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July 23, 2023 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MASS OF ANTICIPATION (VIGIL)

SATURDAY: 4:30 PM

SUNDAY:

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, AND 5:00 PM MONDAY, WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY:

8:15 AM

TUESDAY: 6:00 PM

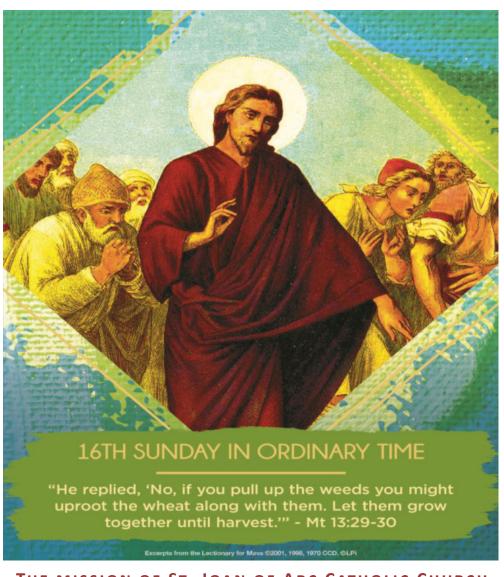
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THE MISSION OF ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

is to bestow Christ's love through worship, education, outreach and stewardship that will provide an avenue for salvation to our parishioners.



THIS BULLETIN IS FOR DOWIE GENDRON



PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 23RD MONDAY, JULY 24TH

- Men's ACTS Retreat Team Meeting 6:30 PM
- **TUESDAY, JULY 25TH**
- Men's Prayer Group at 6:00 AM in FLC
- Adoration from 3:00 PM—5:30 PM in the church
- KC Bingo at 7:00 PM at 346 Fir St

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26TH

Confessions at 8:45 AM in the church

THURSDAY, JULY 27TH

• LEGION OF MARY 9:15 AM

FRIDAY, JULY 28TH

SATURDAY JULY 29TH

MORNING REFLECTION WITH CHRISTIAN 9:00 AM IN FLC

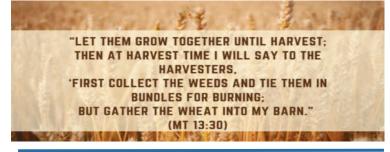


WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? JUST WANT TO STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH?

Whether you are Catholic or not, we invite you to come journey with us. We will be going over the Bible Timeline, Catechism, and Traditions of the Catholic Church.

For more information on registration and dates, please contact

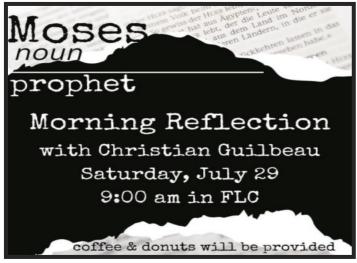
Linda Monistere at 985-651-1072 or email at dre@sjachurch.com.



AT REST IN CHRIST

We ask for your prayers for the repose of his soul. Pray also that his family and friends are strengthened by their faith and consoled by their hope in eternal life.





Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Every Tuesday 3:00 PM—5:30 PM in church.

Come spend time with Jesus. Bring your worries, bring your prayers of thanksgiving, bring your anxieties and your troubles— lay them down for the Lord.



The Mass Intention book for the 2024 Liturgical year will open on Wed, August 30. Please bring your intentions to the





Men's Retreat 8/24/23-8/27/23

Registration forms are on the website www.sjachurch.com and at the church office.



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SACRAMENTS

CONFESSIONS: Before the Vigil Mass & all Sunday Masses and at 8:45 AM on Wednesdays and First Saturdays. **BAPTISMS:** First Sunday of the month following the 10 AM Mass. To begin the preparation process, call the Parish Office.

WEDDINGS: Arrangements must be made at least 8 months prior to the wedding. Call the Parish Office to schedule a meeting with a priest and to book the church.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office or 504-584-6079 (evenings).

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A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, "Do the drill," meaning just do what needs to be done.

We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill!

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

\$400 to be given to eligible students enrolled in a Catholic High School in our Archdiocese. One scholarship will be awarded to an individual entering 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. Contact the church office for guidelines and an application.

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| Capital Improvement | \$ | 50.00 | \$ | 66.00 |
| Endowment Fund | \$ | 200.00 | \$ | 153.00 |

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Liturgy of the Eucharist (Part One)

After the conclusion of the Liturgy of the Word, we move into the Liturgy of the Eucharist with the presentation of gifts. Typically, the bread and wine to be consecrated are brought up in procession by members of the parish. Sometimes, the collection is also brought up. The point of this ceremony is to remind us that God asks for our cooperation in our salvation, and we cooperate by offering to Him what we have been given. Wine is taken from the vine and prepared by human hands as is bread. The collection represents our gift of our own fruits. Once the celebrant receives the gifts, he takes them to the altar to prepare them. This begins by him praying the old Jewish blessing, "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which Earth has given, and human hands have made. It will become for us, the Bread of Life." When this prayer is audible, the congregation responds," Blessed be God forever." A similar process is repeated for the wine which is mixed with water in the chalice to recall the water and blood which came from Jesus's side when he was pierced with the lance at the end of the crucifixion. Next, Father washes his hands as he prays, "Lord, wash away my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sins." By doing so, he acknowledges his own unworthiness before offering the sacrifice of the Mass.

The celebrant then invites the congregation to stand. He asks us the pray that his sacrifice as well as ours will be acceptable to God. This is because mass is a joint sacrifice. By presenting the gifts, and offering our prayers, we offer our sacrifice. By accepting the gifts, and offering them for consecration, the celebrant plays his role in the sacrifice as he acts in the person of Christ. Next, a prayer over the gifts is said and then the celebrant begins the dialogue.

First, the celebrant greets the congregation with, "The Lord be with you," which is the third time we hear this greeting in mass, and we respond the same way we did the previous two times. Next, he says, "Lift up your hearts." This is when the focus of the liturgy shifts from Earth to Heaven. This is why we say, "We lift them up to the Lord." We then conclude the dialogue with giving thanks to Almighty God because it is right and just. Next, the celebrant prays the preface to the Eucharistic Prayer which ends with the "Holy, Holy," This is a very important part of the liturgy because the ENTIRE Church joins in this hymn. Church Militant, (we who are here on Earth), Church Penitent, (the souls in Purgatory), and Church Triumphant, (the souls in Heaven), all convene as time stands still. The mass is the eternal sacrifice which isn't bound by space and time. Our hearts literally meet Heaven, though our bodies are still here on earth.

Next week, we'll pick up with the institution narrative and the consecration. For now, I invite you to reflect on that profound mysterious reality. Just as we gather physically with each other in church on Sundays, so too do we gather with all those who came before us and have preceded us in death, all the angels and saints, and, most importantly, Almighty God Himself in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Perhaps, we would do well to offer thanks to Almighty God, that in His loving kindness, He doesn't make us wait until we die to taste Heaven. He lets us visit at every mass.

-Christian Guilbeau



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August 8 — Ready Set Go Night August 10 — 1st day of school 1st -7th Grade 12 PM dismissal 1st—6th Grade No bus service 7th Grade retreat

August 11 – Orientation for PS2 - TOTS, and Boys in PS3, PK4, & K

August 14 — Orientation for girls in PS3, PK2,

August 15 — 1st full day of school for boys in PS2—TOTŠ, PS3, PK4, and K

August 16 — 1st full day of school for girls in PS2-TOTS, PS3, PK4, and K

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gerald Bercegeay, Bryan Bourgeois, Elizabeth Bourgeois, Marlene Bourgeois, Brynleigh Bowers, Jamie Brady, Mary Breaud, Melanie Deslatte Brown, Zachary Brown, Hayden Cashio, Felix Cerami, Mary Cooper, Stephen Cupit, Edward Demley, Lorraine & Kernis Dugas, Mavis Dumas, Tommy Dupuy, Kenny Jo Edmonds, Jr., Austin Falgout, Brantley & Oakley Falgout, Lisa Falgout, Ryan Falgout, Lakin Felder, Caleb Gary, Reyna Gary, Linda & Warren Gaudin, Joan George, Rowena Guillot, Eddie Harris, Sandy Haydel, Larry Hebert, Mary Hebert, Lorraine Hebert, Elexia Henderson, Dustin Hopkins, F.J. Keller, Brother Benedict Kelley, Jonathan L., Geraldine Labat, Acadia LaBranche, Randy Lambert, Carson Landry, Megan Landry, Meredith Landry, Shirley Lawrence, Sue LeBlanc, Wanda Lee, Rebecca Vicknair Lewis, Bryan Madere, Luce Marks (the barber), Dale McClain, Faith McNeely, Godfrey McNeely, Casey McKee, Lawrence Michele, Jill Montz, Steven Montz, Millicent A. Mullen, Deanna Normand, Brenda Ola, James Oubre, Janice Parquette, Lee Perilloux, Charlee Grace Petit, Dillan Pope, Bill Provence, Mary Punch, Jennifer Redlin, Joel Rivera, Carmen Rivere, Clyde & Mable Rixner, Michael & Brenda Romain, Nick Rose, Ceothile Roy, Michael Scallan, Althea Schaefer, Special intention, Stephanie Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Smith & family, Andrea Tamplain, Frankie Tarullo, Leslie Terry, Ty Triche, Ron Troxler, Brayden Turner, Marie Turner, Steven Turner, Kathy Tuson, Dawn Wactor, Glenda Wactor, Darlene Wempren, Hayden White, Shelly Bourg, Vivienne Rettinger, Martha Menard, Wilbert Ocmond, Louis Prejean, Lacey Weber, Linda Feucht, Ray Laviolette, Sr, Adam Pete Pitre

To add someone to the prayer list, contact the church office at 985-652-9100

JULY PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS:

July 23—Rev. Msgr. Christopher H. Nalty
July 24— Rev. Curtis R. Thomas
July 25— Rev. Frank Candalisa
July 26— Rev. Emmanuel Bwalya Mulenga O.M.
July 27— Rev. Brendan Morgan & Rev. John Talamo
July 28— Rev. Thien Nguyen
July 29— Rev. Andrew Victor Sanchez



ST. JOAN OF ARC PATRON OF SOLDIERS, PRAY FOR US

May God keep special watch over these men and women in the United States Military.

Monica Bourg
2nd Lt. Gregory Boyle
Casey Williams Deen
Raymond Gendron, III
Cpt. Thomas Gray
LCpl Jonathan Grenier
PFC Michael Hanley
Cpt. Alex Hernandez
Cpt. Ashley Hernandez
Heidi Mayeux Hymel
SPC Chase Ingram

LCpl Matthew Johnson

Edwin Preston Johnston
Sgt. SPC Dylan L. Mabile
PO3 Alexander J. Norris
SFC Paul J. Pena
2nd Lt. James Perilloux
James Poulin
Vanessa Poulin
Cadet Christopher Purnell
Brett Rosa
Lt. Cdr. Mark Zachary Roussel
1st Lt. Matthew Suarez
Cpt. Nick Sutton
Wesley Triche

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PARISH INFORMATION

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MEN'S EMMAUS RETREAT

Put aside the "hustle and bustle" of daily life and attend the Men's
Emmaus Retreat the weekend of August 11-13, 2023. The retreat is held
at the William J. Kelley Retreat Center in beautiful, peaceful Bay St.
Louis, Mississippi. The retreat is based on the scripture passage
"The appearance on the road to Emmaus" (Luke 24: 13-35) and is an
uplifting experience that has a profound effect on men's lives. The retreat
begins at 4:00 PM Friday and ends after the 5:30 PM mass on
Sunday. Round trip transportation is provided from St. Dominic
Church, New Orleans. Please don't ignore this opportunity but pray on
it instead. Something very special awaits you in Bay St. Louis!

Please contact the following men for additional information: Norm Madere @ 504-481-0411 or Steve Schulkens @ 504-401-6990 or Colin Taulis @ 504-494-4511

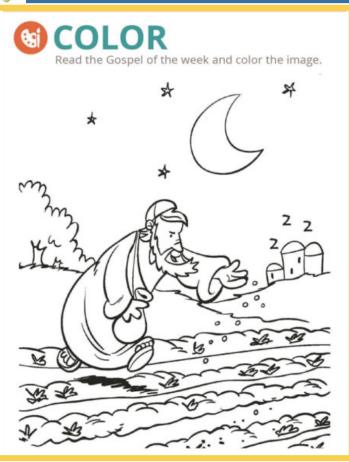
Or you can email us for a registration form at sdMensEmmaus@gmail.com

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the church
secretary.

KIDS' CORNER





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Mon, July 24, 2023—St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

8:15 AM: Lily Wagner

Tues, July 25, 2023 - St. James, Apostle

6:00 PM: Edwin Ducote

Wed, July 26, 2023—Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 AM: Kelly Cupit Hubbell

Thurs, July 27, 2023

8:15 AM: Donald Chenier

Fri, July 28, 2023

8:15 AM: Rosemary Morrison

Sat, July 29, 2023—Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

8:15 AM: The Tamplain & Keating Families

Sat, July 29, 2023 – Anticipatory, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM: Jim Riley; Rosemary Morrison; Living & Deceased Members of the Cupit & Rayne Families; Deceased Members of the Rollo & Dottolo Families; Dowie Gendron; David Dill, III; Mark Chapman; Jean Fuselier; Joseph S. & Muriel Millet; Eddie Jouty, Jr.; Guy Clement; Judy Noveh; Kevin & Shawn Keller; Jennie & Octave Mabile; All Living & Deceased Members of the F. J. Keller Family; All Living & Deceased Members of the Mabile Family; Ryan Falgout; Austin Falgout; Therese' & Foster Cambre; Melanie Deslatte Brown; Herman, Jr. & Karen Deslatte; Herman, Sr. & Marie Deslatte; Pete Brown; Sarah Brown; Patricia Kleive; Michael Brouwer; Michael & Polly Remondet; Michael LaRosa; Earline Jouty; Dolly Ocmond; Father Cory Ford; Gloria Berger; Nita Joyce Bourque; Elmore & Debbie Steinert; Ralph Haydel

Sun, July 30, 2023 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM: Msgr. Robert Vincent; Marie Ory Dupont; Mark Chapman; Kathleen Rodrigue; Norman & Kirk Zeeringue; Norris J. "Butch" Millet, Sr.; Eddie Jouty, Jr.; All Priest in the New Orleans Archdiocese; Archbishop Gegory Aymond; Father Jeffrey Montz; David Faucheux; Foster & Therese' Cambre; Malcolm Carmbre; Grace Pierson; The Deceased Members of the Olidy & Elise Hymel Family; The Douglas Cambre Family; Arnold Labat; Terry Labat; Rebecca Labat, Tassera; Joseph & Mary Labat; George & Arthemise Bleakley; Sylvia Bleakley; Larry Bleakley; Donnie Bleakley; Paul Morris; Steven Treadway; Susan Satterlee; Celeste James; Brandon Pollet; Lester & Jean Pollet; Ronald Faucheux;

Charmain Faucheux; In Thanksgiving; Dolly Ocmond; Peggy Spencer; Alan Gravois

10:00 AM: Daniel Guidry

5:00 PM: Mass for the People

Candles will burn week of 7/24–7/30 For:

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Dowie Gendron

CONVENT LIGHT

Father Jeffrey Montz

SACRED HEART CHAPEL LIGHT

The Cupit Family

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Patience is rooted in Hope (an image of a bush filled with birds would be great)

Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. The Lord's parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

Evil: in Jesus' parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love. He *will* finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

Smallness: It's funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like ... wait for it ... a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.

Impurities: divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It's the secret of the Cross. Not how we'd prefer it. But finally, great news.

The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-free.

— Father John Muir



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