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## September 17, 2023 Twenty-Fourth 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

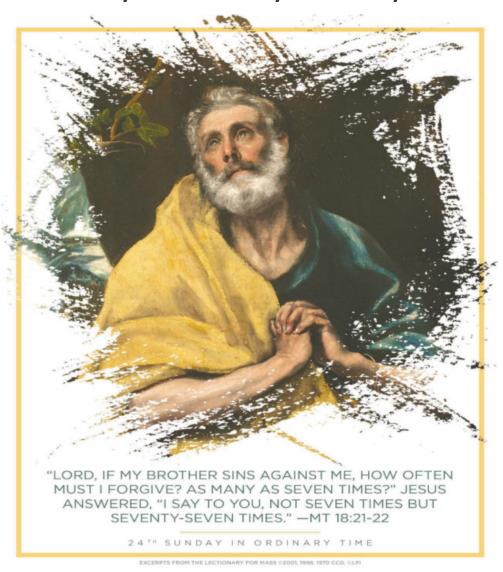
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## THE MISSION OF ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



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## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH** MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

- Bridge to Naim 6:00 PM in FLC
- PSR 6:00 PM at AOL

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH**

- Tuesday Morning Disciples at 6:00 AM in FLC
- Ladies Altar Society Potluck Lunch 12:00 PM at KC Hall
- Adoration from 3:00 PM—5:30 PM in the church
- RCIA 6:30 PM in FLC
- KC Bingo at 7:00 PM at 346 Fir St.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

- Confessions at 8:45 AM in the church
- RCIC 3:00 PM in FLC
- Holy League 7:00 PM in church

#### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST**

- Legion of Mary 9:15 AM in FLC
- Choir 6:30 PM in church
- Men's Club 7:00 PM in FLC

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

Cleaning Angels 10:00 AM in church



## **Newly Baptized**

**GRACELYN NOELLE** 

MAZZENO

CHILD OF MATTHEW PAUL MAZZENO & LORETTA LYNN FOSTER





## **PARISH EVENTS**



Please continue to pray for Fr. David and the group on their pilgrimage in France.



Join us in church Sunday, Oct. 8, at 3:00 PM to pray the rosary for our nation.

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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 the 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 PRAYER FOR HURRICANE SEASON

Our Father in Heaven, through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from

all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen







Life was not always easy with my father when I was growing up. Let's just say he made many decisions along the way that led to fear, anger, and sadness for my family and me. Unfortunately, I was the only one in the family that would years later truly forgive him for his actions. My mother and sister held onto the resentment and anger they felt all their lives. For my father and me, reconciliation led to several years of a deepening relationship before his passing in 2011.

Forgiveness is not easy and I do not consider myself better or stronger because I was able to forgive and my family members could not. However, I can say that the blessings I received due to forgiveness and a renewed relationship with my father were far better than the animosity experienced by others. I also learned that forgiveness benefited me far more than my father.

As good stewards of time, we must realize that each passing day will never come again. What we do with that time is completely up to us. We can be wise and use it to build bridges, heal wounds, and cultivate love where there is hate. We can also choose to waste time in fear, resentment, and anger. I thank God often for the gift of my dad. However, I thank God more for the gift of time spent with him and the ability to see him not with my human eyes, but with the eyes of Jesus.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### ADVERTISER SPOTLIGHT



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8/30—9/7	Online	Mass/Mail-in
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## ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER



September 2023

To: Clergy, Religious, and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Today, throughout the Catholic Church, we celebrate Catechetical Sunday with the theme of "Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened." We hear in this theme both the invitation from Jesus to follow him as well as his acknowledgement that life can indeed be filled with many challenges. Jesus wants to be our strength and lighten the burdens in our lives.

Catechetical Sunday is a special observance in each parish as we pray for and ask God's blessings upon all those who share in the important work of catechesis and Christian formation. Those who share in this ministry are our cate-chists in the Parish School of Religion (or Family Formation program), the administrators and teachers in our Catholic Schools, youth ministers, as well as those who are involved in the ministry of RCIA and Adult Faith Formation. Please join me in thanking them for not only giving of themselves in a generous way to form our youth and adults in the life of faith, but also pray that God will continue to bless them and inspire them in their ministry. They give of themselves in a generous way to help others open their hearts to Christ. Furthermore, their example of faith is one that can be a source of inspiration to us. Join me in praying for students, parents, and families on this Catechetical Sunday. We are reminded that parents are the primary teachers of their children in faith and we pray for them that they will joyfully fulfill this vocation. I strongly encourage parents to be actively engaged in the education and Christian formation of their children, this is so important. Parents, they need you, your support, and they need your example of living out your faith. You are a powerful witness to your child.

Please know of my deep appreciation and pray of thanksgiving to all of you who whare in this important ministry of catechesis and Christian formation.

Wishing you God's blessings, and with the assurance of my prayers, I am Grateful in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond Archbishop of New Orleans



Register at Flocknote.com to receive parish information via text and email.

Our Confirmation Candidates attended a Confirmation



Please pray for our candidates as they will be confirmed on



Student Liturgical Ministers receive a special blessing from Fr. David.



The St. Joan of Arc pursuit of excellence begins with servant leadership and loving our neighbors through acts of service. The Viking Class of 2024 took a field trip to Second Harvest Food Bank and gained a better understanding of the importance of volunteer work.









September 21—Men's Club Meeting 7:00 PM in FLC September 25—29—Scholastic Book Fair September 29—Grandparents Day—Early Dismissal; No PM Care, No PM Bus Service

October 3—Eucharistic Adoration

## **CALLED TO PRAYER**

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, Toby Weber, Linda Feucht, Ray Laviolette, Sr, Adam Pete Pitre To add someone to the prayer list, contact the church office at

SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION OF THE

#### **HOLY FATHER** For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS:

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Sept 17— Rev. Lambertus Arkian Lein, S.V.D. Sept 18— Rev. John G. Langan, S.D.B. Sept 19— Rev. John Daniel Yike Sept 20— Rev. William O'Riordan Sept 21— Rev. Daniel E. Brouillete Sept 22— Rev. Robert S. Gerlich, S.J. Sept 23— Rev. Joseph Santo Palermo



## 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

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Wesley Triche

## **PARISH INFORMATION**

St Joan of Arch Financial Report Fiscal Year: July 1, 2022—June 30, 2023

#### Income:

Ordinary Church Income \$778,515.85 (Envelopes, Loose, Online Giving, Building Maintenance) Extraordinary Church Income \$153,670.50 (Candles, Flowers, Masses, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Religious Ed., Ministries, Fair, etc)

\$25,000.00 **Donations** (One time donations)

**TOTAL INCOME:** \$957,186.35

#### **Expenses:**

**Personnel Costs** \$292,558.22 (Salaries, Taxes, Insurance, Retirement)

Parish Expenses \$341,874.65

(Property Insurance, Office Costs, Fees, Utilities, Minor repairs, Religious Ed., Ministries, etc)

**Capital Expenses** \$73,176.68

(LED Lighting for church)

**Diocesan Assessments** \$140,091.12

**TOTAL EXPENSES:** \$847,700.67

**NET INCOME:** \$109,485.68

Thank you to all who continue to give generously. Your continued support will assist our parish in serving our community as well as fund necessary repairs and improvements to our church.

## Kids' Corner

**Sharing the Gospel:** Jesus says to forgive each other seventy times seven or 490 times. That's forgiving once each day for more than a year. Put 490 jelly beans in a gallon "Forgiveness Jug." Each time you forgive someone, eat a jelly bean. When you realize that God has forgiven you, it is easier to forgive others from your heart. God fills you with his love, which is even better than jelly beans. Then you can forgive without holding a grudge.

**Prayer:** Lord, help me forgive other people completely and quickly.

Mission for the Week: I will forgive those who hurt me because God has forgiven me.



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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon, September 18, 2023

8:15 AM: Roland Clement

Tues, September 19, 2023—St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

6:00 PM: Sandra Oubre

Wed, September 20, 2023—St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest; & St. Paul Chong Ha-Sang, Companions, Martyrs

8:15 AM: Sam & Luella Arcuri

Thurs, September 21, 2023—St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

8:15 AM: Claire Ory

Fri, September 22, 2023

**8:15 AM:** Mark Trosclair

Sat, September 23, 2023—St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

**8:15 AM:** Theresa Fisse

Sat, September 23, 2023 – Anticipatory, 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**4:30 PM:** Stephanie Cupit Brothers

Sun, September 24, 2023 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM: Msgr. Robert Vincent; Marie Ory Dupont; Jean Fuselier; For all Mothers & Fathers Listed in our Enrollment Book; Kathleen Rodrigue; Norman & Kirk Zeringue; Noemie B. Tastet; Mark Chapman; Norris J. "Butch" Millet, Sr.; Daniel Guidry; Eddie Jouty, Jr.; All Priests in the New Orleans Archdiocese; Archbishop Gregory Aymond; Father Jeffrey Montz; Anna Duong; Joseph Trinh; Ann Vu; Dennis J. Detiege; Rowley Leonard Hymel; Mabel B. Hymel; Bryan Vicknair; Brandon Pollet; Lester & Jean Pollet; Michael Brouwer; Ronald Faucheux; Charmain Faucheux; Dolly Ocmond; Alan Gravois; Peter Tran; Anphongso Trinh;

All Souls; Living and Deceased Members of the Trinh & Tran Families; Arnold Labat; Terry Labat; Rebecca Labat Tassara; Joseph & Mary Labat; George & Arthemise Bleakley; Sylvia Bleakley; Larry Bleakley; Donnie Bleakley; Paul Morris; Steven Treadway; Susan Satterlee; John Kenny; Roberta Bailey

**10:00 AM:** Mass for the People

5:00 PM: Ferrol "CoCo" Keating; Guy Clement; Sue Arceneaux; Patricia Kleive; Michael Brouwer; Ron & Shelia Troxler; Joseph Quy; Mr. & Mrs. Do; Mr. & Mrs Khaut; Roberta Bailey; Dolly Ocmond; Hazel L. Dealey; David Snyder; Therese' & Foster Cambre; Melanie Deslatte Brown; Herman, Jr. & Karen Deslatte; Herman, Sr. & Marie Deslatte; Pete Brown; Sarah Brown; Mr. & Mrs. Sadie & Thomas Giroir; Gene Reine; David Faucheux; Foster & Theresa' Cambre; Malcolm Cambre; Joseph Berthelot; The Deceased Members of the Rene & Sedalize Faucheux Family; The Douglas Cambre Family

#### Candles will burn week of 9/18—9/24 For:

## **SANCTUARY LIGHT**

Paula Chenier

## **CONVENT LIGHT**

St Joan of Arc Students

#### SACRED HEART CHAPEL LIGHT

Janet Faucheux Family



## GOSPEL REFLECTION

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood. That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid owed me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us? We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He remembers — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never — Father John Muir forgets.

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