

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 16, 2022

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;
whence shall help come to me?

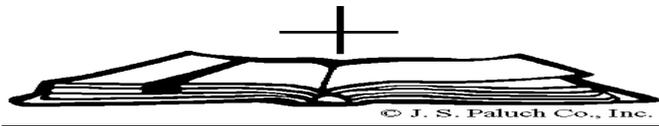
My help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

— Psalm 121:1-2

PERSISTENCE

Exodus recounts the journey of the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt to the land promised to their ancestors. It was not an easy journey. In today's reading, they are attacked by Amalek and his soldiers, members of one of the peoples who live in the land through which the Israelites are traveling. Moses was on the hilltop with his arms raised to invoke the Lord's assistance in the battle below, a powerful illustration of the Lord's favor upon Israel. If the soldiers were to lift up their eyes to that hill (see Psalm 121:1), they would be reassured by Moses's presence and posture. Paul urges the Thessalonians to persist in proclaiming the gospel, and Jesus likewise commends the widow for her persistence in pursuit of the justice due her. Whether they preach or pray, the followers of Jesus need persistence through periods of difficulty.

Mass Intentions



Sat., Oct. 15, 4:30 p.m. Huval Family, Dennis McCloskey, Nick Sita, Harold Gunther, Louis Perschall Sr., Louie Barbazon, Shirley Lunsford, Beulah Weber, Louis Meyer, Reg Vallee, **and for the living:** Karge Family, and Special Intention

Sun., Oct. 16, 7:30 a.m. Margaret Mary Mulé, Carol Pieri, Bertha Knieper, Edward Knieper, **and for the living:** Glen Hauptmann

Sun., Oct. 16, 9:15 a.m. Hue Tran, Vin and Joyce LeBlanc, Michael LeBlanc, John Fitzgerald, Gertrude Newfield, LeLe Kopfler, **and for the living:** David LeBlanc and Jennifer Moore Maggio

Sun., Oct. 16, 11:00 a.m. and for the living: M.J. Karge and William Karge

Mon., Oct. 17, 8:00 a.m. Gertrude Newfield

Tues., Oct. 18 NO MASS

Wed., Oct. 19, 8:00 a.m. Vincent Murphy (L)

Thurs., Oct. 20, 8:00 a.m. Joseph Legnon

Fri., Oct. 21, 8:00 a.m. Betty Jane Guidry

PRAYER LIST

Chuck Armstrong
John DeSilva
Gary Richardson
Sean Garlick
Terry Saux
Sarah Olivier

Alicia Hanson
Ruth Pellegrin
Mac McClendon
Tuck Tucker
Chico Mathes
Florence Baham

Weekly Collections

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Envelopes	\$ 2,038.00
Loose	\$ 3,656.00
E-giving	\$ \$ 520.00
2 nd Coll. Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 328.00

Thank you to all for the continued contributions. If you wish to give online, please go to:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnfolsom>.

Next weekend, October 22nd and 23rd is known as World Mission Sunday. We will join Catholics worldwide in this annual Eucharistic celebration for the Missions of the Church.

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary Vincent Santopadre

Blessed Mother Louis Meyer

St. Joseph Jon Craig

St. Anne Parishioners

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

7 DAY CANDLES

Would you like to give someone special a thoughtful gift? Consider a seven-day devotional candle. The candles are lit every Friday for 7 days. For more information, please call 796-3806.

Sanctuary flowers are for

Louis and Timmy Meyer

POPE FRANCIS OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION

A Church Open to Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.



Please pray for **LeLe Kopfler**, who entered peacefully into eternal rest. "Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die". [John 11:26]

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY MINISTRY

The mission of St. John's Altar Society is to serve God by caring for the altar needs of St. John's Church. This ministry helps to create the most favorable environment for the community to worship. The membership in this ministry is opened to all members of St. John's Church. The Altar Society is looking for new members interested in investing their time and talents to clean the church, launder altar linens, care for priestly vestments and decorate the church for holidays and special occasions. The goal for our members is to have enough ladies to rotate duties. If you are interested in becoming a member of this very rewarding ministry, please call 796-3806.

ALL SAINTS DAY FLOWERS

The Altar Society is asking for donations to help with the cost of flowers for All Saints Day. Any donations will be greatly appreciated and may be placed in the flower donation box in the back of church. Your support allows us to continue to make St. John's a beautiful place to worship.

NOVENA FOR LIFE

Please join the Knights of Columbus in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament as we petition the Lord to pour out His Holy Spirit so that we, as a nation, come to recognize the dignity of all persons from conception to a natural death. We also pray for the courage to be bold witnesses for a culture of life. Come, spend an hour or two, or even more before Jesus the Lord.

Schedule for Novena for Life, Wednesday, October 19th is:

- 10:00 a.m.: Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament and Prayers of Petition
- 11:00 a.m.: Praying the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary
- 12:00 Noon: Praying the Angelus, Psalm 139, and a Brief Reflection
- 1:00 p.m.: Praying the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary
- 2:00 p.m.: Praying Matthew 25 and Brief Reflection
- 3:00 p.m.: Chanting of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 4:00 p.m.: Praying the Sorrowful Mysteries of The Rosary
- 5:00 p.m.: Praying John 8 and Brief Reflection
- 6:00 p.m.: Praying the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary
- 6:50 p.m.: Benediction and Closing

FUNDRAISER FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE

Five members of our Catch Fire Youth Group will be attending the March for Life Pilgrimage in January. The bus trip has been organized by the Archdiocese of New Orleans. They will be joining around 500 of their fellow students (along with priests, seminarians, and chaperones) from Catholic schools and youth groups around the Archdiocese. The youth of our parish are on fire for the protection of life. They are ambassadors for Life for our Parish. Please join in supporting the future ambassadors by assisting in the funding of their trip. At the weekend Masses on October 22nd and 23rd, our five representatives will be offering pledge envelopes to any wishing to donate to this very worthy cause. It will be a great chance to meet these young people and assure them of your prayers and support. For those unable to donate, please offer up your prayers for the protection of human life from conception to a natural death.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sadly, one of the most difficult reforms of the Second Vatican Council for the Church to embrace has been one of the most thorough and beautiful: the sacrament of penance. Because it is individual and private, it has been difficult for the changes to take root. Sometimes a priest may be grounded in the earlier form, and at other times the penitent may resist the priest's attempt to blend in the proper texts and rituals.

Perhaps because the new form is almost identical in structure to the old, it has been difficult to institute. It may also be true that with the liturgy in English now, it is far clearer that the Eucharist, too, is a "sacrament of reconciliation."

It is certainly true that there are different skills and gifts in ministry, and experienced penitents know that not all priests are equally at ease in this sacramental encounter. Sometimes a difficult experience can drive people away from a liturgy that is spiritually rich and rewarding. Yet we know that one bad meal seldom puts people off restaurants forever: the dinner gong tends to dispel bad memories, and so we try again. Individual confession and absolution is for us both treasure and tradition. If you haven't been for a while, consider coming back to praise God for this gift of mercy.

HURRICANE IAN

If you wish to send a gift to help with the devastation from hurricane Ian, you may send a check to Archbishop Gregory Aymond, and we will forward it to the diocesan bishops in the devastated areas. Please mail to:

Archdiocese of New Orleans Hurricane Ian
7887 Walmsley Ave. New Orleans, LA 70125

REMINDERS

- First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- First Friday Adoration and Benediction, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- Men's Study Group in Odilo Hall, Thursday's, 6:30 p.m.
- Knights of Columbus meeting, 2nd Thursdays., at 7 p.m. in Odilo Hall
- Wednesday Evening Adoration, cancelled, October 19th.
- PSR Classes, twice a month on Mondays, 6:15 p.m. in Jonathan Hall

Our Church history class will meet on Monday, October 17th at 9:00 a.m. in Jonathan Hall. We will conclude our study on "Crusaders and Scholars" by viewing and discussing part three of the Epic Church History series on that time.

Our Bible study group will meet on Tuesday, October 18th at 7:00 PM in Jonathan Hall. We will view and discuss Session Ten on our study on First Corinthians. This will conclude our study of First Corinthians.

On the last Sunday of every month, we have a youth Mass at 11:00 a.m. and our Catch Fire Youth Group meets at 5:00 p.m. in Jonathan Hall.