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October 12, 2025 Twenty-eighth 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.





PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH MONDAY, OCTOBER 13TH TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

- Tuesday Morning Disciples 6:00 AM in FLC
- Cleaning Angels 8:00 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, OCTOBER 15TH

- Confessions 8:45 AM in church
- Men's Holy League 7:00 PM in church

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

- Legion of Mary 9:30 AM in the St. Joseph Room
- Chancel Choir 6:30 PM in church
- Men's Club 7:00 PM in FLC

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17TH SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH.

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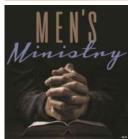
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PARISH EVENTS





All men of the parish are invited to attend the **Tuesday Morning Disciples** prayer group. Join us
Tuesday mornings from
6:00 am - 7:00 am in the FLC for coffee and fellowship.



SJA MEN'S CLUB
THURSDAY,
OCT. 16TH,
AT
7:00 PM
IN THE FLC.

St. John Ministry of Care



Please drop off donations at Ministry of Care or the gathering space in church. The St. John Ministry of Care is now located at 2807 US-51 in LaPlace. They are open on Wednesdays from 10AM-2 PM.

Canned Goods such as tuna, chicken, Vienna sausage, soups, stews, chili, spaghetti sauces, gravy, corn, carrots, peas, green beans, potatoes, red beans, pork & beans

Canned Fruit – peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, & juice boxes.

Dry Goods such as spaghetti, noodles, rice, red & white beans, biscuit mix, stuffing mix, mashed potatoes, mac-n-cheese, & cereal.

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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).

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2 Cor.9:7

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The Second Collection this weekend is for Capital Improvement.



The Zeal of the Convert

When you work in the Church, professionally or on a volunteer basis, you become familiar with the phenomenon known as "the zeal of the recent convert."

Sometimes, it really seems that the newly baptized are just stronger Catholics than the cradle Catholics. They smile more at Mass. They are awestruck by the Eucharist. They come out of the confessional beaming.

It's not that they are naive. It's not that they are in some honeymoon phase of religion, living outside of reality. It's simply that they remember. They remember what it felt like before the Eucharist or before Confession. They recall before the sacraments and the oil and the grace and the relief. It was more recent for them than for some of us older Catholics — especially those of us who were baptized as infants.

Let's ask ourselves: Have we become too comfortable? Do we receive God's grace with expectation instead of surprise? Have we ceased to marvel and wonder at the goodness of God? If the answer is a resounding yes, don't despair. Look at the Gospel — a literal nine times out of ten, God goes un-thanked and un-noticed.

So many of us have forgotten, or never understood, what it meant when the leprosy was washed from our souls. But when we remind ourselves, we become more keenly aware of the extraordinariness of the gift we have received.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

ADVERTISER SPOTLIGHT







October is Respect Life Month



"An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them can be found on usech.org/end-of-life-care." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Caring for Loved Ones at

Life's End.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Dorothy Day, the great Catholic activist, doubted God's existence. At least in her early adult years. But something changed when after giving birth to her daughter, she experienced an overwhelming gratitude. She later described how, as she held her daughter, the only appropriate response was a kind of unlimited gratitude. She had done nothing to deserve such a gift — this tiny, miraculous life — but there she was, flooded with gratitude, completely undone by the love of such a Giver.

Something similar occurs in Luke 17:19 when Jesus tells a healed leper, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." This man had already received physical healing through his faith. But the moment of an even deeper transformation came when he turned back, fell at Jesus' feet, and gave thanks. Like Dorothy, this man's gratitude led him to encounter the Giver.

Isn't that what we want, too? Gratitude to God has the power to break our chains of sadness, bitterness, and disenchantment. It empowers us to step out of the prison of self-pity and into the reality of God's abundant love. It shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have received, from what wounds us to what heals us.

Where do we learn this? The Mass. The priest prays: "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks." Always. Everywhere. Not just when life is easy. Not just when prayers are answered as we expect. Gratitude is not a passive feeling; it is an act of faith. In the eucharist, we remember that Christ himself has given everything for us. And in this act of gratitude, we are healed.

— Father John Muir







Oct 13—14—no AM or PM Bus Service

Oct 15—Report Cards issued

Oct 22—Living Rosary

Oct 23—Honor Roll Breakfast

Oct 24—AR 1st Quarter Goals Celebration & Pep Rally

Oct 24—Early Dismissal—No PM Bus Service

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, Cathy Dillenkoffer; Lorraine & Kernis Dugas, Dianne Duhe, 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, 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

OCT. PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS:

Oct. 12— Rev. Vincent Kien Nguyen
Oct. 13— Rev. Emiliano Zapata, O.P.
Oct. 14— Rev. Maurice Moon
Oct. 15— Rev. Nile C. Gross, S.T.L.
Oct. 16— Seminarian William Sigi
Oct. 17—Seminarian James Vu

Oct. 18— Rev. Mark S. Raphael, Ph.D.



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
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LCpl Matthew Johnston
Edwin Preston Johnston
CDR José I. Lavastida
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2nd Lt. James Perilloux
Brett Rosa
Lt. Cdr. Mark Zachary Roussel
1st Lt. Matthew Suarez
Cpt. Nick Sutton
Wesley Triche

UPCOMING EVENTS



Mass of Remembrance and Healing for Pregnancy and Infant Loss

> Thursday, October 16, 2025 6:00pm

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

WELCOMES ALL TO ATTEND THIS MASS

A SPECIAL INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO ANYONE WHO HAS EXPERIENCED LOSS THROUGH MISCARRIAGE, STILLBIRTH, OR ABORTION. THESE LOSSES MAY BE RECENT OR EXTEND OVER MANY YEARS.

PLEASE COME AND EXPERIENCE THE GIFT OF GOD'S MERCY AND PEACE.

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Mon, October 13, 2025

8:15 AM: Jason Martin

Tue, October 14, 2025—St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

6:00 PM: Barbara Jacob Tucker

Wed, October 15, 2025—St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of

the Church

8:15 AM: Mark Trosclair

Thurs, October 16, 2025—St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret

Mary Alacoque, Virgin

8:15 AM: Kirby & Dorothy Fuselier

Fri. October 17, 2025—St. Ignatius of Antitoch, Bishop & Martyr

8:15 AM: Sam, Luella & Sammy Arcuri

Sat, October 18, 2025

8:15 AM: Tom Daley

Sat, October 18, 2025—Anticipatory, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM: Jim Riley; Rosemary Morrison; Living & Deceased Members of the Cupit & Rayne Families; The Rollo & Dottolo Families; Jeanette Cashio; Marlene Bourgeois; Daniel Guidry; Sue LeBlanc; Deceased Members of the Oubre & Vilemont Families; Lester & Lucille Gravois; Rosemary Gravois; Alan Gravois; Earl & Helen Gravois; Stella Anderson; Arlene Anderson; Jude Gravois; Tanya Gravois; Charles & Jane Gravois; Samantha Dufrene; Carol Broussard; Eddie & Marie Jouty; Melba & Charlie Catoire; CM "Sammy" Duplechain; Gerald Clement; Stephen Hotard; Anna Khuat T. Bam; Bobby, Linda, Jeffrey & Glen Feucht; Eddie Jouty, Jr.; Vernon & Mabel Clement; Jean Fuselier; Guy Clement; Fr. David Ducote; Living & Deceased Members of the Fisher & Melancon Families; Annebelle & Dowie Gendron; Mr. & Mrs. Julian Guidry; Gerald Chenier; Jay Michael Chenier; Living & Deceased Members of the Chenier Family; Living & Deceased Members of the DeBate Family; Warren "Smokey" Montz; JoAnne "Jody" Montz; Tim Montz; Melanie Millet; Glennan Powell; The Liz Millet Hebert Family; Lloyd Simoneaux; Melanie D. Brown; Selma Barbier; 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 & Robert Cazenave; Una Songy; Rita Cancienne; Sandra Clement; Kevin Oubre; Erica Liliedahl; Konstanz Morgenroth; Lily Galland; Jeanne Keller; Janey Guillot Farrel Weber, Jr. & Sr.; Toby Weber; Ray, Betty & Carolyn Ann Vice; Leonard & Beverly Sutton; Clair Christy Richard; Ronald Triche; Allan Reynaud; Therese` & Foster Cambre; Melanie Deslatte Brown; Herman, Jr. & Karen Deslatte; Herman, Sr. & Marie Deslatte: Pete Brown: Sarah Brown: Gloria Francis; Delores Wild; Larry Larouse; Michael Scallan; Chad Wambsgans; Sheila Cambeilh

Sun, October 19, 2025—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM: Marie Ory Dupont

10:00 AM: Maisie Abadie; David Dill, III; Jeanette Cashio; Marlene Bourgeois; Daniel Guidry; Sue LeBlanc; Jonathan Boucvalt; Eddie Jouty, Jr.; Marie Jouty; Etienne & Emma Feucht; Audrey Feucht Boe; Edward & Marie Sutton; Natalie Sutton; Paul Cimino; Sam Cimino; Elmer Cimino; Judy Cimino; Anthony Scorsone; Elma Scorsone; Norris "Butch" Millet; Sharon Fisse; Jay Ory; Nathaniel Massi; David Massi; Jeffrey Massi; Regist & Lillian Oubre Family; Kristi Massi Wilhite; Jamie Brady; Joan & Fred Daley; Dr. Billy St. Martin; Greer Adams Robichoux; Henry, Alice Mae, & Gil Maurin; Jonathan Perret; Barbara Guillot; Mary Catherine "Trinksie" Garon; Fr. Ray Hymel; Michael Scallan; Thomas Hymel; Jeanette Ferraro Hymel; Anna Duong; Joseph Trinh; Anna Vu; Peter Vu; Peter Tran; Francis Hung Trinh; All Souls; Living & Deceased Members of the Trinh & Tran Families; Westley & Vivian St. Pierre; Delores Wild; Norman Zeringue; Kirk Zeringue; Judy Perilloux; Jane Roussel; Glen McDonald; Angie Roussel; 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; Lynn Robichaux; Theresa Fisse; Leslie Madere; Craig Broussard; Danny Keen; Jeanne Keller

5:00 PM: Mass for the People

Candles will Burn week of October 13 to October 19 for:

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Jamie Brady

CONVENT LIGHT

Miriam Schultz Ferry

SACRED HEART CHAPEL

Tom Daley

Prayer of Gratitude

Dear Lord,

Every day is full of blessings from Your generous hands. Thank You for waking us this morning, filling our lungs with breath. Thank you for the ways You are healing our past, working in the present, and opening possibilities for the future.

Amen.



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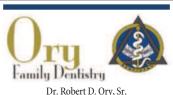
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