

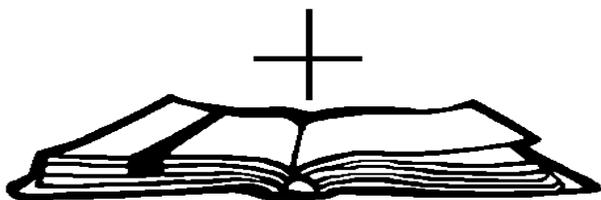
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 8, 2019

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness
all our days. — *Psalm 90:14*

POST-SUMMER CHALLENGES

With any luck, summer delights will continue a while past last weekend's Labor Day: refreshing recreation (with maybe an occasional swim) or enjoyable relaxation on the deck (with tasty outdoor grilling). Truth is, for some of us, this year's Labor Day came way too early. With many schools back in session for a while already, mealtimes and driving schedules needed readjustment to coordinate youth sports with adult commitments. Some religious education and parish programs resumed, too. No surprise, then, that this weekend's scriptures sound a little like post-summer challenges. For instance, Wisdom reminds us that believers in God can never be content with "timid deliberations" and "unsure plans." Paul challenges longtime friend and follower Philemon to "let the good you do be voluntary." Jesus instructs "great crowds" traveling with him—including us—on three things necessary for all true disciples to accomplish. On this early autumn weekend, our scriptures describe disciples' lifelong labors.

Mass Intentions



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Sat., Sept. 07, 4:30 p.m. Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Nick Sita, Huval Family, Karge Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Larry Kass, Guidry and Bolotte Family, Breaux Family, Mary Favre, Thomas Pitre, Amy Goff, Earline Mauthe, Milsap Family (L), Loren Grimes (L), Special Intention (L)

Sun., Sept. 08, 7:30 a.m. Parishioners

Sun., Sept. 08, 9:15 a.m. Carol Pieri

Sun., Sept. 08, 11:00 a.m. Bob Pecunia, Rolland Golden, Bruno Touchard, Julia David'

Mon., Sept. 09, 8:00 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule'

Tues., Sept. 10 NO MASS

Wed., Sept. 11, 8:00 a.m. Merriweather Mule' (L)

Thurs., Sept. 12, 8:00 a.m. Joseph Legnon

Fri., Sept. 13, 8:00 a.m. John Stahel

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Grandparents Day
Monday: St. Peter Claver
Wednesday: Patriot Day
Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
Friday: St. John Chrysostom
Saturday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

PRAYER LIST

Helen Lafleur	James Michael Cole
Scott St. Romaine	Michael Estrada
Lou Lavedan	Billy Cahill
Fred Kopfler	Louise Cashmere
Audrey Maracich	Florence Hoffman
Sylvia Callahan	Trey Pertuit
Max Jones	Freddie Addotto

Weekly Collections

Envelopes	\$ 2,866.00
Loose	\$ 2,092.00
Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 1,689.00

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary	Gary Treuil
Blessed Mother	Sydney M. Penney (L)
St. Joseph	Timmy Stahel (L)
St. Ann	Wayne Penney (L)

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call 796-3806.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the Altar are in memory of

Don Wassel

This Wednesday, the **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**, more commonly known to us as Confession, will be available here at St. John's from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. All of the Churches in the Archdiocese of New Orleans will have a light on the confessional as a sign that Christ is not only a light of the world but also one who is eager to forgive and to heal us.



Thanks to the Blanket Ministry
for hosting last Sunday's
Coffee and Donuts after the
7:30 or 9:15 Mass.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians share a love for the Byzantine liturgy because it is during the Eucharist that the Church is most true to its identity, expresses its integrity, and discovers its vocation. Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians celebrate essentially the identical liturgy, with only very slight variations. It is a fairly complex ritual weaving together three separate layers of prayers: a liturgy prayed in the sanctuary by priests, often hidden by a curtain or screen; a liturgy sung by the assembly and led by a deacon in front of a screen formed of painted icons; and a third layer of private prayer by the priest, who prays in support of the deacon and the faithful. It is an eyes-wide-open experience, gorgeous in visuals, and filled with the sound of God's people singing prayer. The energy of the worship centers on the presence of Christ, largely through an awareness of heaven touching earth when the Church gathers to celebrate.

In the late twentieth century, Latin Rite Catholics were encouraged to embrace a style of worship that was "full, conscious, and active," a value that has never been lost in the East. The liturgy has great impact in its beauty, in its poetry and contemplation, and by the actions of bowing, signing with the cross, and chanting that are required of the assembly. Contact with the Eastern Church reveals some key values that have been obscured in our own Church and are slowly being recovered.

CONVOCAION OF PRIESTS

On September 25th, and 26th, Archbishop Gregory Aymond is requesting a Convocation of Priests for the entire Archdiocese of New Orleans. There will be **NO MASSES**. Deacon Jay will do a communion Service on the 25th and 26th. If you have an emergency please call the office at 796-3806. If it is after office hours, your call will be forwarded to the emergency number.

Catch Fire Youth Group

6-7:30 p.m. in the Catch Fire room in Odilo Hall

* NOW OPEN TO YOUTH AGES 6th-12th GRADES *

Upcoming Events include a Back to School game night September 15th, a SAINTS tailgate party October 20th (@ 3:00 p.m.) and maybe even a HAYRIDE at our November 17th meeting!

PSR NEWS!

Late registration for PSR. The parish school of religion started Wednesday, Sept. 4 with Mass, class and parent meeting. If you have not registered your child, please bring green form on porch of church to the office by Tuesday noon, September 10. Classes are Wednesdays from 6:15 – 7:30 p.m. in Jonathan Hall.

Confirmation Class 2019 Confirmation will be Monday, Sept. 9 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Benedict Church. There are 5 candidates from St. John's being confirmed by Bishop Cheri.

The 9th and 10th grade classes will begin on Sunday, September 8 after the 11:00 Mass. Classes will be every Sunday from noon to 1:30 in Jonathan Hall Library. Susan and George Hemelt will be the teachers.

OUR FAMILY PRAYER

Each Sunday we pray "Our Family Prayer" that God will make us peacemakers and to end violence, murder and racism. Every parish has members who are victims of many types of violence. The Church cannot be silent at this crucial time when so many of the faithful have been affected by violence. On Sunday, October 13, 2019, Archbishop Gregory Aymond will celebrate the annual liturgy for the Victims and Survivors of Violence at the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Louis Cathedral. If you or a family member has been affected, please call 796-3806 and your name will be submitted to Archbishop Aymond for remembrance during the service.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAR SHOW

The Knights of Columbus Council 10176 is gearing up for their 7th Annual Car Show scheduled for September 14th with a rain out date of September 21th. The four classes that will participate are truck, classic, hot rod, and foreign. There will be food for sale and music. Mark your calendars for this annual gathering with neighbors, fellow parishioners and car enthusiast. We guarantee to pass a good time.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all who purchased raffle tickets for the upcoming car show. Your support is much appreciated.

THE VALUE OF EDUCATION

What greater or better gift can we offer the republic than to teach and instruct our youth?

2019 Deo Gratias Takes Place October 5th

Saint Joseph Seminary College will host its annual fundraising gala, Deo Gratias, Latin for "Thanks be to God," on Saturday, October 5, 2019, on the beautiful grounds of Saint Joseph Abbey and Seminary College. Proceeds benefit the Seminary College and will go toward the formation and education of the next generation of Church leaders in the Gulf South region. The evening begins at 6:00 PM with Vespers in the Abbey Church with the Benedictine monks and the Seminary Schola Cantorum. The outdoor gala begins at 7:00 p.m. and will feature local chefs and farm-to-table cuisine. A patron party exclusive to sponsors begins at 5:00 PM in the Monastic Refectory. Patron Party tickets are required. Register at www.saintjosephabbey.com.

REMINDERS!

The next Knights of Columbus meeting is on Thursday, September 12th at 7:30 p.m. in Odilo Hall

First Saturday mass at 8:00 a.m. every month

Monday Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. in the Library

Men's group meets at 7:00 p.m. in Library every Thursday except second Thursday

Catch Fire Youth Group will meet September 15th in Odilo Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Exodus Adult Bible Study, Thursdays, or Fridays at 9:00 a.m. in the Library in Jonathan Hall