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August 31, 2025 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MASS OF ANTICIPATION (VIGIL)

Sanctuary & Convent Lights

SATURDAY: 4:30 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY:

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

8:15 AM

TUESDAY: 6:00 PM

OUR CLERGY & RELIGIOUS:

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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." - Lk 14:13-14

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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.







SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST Monday, September 1st—Labor Day

• Church Office is closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

- Tuesday Morning Disciples 6:00 AM in FLC
- Cleaning Angels 8:45 AM in church
- Adoration 3:00 PM 5:30 PM in church
- OCIA 6:30 PM in St. Joseph's Room
- Bingo 7:00 PM in KC Hall

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

• Confessions 8:45 AM in church

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

- SJA Founder's Day Mass with students 8:15 AM in church
- Legion of Mary 9:30 AM in the St. Joseph Room
- Chancel Choir 6:30 PM in church

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

- First Saturday Confession 7:00 AM in church
- First Saturday Devotions 8:45 AM in church



Interested in being a Lector at Mass? Please contact the church office to register for one of the upcoming workshops.

Saturday, September 6th, 9 am - 1 pm Our Lady of Prompt Succor 146 Fourth St. Westwego, LA

> Saturday, September 27th, 9 am - 1 pm Divine Mercy Church 4337 Sal Lentini Pkwy Kenner, LA



Our Chancel Choir will soon be ringing their bells again!

THANK YOU

Knights of Columbus Council 5955



Cleaning Angels

If you would like to help clean the church, our Cleaning Angels meet at the church every other Tuesday at 8:45 AM.

The next cleaning opportunity will be Tuesday, September 2nd.





If you are an adult who has not received all of your sacraments, wishes to join the Catholic Church, or would like to learn more about your faith, please contact Linda Monistere at the church office.

985-651-1072 or dre@sjachurch.com



"Without labor, nothing prospers"

HAPPY LABOR DAY





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SACRAMENTS

CONFESSIONS: 30 minutes Before the Vigil Mass & all Sunday Masses, at 8:45 AM on Wednesdays, and 7:00 AM on 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).

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Give Graciously

I love the verse in Sirach where it says, "My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts." This is an interesting concept for those of us who think a stewardship way of life is all about the giving of gifts. When we start to think that all we are called to do is give for the sake of giving, we have missed the point.

We are called to be gracious givers. We are called to allow the Jesus in us to encounter the Jesus in others. Humility does not mean that we hide away after we give, but we give in a way that has less to do with us and more to do with the one in whose name we give. Our world needs philanthropy and generosity, but it needs Jesus even more. We want to be good examples to others of how to be generous, not because we want them to be like us but like Jesus.

Give all things with a gracious heart and disposition. Do not take any credit for that generosity but instead let it point to Jesus. After all, it is Jesus who calls us to a mature faith where we answer the call every day regardless of the cost. Without that maturity and answering the call, would we really be driven to be generous givers? Knowing that left to our own devices we would probably not be very successful as a giver of gifts should make us very humble anyway.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TREASURE

"...God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Cor.9:7

Financial contributions received 8/15—8/22

	Online	Mass/Mail-in	
Regular Contributions:	\$ 2,074.00	\$	7,229.50
Assumption of Mary	\$ 20.00	\$	1,665.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 70.00	\$	160.00

There is no Second Collection this weekend.

Your generosity and support make our church's work possible! Making donations, payments, and pledges is easy using the QR Code below. Visit our church website (www.sjachurch.com) to sign up via our Online Giving link.





During hurricane season, let's ask Our Lady of Prompt Succor to intercede for our protection.

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.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.





AT REST IN CHRIST

† Mr. Lynn Robichaux

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.

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SCHOOL NEWS

St. Joan of Arc School Founder's Day Mass Thursday, September 4th at 8:15 AM.



We welcome any former students, faculty, and staff to join us for this Mass. If possible, please email

Mrs. Creppel
(at <u>c.creppel@sja-school.com</u>) if you are able to attend so that we can have seats reserved for you.

School has started and so has the opportunity to win Viking Virtue Awards!



virtues important to our Catholic faith - virtues like hospitality, courtesy, service, compassion, and honesty. When a teacher or staff member observes a student living out one of these virtues, they fill out a Viking Virtue Card for them and put it in the virtue box. Every Wednesday at assembly, random cards are chosen from the box and students are praised for their actions and given a candy and dress down day pass! Way to go Vikings!



Congratulations to our Ist Viking Award Winners for the 2025-26 School Year!!!



Sept 1—Labor Day Holiday

Sept 3—4H meeting

Sept 4— SJA Founders Day Celebration

Sept 5—Boosterthon Fun Run

Sept 11—Carnival Ball Court Members Mandatory Meeting

CALLED TO PRAYER

PLEASE KEEP OUR PARISHIONERS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Joey Arcuri, Ryan J. Aubert, Gerald Bercegeay, Larry Blanchard, Sr., Fr. Bill Blank; Patricia Boudreaux, Madeline Bourg, Elizabeth Bourgeois, Brynleigh Bowers, Mary Breaud, Zachary Brown, Paulette Cambre, Hayden Cashio, Felix Cerami, Dustin Compagno, Karen Brignac Cook, Mary Cooper, Stephen & Peggy Cupit, Wanda Davis, Trenice Dearmas, Nathan DeLuke, Edward Demley, Lorraine & Kernis Dugas, Mavis Dumas, Wayne Duplechian, Tommy Dupuy, Kenny Jo Edmonds, Jr., Gary Entremont, Austin Falgout, Brantley & Oakley Falgout, Lisa Falgout, Ryan Falgout, Tammy Faucheux, Lakin Felder, Linda Feucht, Carl Freeman, Caleb Gary, Reyna Gary, Warren Gaudin, Joan George, Rowena Guillot, Zachary Hall, Eddie Harris, Sandy Haydel, Larry Hebert, Mary Hebert, Lorraine Hebert, F.J. Keller, Wayne Kimball, Jonathan L., Geraldine Labat, Acadia LaBranche, Penny LaBranche, Randy Lambert, Carson Landry, Megan Landry, Meredith Landry, Raymond Laviolette, Jr., Shirley Lawrence, Wanda Lee, Rebecca Vicknair Lewis, Bryan Madere, Dorothy & Jennifer Massi, Dale McClain, Belinda Millet; Casey McKee, Lawrence Michele, Jill Montz, Steven Montz, Deanna Normand, Wilbert Ocmond, Brenda Ola, James Oubre, Janice Parquette, Lee Perilloux, Charlee Grace & Adam Pete Pitre, Dillan Pope, Bill Provence, Mary Punch, Jennifer Redlin, Joel Rivera, Michael & Brenda Romain, Nick Rose, Ceothile Roy, Mark Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Smith & Family, Andrea Tamplain, Frankie Tarullo, Leslie Terry, Ty Triche, Parris Troglen, Ron Troxler, Brayden, Marie, & Steven Turner, Jenni Vicknair, Dawn Wactor, Glenda Wactor, Toby Weber, Hayden White; John Wille, Mindy Wilson To add a parishioner to the prayer list, contact the church office at 985-652-9100

Aug. Prayer Intention of the Holy Father For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS:

Aug. 31— Rev. Raymond A. Igbogidi
Sept. 1— Rev. R. Bentley Anderson, S.J.
Sept. 2—Rev. Stephen Okoro
Sept. 3— Rev. Dat Huu Pham, S.D.D.
Sept. 4— Rev. Timothy Burnett, O.S.B.
Sept. 5— Rev. Sidney Speaks
Sept. 6— Rev. Carroll Heffner



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
Cpl Bryce Fincher
Raymond Gendron, III
Cpt. Thomas Gray
LCpl Jonathan Grenier
PFC Michael Hanley
Cpt. Alex Hernandez
Cpt. Ashley Hernandez
Cpt. Cameran Hymel

Heidi Mayeux Hymel

SPC Chase Ingram
LCpl Matthew Johnston
Edwin Preston Johnston
CDR Jose' I. Lavastida
Sgt. SPC Dylan L. Mabile
PO3 Alexander J. Norris
SFC Paul J. Pena
2nd Lt. James Perilloux
Brett Rosa
Lt. Cdr. Mark Zachary Roussel
1st Lt. Matthew Suarez
Cpt. Nick Sutton
Wesley Triche

UPCOMING EVENTS



Grieving with Great Hope is 5 session video series from Good Mourning Ministry. Grieving with Great Hope offers support, hope and healing for anyone mourning the loss of a loved one.

Grieving is a journey, but you don't have to travel it alone.

MEETING DAYS/TIME: THURSDAYS AT 7:00PM

MEETING DATES: SEPTEMBER 4, 11, 18, 25, AND OCTOBER 2, 2025

MEETING LOCATION: ST. BENILDE SCHOOL LIBRARY, 1901 DIVISION <u>STREET.</u>
METAIRIE, LA. 70001

There is no cost to attend. Materials will be provided.

Contact person is Val Hebert at valencemet@aol.com or at 504-427-0327

If you are in the 3rd - 12th
Grade and are interested in
being an Altar Server, please
contact Linda Monistere at the
church office.

985-651-1072 or dre@sjachurch.com

We will have practice Saturday, September 13th, from 9:30 am - 11 am in church.



Special night of Confession at St. Joan of Arc Wednesday, September 17th, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm in church.

Come release the burdens on your heart and feel the loving mercy of Jesus.





This free event is Saturday, September 13th. at 6:00 pm, at St. Martin de Porrres Community Center 2241 Mendez St. New Orleans, LA

Please bring a non-perishable food item to support Second Harvest Food Bank. Refreshments will be sold - no outside food or drink allowed.

For more information, please call 504-861-6207



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Mon., September 1, 2025

8:15 AM: Kim & Daniel Fuselier

Tue., September 2, 2025

Deceased Members of the Oubre & Vilemont 6:00PM:

Families

Wed., September 3, 2025—St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM: **Peggy Cupit**

Thurs., September 4, 2025

8:15 AM: **Jack Brothers**

Fri., September 5, 2025

8:15 AM: Living & Deceased Members of the Fisher &

Melancon Families

Sat., September 6, 2025

8:15 AM: Juanita Jacob

Sat., September 6, 2025—Anticipatory, 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:30 PM: Edna & Mack S. Reine, Sr.

Sun., September 7, 2025—23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 AM: David Dill, III; Jeanette Cashio; Marlene Bourgeois; Daniel Guidry; Sue LeBlanc; Noemie B. Tastet; Mark Trosclair; Marie Ory Dupont; Westley & Vivian St. Pierre; Natalie Sutton; Kathleen Rodrigue; P.J. Broussard; Georgette Broussard; Carl Broussard; Harold Durieux; Isabelle Durieux; Roy Durieux; Carrie Durieux; Henry, Alice Mae & Gil Maurin; Mary Catherine "Trinksie" Garon; Living & Deceased Members of the Robin Babin Family; Tom Daley; Brandon Pollet; J. L. Millet; Jean Pollet; Judy Perilloux; Mr. & Mrs Julian Guidry; Therese` & Foster Cambre; Melanie Deslatte Brown; Herman, Jr. & Karen Deslatte; Herman, Sr. & Marie Deslatte; Pete Brown; Sarah Brown; Anna Duong; Joseph Trinh; Anna Vu; Peter Tran; Francis Hung Trinh; All Souls; Living & Deceased Members of the Trinh & Tran Families; Jay & Barbara Ory; Paul Tran Le; Sharleen A. Jouty

10:00 AM: Mass for the People 5:00 PM: Jeanette Cashio; Marlene Bourgeois; Daniel Guidry; Sue LeBlanc; Guy Clement; Living & Deceased Members of the Fisher & Melancon Families; Lloyd Simoneaux; The Wallace & Bertha Vicknair Family; The Madere & Aycock Family; Mindy Wilson; Miriam Schultz Ferry; Allan Reynaud; Carolyn Vice; Mary Catherine Garon; David Faucheux; Foster & Therese Cambre; Malcolm Cambre; Joseph Berthelot; Grace Pierson; The Deceased Members of the Olidy & Elise Hymel Family; The Douglas Cambre. Family; The Deceased Members of the Rene & Sedalize Faucheux Family

Candles will Burn week of September 1 to 7 for:

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Jamie Brady

CONVENT LIGHT

Bonnette & Collura & Children

SACRED HEART CHAPEL

Lloyd Simoneaux



Once I was invited to a group meeting with Pope Francis. Entering the room, I paused, eyeing the seats next to the Pope's fancy chair. Someone saw my paralysis and invited me to sit in the seat farthest from what I wanted. Hiding my disappointment, I sat. We waited. To our surprise, an aid pointed out that those seats were still empty and invited me and another to have them. We calmly but gleefully strode across the room and sat. Pope Francis entered, and we enjoyed two hours of amazingly uplifting conversation.

Jesus says this week to us: "When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table" (Luke 14:10). This is not about how to score free seat upgrades. Rather, it is a wise pattern for the whole of life. It is how to live free from the anxiety of constantly grasping for status and recognition.

Jesus perfectly embodies his seat-taking advice. He eschews his glorious throne for the lowest: death on a cross, that lonely chair we all deserve. In his resurrection, he calls us up higher to his marvelous banquet seats. This week, perhaps we should look for opportunities to choose the lowest seat. We'll be pleasantly surprised when we do.

— Father John Muir



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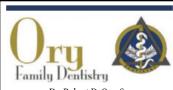
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