

# St. John of the Cross

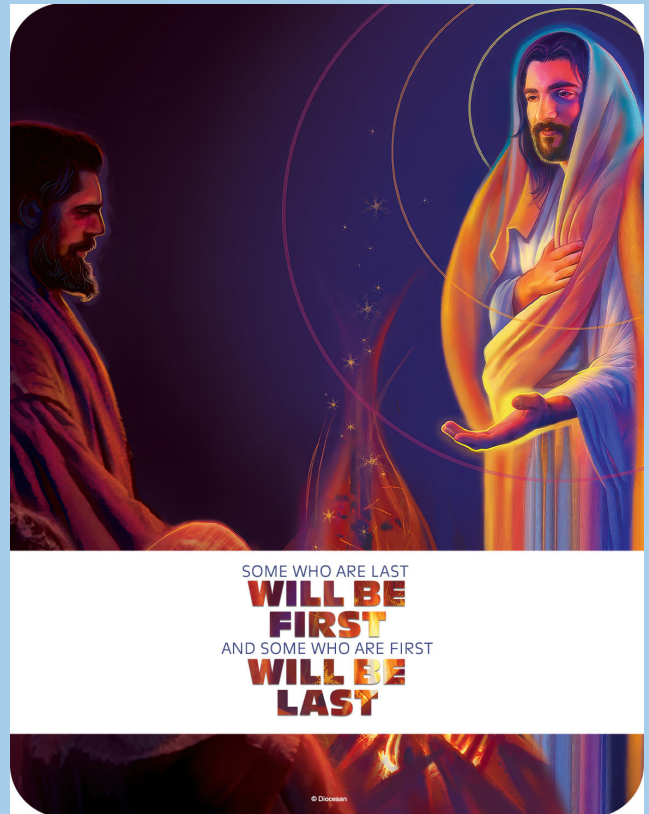
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A Parish of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Deanery X



August 24, 2025

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND DEVOTIONS

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

## WEEKDAYS

Monday, Communion Service 8:00 am  
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 am  
Wednesday 6:00 pm (Novena)

## Adoration Wednesdays

8:00 am to 6:00pm

## Holy Day of Obligation Masses

Vigil 5:00 pm and Holy Day 8am & 6pm

## NEW PARISHIONERS

The Pastor and people of St. John of the Cross welcome you. Please sign the red registration book if you are new to the parish. Those who are eighteen (18) years and older are to be registered in their own name. We ask all parishioners and visitors to register in order to help better serve you.

St. John of the Cross is totally dependent on the generosity of its parishioners for support. The use of envelopes, regardless of the amount of the contribution makes possible our parish activities and services. Support envelopes are mailed to your home upon request or sign-up for online giving on our website, [www.stjohnofthecrosslacombe.org](http://www.stjohnofthecrosslacombe.org)

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Both parents of children and Godparents are required to attend the Seminar. Please call the parish office to set up an appointment.

## CONFESSIONS

One half hour prior to all Masses and by appointment.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples should be attending mass regularly. Contact with the parish priest or deacon within 8 months of anticipated wedding date is mandatory.

## FUNERALS

Date, day and time must be agreed upon with the priest or deacon who will perform the ceremony before plans are finalized with the funeral director.

*Come Lord Jesus* Bible Study - Meet weekly exploring the message that God has for us in weekly readings; a true blessing! You can even start your own group. Contact Andy Norton at 788-2977, meets Thursdays at 7:00 pm; David Cook at 504-812-9630, meets Wednesdays at 9:00 am; Bonnie Cannon 707-8238, meets Thursdays at 9:15 am.

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

The Parish Office requires the information no later than noon, Friday, 8 days prior to the weekend when announcement is to appear. Holidays or other issues may require earlier deadlines.



Don't you love it when the underdog wins? When the Cardinals beat the Yankees for the championship or the Blues beat the Redwings, or the Rams beat anyone? Even when I watch a game with no St. Louis teams playing, I still like to root for the underdog. That is what I like about today's Gospel: **the last will be first and the first will be last.** Some say that Jesus was talking about the leaders of the Jews, the scribes and Pharisees. These refused to follow Jesus, while ordinary Jews who did not feel threatened by Jesus' teaching became disciples.

In a way, you can understand why the leaders rejected Jesus. They made a nice living out of the offerings made by ordinary Jews. And who could argue with them? They worked for God. How dare Jesus say that they would be cast out, while people from the rest of the world would enter the Kingdom of God!

And how about us? Remember that the Gospel was not written for non-believers. Are we threatened by Jesus' message? Just as the scribes and Pharisees considered themselves important in God's eyes because of their office, do we consider ourselves "saved" because we call ourselves Christians? Are we generous to the poor, or just to our friends? Do we follow our consciences or do we follow the crowd?

Entry into the Kingdom of God is not a fashion statement. We don't get there by looking good. We are invited by Jesus to be last on earth so we can be first in the Kingdom. Tom Schmidt



### Sanctuary Light Burns for Jim & Debbie Person 55th Wedding Anniversary



Mathews Family  
Sharon Zehner  
Simone Boell  
Jody Jensen  
Abbi Rohlinger  
Joy Elquezabal  
Rick Calderone  
Wilson Navarre

Carol Capella  
Lucas Taylor  
Mariellen and L.S.  
Boudreaux  
Lynn Wilkinson  
Roy Grant  
George Grant  
Alvin Roberts, Sr.  
JauDawn Navarre  
Tuy Nguen-Maria  
and Family  
Anita Paez Johns  
Nancye Dumestre

Carol Vicknair  
Emily Quatrevingt  
Brandy Moss  
Joshua Pinner  
Laura Lopez  
Addie Jensen  
Virginia Barthel  
Elliot Diodene  
Emily Koziol  
Isaiah Bradley Fowler  
Darrel Bruce Jr.  
Al Kurtz  
Tracy Morgan

Debbie Saladino  
Dorothy Troulliet  
Jeanette Herbez  
Pamela Bardin  
Carl Cosby  
Paula Powell  
Debbie Bolnar  
Beverly Bordelon  
David Duhon  
Elijah Baumbusch  
Mikayla Touchet  
Sophie Finch  
Carolyn Capella

*If you wish to have your name included, please call 882-3779. Names will remain on list for 6 weeks. You may also call the Church Office if you would like to receive Holy Communion.*

	Mass Intentions
<b>Saturday 5:00 pm</b>	August 23, 2025 Cary Eleser Family; United States of America; Katie Hattier; Dan Laurent; Mary Kinkaid; Boesch Family; Holy Souls in Purgatory; Claire Chabreck; Fr. Gil Martin; Laura Lopez
<b>Sunday 8:30 am</b>	August 24, 2025 Wayne Wortman; Holy Souls in Purgatory; Laura Lopez; Lu Pflueger
<b>10:30 am</b>	Our Parish Family
<b>Monday 8:00 am</b>	August 25, 2025 Communion Service
<b>Tuesday 8:00 am</b>	August 26, 2025 Kathleen Roux
<b>Wednesday 6:00 pm</b>	August 27, 2025 Marilyn Mouton
<b>Thursday 8:00 am</b>	August 28, 2025 Ward Blakeman
<b>Friday 8:00 am</b>	August 29, 2025 Danny Laurent
<b>Saturday 5:00 pm</b>	August 30, 2025 Our Parish Family
<b>Sunday 8:30 am</b>	August 31, 2025 Cary Eleser Family; Katie Hattier; Larry Mathews; Holy Souls in Purgatory; Fr. Gil Martin; Laura Lopez; Ted Mason
<b>10:30 am</b>	Joe Yochim; Joe Ford; Mary Kinkaid; Danny Laurent; Holy Souls in Purgatory; Lu Pflueger; Laura Lopez; Larry Matthew

	EMHC	Lectors
5:00 pm Aug 23	Paulette Laurent, Ester Smith, Keith & Karen Ross	Ester Smith
8:30 am Aug 24	Elton Aucoin, Sissy Templet, Tony & Charlene Jurich	Sue Gibbs
10:30 am Aug 24	Mike Bardin, Erin Songy, Gary Songy, Brian Yochim	Mike Maurin
5:00 pm Aug 30	Karen Gibbs, Richard Roberts, Cecil & Lori Vidrine	Lori Vidrine
8:30 am Aug 31	Mike Bardin, Angela Johnsen, Dave Stoeher, Andrew Norton	Andrew Norton
10:30 am Aug 31	Judi Camhout, Lynn Suprean, Butch & Mary O'Neal	Mary O'Neal

### Altar Society Cleaning Crew

The 3rd team will clean the Church  
at 8:30 a.m. on 8/28

### Parish Activities

Tuesdays 6pm—7 pm Line dancing  
Thursdays 6pm—7pm Exercise



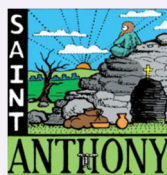
## Christian Giving



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Weekly Collections	August 9 & 10	\$	4,746.00
Online		\$	1,575.00
Total		\$	6,321.00
Weekly Goal		\$	7,000.00
<b>Ahead/ Behind</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>679.00</b>
Poor Box	August 9 & 10	\$	210.00
2nd Collection	Aug 9 & 10 Catholic Relief Services		836.00
Special Collection		\$	1,708.00
Loan Balance	August 7, 2025	\$	410,000.00

*Thank you for sharing your treasure, time,  
and talent generously with our  
community of faith.*



## Friends of St. Anthony

FOSA is starting to collect donations for the Thanksgiving food baskets. A food list of items is available in the grocery cart in the back of the church. Any food items on the list are greatly appreciated but major items needed are: 5 lb bags flour, 4 lb bags sugar, 48 oz cooking oil and boxes of instant potatoes. Thank you for your support.

Friends of St. Anthony uses money from the Poor Box to help parishioners of St. John of the Cross and others living in our boundaries who are in need.

Thank you for helping us feed those in need.

Anyone needing assistance should call the "Friends of St. Anthony" duty phone 328-1107.

Something to think about...

What must I do to grow in the discipline of being a good disciple of the Lord?  
What can strengthen my "drooping hands and weak knees" (Hebrews 12:12)

# illuminate 2025 NOLA

## CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 27, 2025  
9AM-5PM JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL

THIS ONE-DAY CONFERENCE IS A TIME FOR CELEBRATION, LEARNING, PRAYER, AND CHALLENGES IN A CONTEXT OF COMMUNITY FOR 7TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS.

CONTACT YOUR PARISH/SCHOOL GROUP LEADER TO REGISTER



Keynote  
Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR



Mass Celebrant  
Most Rev. Gregory M. Aymond



Emcee  
Fr. Jeffrey Merritt



Workshop Speaker  
Alanna Thibodeaux



Workshop Speaker  
Rhyan Ramirez



Music  
The Vigil Project

MASS CONFESSION



NEW ORLEANS

Catholic Youth Ministry

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ADORATION MORE



# FLOWER POWER PARTY



Lacombe Nursing Home

August 26th 1:30 p.m.

Music by Bobby Ohler

Food, Fellowship and Fun

**DRESS  
GROOVY**

Welcome to our newly baptized

*Allie Elizabeth Kutz-Reineke*

Daughter of

Eric Reineke and Tonya Hughes

We pray for you and your family.

*Mark Your Calendar*

Aug 26	1:30 pm Flower Power Party at Lacombe Nursing Home
Aug 27	6 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Aug 31	8 am KC Rosary each 5th Sunday before 8:30 Mass
Sep 1	Church Office Closed—Labor Day
Sep 3	7 pm Ladies Guild Meeting
Sep 7	After 8:30 Mass—Join the Ladies Guild in Community Center for coffee and donuts
Sep 17	7 pm Pastoral Council Meeting
Sep 20/21	Second Collection—Catholic Communications Campaign
Sep 24	6 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Oct 1	7 pm Ladies Guild Meeting
Oct 4/5	After each Mass vaccines available in Community Center
Oct 5	8:00 am –Noon KC Blood Drive in Community Center 4:00 pm St. Jude Bike-A-Thon
Oct 10	11:00 am KC Golf Tournament
Oct 11	12:00 pm Rosary in the Grotto America Needs Prayer Campaign
Oct 15	7 pm Pastoral Council Meeting
Oct 18/19	Second Collection World Mission
Oct 19	FAMILY DAY!!
Oct 22	6 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Oct 25/26	After all masses Ladies Guild Fall Bake Sale

**THANKS TO OUR BULLETIN  
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## CBIB - Compassionate Burials for Indigent Babies



is a 501c3 Charity that provides dignified Funerals/Burials for Families in need. One month CBIB had 7 babies who were labeled by the Hospital as "unclaimed and abandoned" for whatever reason.

Also, only one baby was named so we made sure that they all had names. Many of these babies were in the morgue for over a year. These are the "least of the brethren." Jesus said, "whatever you do for the least of these little ones you do for me."

CBIB believes that all human life is precious and sacred and deserves a proper and respectful burial. CBIB needs your support, thank you.

CBIB  
 P.O.Box 778  
 Lacombe, La. 70445



On August 8 Christian Suprean and his partners Enthroned Jesus in their Blessed Beyond Belief Healing Room.

Sign up today to have your home enthroned to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Contact David & Judy Cook at 504-812 9630 or 504-421-9829

*Anyone interested in joining the  
**St. John of the Cross  
 Singles Group,***

*please sign your name and phone number to the list in the blue folder at the back of church.*

*Go out to all the world  
 and tell the Good News.*

Psalm 117





**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**

**ALEX SEMEL COUNCIL #12989**

*St. John of the Cross, Lacombe, La*



## Help Your Knights Help Others

Every year your Knights Of Columbus organization helps hundreds of needy individuals and supports dozens of charitable organizations.



There are two ingredients that are needed to do this...

### MANPOWER & MONEY

If you are a male 17 and a half or older you can join the Knights and add to the **PLUS THOUSAND OF SERVICE HOURS** we perform every year.



Otherwise, you can assist us in our largest fundraiser (>50% of annual budget) of the year.....

**Our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament** on October 10<sup>th</sup> at Royal Golf Club in Slidell

Here are the ways you can assist:

- If you are a golfer, you can play. If you know a golfer, they can play. It's \$100/golfer with lots of food & prizes.
- Or you can become a sponsor and advertise with signage for your business, promote your favorite sports team or have an "In Memory Of" sign for a deceased loved one. Signage can include logos and/or photos.
- Or you can donate an unused gift card or anything of value that could be used as a prize or raffle item.

**Note:** Sponsorships are available for \$1000, \$500, \$250 and \$100. Speak with a Knight for details.

**If you would like to become a member or donate just speak to one of your Knights or call Mike Bardin @ (985) 373-4613**

**THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR ANY ASSISTANCE THAT YOU CAN PROVIDE!**

## How We Help Others

Our charitable works include annual events and sponsorship, such as:

- providing Christmas toys to needy kids,
- providing support to Lacombe public schools,
- hosting a party for the disabled residents of Magnolia School in Jefferson,
- distributing Thanksgiving baskets to needy families in the Lacombe area,
- sponsoring a drug/alcohol awareness poster contest for kids in the area,
- sponsoring a soccer challenge and free throw contest for area kids,
- providing support to veterans and military personnel in need,
- providing food to New Orleans Mission in Lacombe & Samaritan Center,
- prepare and serve pork sliders at Sammy Speer charity golf tournament to raise funds for the Carrie-On Scholarship Fund,
- providing financial support for youth leadership and the Catholic Youth Leadership Award program,
- providing support for the Special Olympics Bocce Ball event,
- provide funding to ECHO Community to help guide teens and young adults and
- providing funding to: Mary Perkins Cancer Center, Make A Wish Endowment, UP21 Foundation, One Way Love, Children's Hospital via the Italian American Fishing Rodeo, Tunnel to Towers Foundation, STARC, Samaritan Center food bank, Louisiana Lion's Camp for disabled kids and the list goes on.



Leon Messa, Daniel Guerra III, and John Coco are three of our youngest Knights. Congratulations to Leon who was recognized with a special award at the State Supreme Council. Congratulations to all three young men on your graduation.

If you are a Catholic man seeking to make a difference for yourself, your family, your community:

**Join us!** Please visit: <https://kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html> **Vivat Jesus!**