`s Club
Bereavement	Special Events
_Homebound Visitation	Family Movie Night,, Mistletoe
St. Vincent de Paul	Market, St. Joseph Altar

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP



SJB & OLA,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to each one of you. It has been truly an amazing journey of calling and obedience. I will forever cherish all the love, kindness, and generosity this community has shared since the day I came until my last day here in Louisiana. All the fears and doubts when I first came turned into blessings and will be cherished forever. From my heart that is full of gratitude, let my constant and sincere prayer be my sweet goodbye to you all. May God bless us always. In Christ,

Sr. Fe B. Bista, DM (Sr. Ping)

In Our Midst

One day my son came downstairs in our house and went into the kitchen to get himself a bowl of cereal. He had no idea I was in the front room quietly reading something on my smartphone. He poured his milk and reached to grab a spoon. At that moment, I simply said, "Hello." Startled, he jumped back from the silverware drawer and let out a scream. He would tell this story differently, but it certainly was a scream. He clutched his chest as if he had just seen a ghost. All I wanted to do was say hello.

We have all been startled by someone when we thought we were all alone. Sometimes that person in our midst was simply quiet and hidden from our view. Other times, we simply have our head and mind in the clouds to the point we are ignoring the fact we are not alone.

At times that person we don't see is Jesus. He might seem quieter some days, but he should never be hidden from our view. He is always there with us, in others, and sharing our everyday moments. When we fail to see him in our midst, it is easy to act in ways we wouldn't if we saw him directly in front of us. We become less giving and more self-centered. No one wants to be surprised one day when suddenly they realize they were not alone, especially if the one who startles us is our God. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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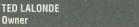
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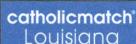
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