JESUS TOOK THE LOAVES,
GAVE THANKS, AND DISTRIBUTED THEM
TO THOSE WHO WERE RECLINING,
AND ALSO AS MUCH OF THE
FISH AS THEY WANTED.

JOHN 6:11

July 25, 2021
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.,
Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Weekdays

Monday, Tuesday, Friday 8:00 a.m.
Thursdays 6:00 p.m. (Chapel)

BAPTISM

All first time parents and godparents must attend a Baptismal seminar.
Only Confirmed practicing Catholics in good standing with the Church may be godparents.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:15 p.m. or by appointment

MARRIAGE

Contact Pastor at least eight (8) months before making arrangements.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Please notify the parish office when a family member is ill at home or in the hospital.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Please notify the parish office as soon as possible when someone in the family passes away, preferably before contacting the funeral home.

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Intentions

MONDAY, JULY 26
8:00 AM Msgr. Raymond Bane

TUESDAY, JULY 27
8:00 AM Audrey Matherne

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28
NO MASS

THURSDAY, JULY 29
6:00 PM Johnny Dufrene

FRIDAY, JULY 30
8:00 AM Roy Landry

SATURDAY, JULY 31
5:00 PM Janet Weber

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1
8:00 AM People of St. John

10:00 AM
Hector E. Hock, Sr., Becky Flanagan, Catherine Hock, P. J. Hock, Patricia Hock, Kerry & Huey Rivet, Audrey Matherne, Judy Guhman, Roy Landry

Sanctuary Lamp
Week of: July 25th—July 31st

In memory of:
Audrey Matherne

Pray for the Sick—Ian Alexander, Pauline Boatright, Lillian Breaux, Beverly Boudreaux, Carol Bourgeois, Dolores Chiasson, Richard Chiasson, Edith Comardelle, Hailey Comardelle, Anita Dasch, Anna Dufrene, Helen Dunn, Shannon Guidry, Rachelle Johnson, Chris Kirkpatrick, Ella Lirette, Merril Matherne, Randy Matherne, Albert Melancon, Mary Picou, Lisa Richoux, Brenda Savoie, Patty Thibodeaux, Grant White

Weekly Offerings

July 18, 2021:..... $2,167.00
Second Collection: $309.00

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The Prophet's Profit

It's no coincidence that the first reading shows the prophet Elisha feeding a crowd of people like Jesus in the gospel. If you want to compare miracles, Elisha did his first, but Jesus did it better. Elisha had a hundred people to feed with twenty barley loaves and a handful of fresh grain. Jesus had five thousand people and only five loaves and a couple fish. So was Jesus trying to show up Elisha?

Neither Jesus nor Elisha ever did a miracle for their own benefit. The very next story in 2 Kings about Elisha is the one where he cured Naaman, the king's servant, of leprosy. (2 Kgs 5:1:19) When Naaman realized he was cured, he came back to Elisha and offered him a gift in thanksgiving. Elisha refused the gift, because it would imply that Elisha did the miracle, while the prophet knew that God had cured him. Jesus also refused to benefit from feeding the crowds. They came to take him away and make him king, but he went up to his place of prayer on the mountain.

Jesus' miracle of feeding the five thousand was not done just for the crowd. He was using it to teach the disciples something important. He knew there would be times when they felt they were not holy enough or good enough preachers, to spread the gospel over the world. So he showed them what God can do with our meager abilities.

There are millions of people hungry for the good news that Jesus brings to the world. Remember the miracle of the loaves when you only have a few dollars to give to the missions, when you're not sure you know enough to teach someone about Jesus, when you don't know how to invite someone to come back to church. And remember that you do those things, not to make you look holy, but to let God show his loving power.

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Prayer for Hurricane Season

That through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, we will be spared the loss of life and property during this hurricane season.

With humble hearts, St. John the Baptist joyfully proclaims the mercy of God.

St. John the Baptist 50th Anniversary Celebration

We are extremely happy and grateful to have received over $9,000 of our $16,000 goal. The celebration will take place on Sunday, November 7, 2021 and will include a catered meal, music and fellowship. The money raised for the event will be used to cater the event, pay for invitations, and update the Parish Hall with fresh paint while also replacing all ceiling tiles and light fixtures. Additionally, landscaping improvements will also be made.

As a reminder, if you wish to further support these renovations there are envelopes marked for the 50th Anniversary located on the back tables. Thank you for your love and support.

August Meetings

Tuesday, August 3rd
Parish Council at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

Thursday, August 5th
Council of Catholic Women at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

Family Day September 19, 2021

Raffle Tickets—
Please pickup your Raffle Tickets on the table at the entrance of the church.
We are encouraging everyone to participate in our major fund raiser by selling the raffle tickets. There are **42** wonderful prizes that can be won.
When you are finished selling the tickets you may place the tickets into the basket on the table or return them to the parish office.
All donated raffle prizes need to be turned in to the parish office before **September 19th.**

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The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season.
— Psalm 145:15

School of Religion

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Class Times

Elementary— 1st—5th
5:30 p.m.—6:20 p.m.
High School—6th—11th
6:30 p.m.— 7:30 p.m.

CCD Schedule

August 9th—
Teachers Meeting & Confirmation Interviews 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 15th—
Opening Mass at 10:00 a.m. for all students and parents.
Parents Meeting following the mass in the Parish Hall. At least one parent must attend the Parents Meeting. A lunch will be provided.

August 16th—Class
August 23rd—Class
August 30th—Class & Reconciliations
September 6th—Labor Day Holiday

Ministry Schedule—July 31st & August 1st, 2021

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5:00 PM	**Darlene Landeche**	**No Minister Needed**	**Volunteers**	**Nicky Bourgeois**
Sunday 10:00 AM	**Carolyn Carte**	**No Minister Needed**	**Volunteers**	**William & Wyatt Hogan Jolie Landeche**

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