

# St. John of the Cross

61030 Brier Lake Drive Lacombe, LA 70445

A Parish of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Deanery X



September 7, 2025

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

"WHOEVER DOES NOT CARRY HIS  
OWN *cross* AND COME AFTER ME  
CANNOT BE *my disciple*."  
LK 14:27



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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.



Come and have an

## Encounter with Jesus

As we live out our calling to “love our neighbor” through the long reaching power of intercessory prayer.

Each first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.,  
(moved to Sept 8th due to Labor Day holiday) we pray our  
monthly

## Healing Rosary

before the Blessed Sacrament  
for all those in need of prayer.

**September 8th at 6:30 pm**

Please join us and experience the power of a Loving  
Eucharistic Community that prays together.

***All are welcome!***

*“It has often been my experience that I leave this time of prayer feeling my heart  
afire with the love of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.” —N.F.  
member of the Knights of Columbus.*

	EMHC	Lectors
5:00 pm Sep 6	Wanda Farbe, Linda Giaise, Charlotte Grant, Lynn Suprean	Wanda Farbe
8:30 am Sep 7	Ken Roberts, Sissy Templet, Cecil & Lori Vidrine	Lori Vidrine
10:30 am Sep 7	Amelia Jeanmarie, Andrew Norton, Julia Songy, Brian Yochim	Elijah Baumbusch
5:00 pm Sep 13	Judi Camhout, Paulette Laurent, Merlin & Diane Schwab	Jennifer Rabalais
8:30 am Sep 14	Elton Aucoin, Karen Gibbs, Tony & Charlene Jurich	Dale Chimento
10:30 am Sep 14	Mike Bardin, Angela Johnsen, Gary Songy, Dave Stoehr	Kathy Mikovich

## Altar Society Cleaning Crew

The 1st team will clean the Church  
at 8:30 a.m. on 9/11

## Parish Activities

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



## Sanctuary Light Burns in Loving Memory of Ricky Mathews



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

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

Paula Powell

Debbie Bolnar

Beverly Bordelon

David Duhon

Elijah Baumbusch

Mikayla Touchet

Sophie Finch

Carolyn Capella

Angelina Armato

Ronald Grice and

Family

Travis Meyers

*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>	<i>Sep 6, 2025</i> Cary Eleser Family; Michael Wagner; VonBehren & Suprean Families; Danny Laurent; Mary Kinkaid; Holy Souls in Purgatory; Patricia Fouts; Laura Lopez; Angelle Raphael; Ted Mason
<b>Sunday 8:30 am</b>	<i>Sep 7, 2025</i> Our Parish Family
<b>10:30 am</b>	James Lonadier; Katie Hattier; Gayle Faulk; Jeanette Herbez; Dorothy Troulliet; Mary Cousin; Derick & Jennifer Burgess; Holy Souls in Purgatory; Lu Pflueger; Ricky Mathews; Carl Cosby, Sr.
<b>Monday 8:00 am</b>	<i>Sep 8, 2025</i> Communion Service
<b>Tuesday 8:00 am</b>	<i>Sep 9, 2025</i> Claude Landeche
<b>Wednesday 6:00 pm</b>	<i>Sep 10, 2025</i> Communion Service
<b>Thursday 8:00 am</b>	<i>Sep 11, 2025</i> Communion Service
<b>Friday 8:00 am</b>	<i>Sep 12, 2025</i> Communion Service
<b>Saturday 5:00 pm</b>	<i>Sep 13, 2025</i> Cary Eleser Family; Katie Hattier; Danny Laurent; Eric Kurtz; Mary Kinkaid; Billy Lex; Holy Souls in Purgatory; Herb Powell; Calvin Couvillier; Dary Lonadier
<b>Sunday 8:30 am</b>	<i>Sep 14, 2025</i> Joe Ford; Wilson Navarre III; Holy Souls in Purgatory; Laura Lopez; David & Cindy Tardo; Lu Pflueger; Fr. Gil Martin; Brent & Katie Wall; Ted Mason; Dora Berns
<b>10:30 am</b>	Our Parish Family

## Christian Giving



Weekly Collections	August 23 & 24	\$	3,968.00
Online		\$	910.00
Total		\$	4,878.00
Weekly Goal		\$	7,000.00
<b>Ahead/ Behind</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>2,122.00</b>
Poor Box	August 16 & 17	\$	544.00
Special Collection /Other Income		\$	98.00
Loan Balance	August 7, 2025	\$	410,000.00

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

*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.*

## CYO KICKOFF PARTY

*come & see what CYO is all about*

**WHO CAN ATTEND:** TEENS IN GRADES 7-12

**WHEN:** WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

**WHERE:** ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS,  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING KITCHEN & YOUTH ROOM

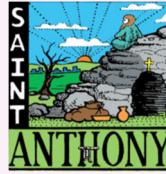
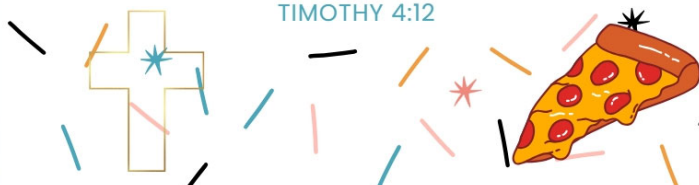
**TIME:** 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

**WHAT TO EXPECT:** PIZZA, FUN & FELLOWSHIP

*we cannot wait to see you there!*

**QUESTIONS:** AMELIA.BENFATTI@GMAIL.COM

"DON'T LET ANYONE LOOK DOWN ON YOU BECAUSE YOU  
ARE YOUNG, BUT SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE BELIEVERS IN  
SPEECH, IN CONDUCT, IN LOVE, IN FAITH AND IN PURITY." 1  
TIMOTHY 4:12



## 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.



**ASC**  
ARCHDIOCESAN  
SPIRITUALITY CENTER

### Ignatian Imaginative Prayer

Do you ever feel like you want to enrich your prayer life? Would you like to revitalize your time spent with Jesus? St. Ignatius of Loyola found that by engaging his imagination in prayer, he could experience a deeper, more personal encounter with God. God gifted us with an imagination and using it in prayer can help make Scripture come alive. Join me to learn more about this exciting way to pray and to practice the gift of Ignatian contemplation.

**Date:** October 25

**Time:** 9am-Noon

**Location:** Archdiocese Spirituality Center,  
1007 Airline Park Blvd, Metairie, LA 70003

**Cost:** \$35

**Register here:**

<https://nolacatholic.org/ignatian-imaginative-prayer>

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### Archdiocesan Spirituality Center Gala

The Annual Archdiocesan Spirituality Center Gala will honor Sister Dorothy Trosclair, O.P. this year. Affectionally known as Sr. Dot, she will be retiring at the end of August after fifteen years of transformational leadership as Executive Director of ASC. This past April, Sr. Dot celebrated fifty years of dedicated service to the Church and her Dominican community.

On Saturday, October 4, 2025, we will have an opportunity to personally thank Sr. Dot during the Gala for her visionary leadership, untiring dedication and prayer witness. Please join as we celebrate her amazing legacy.

**Get tickets here:**

<https://nolacatholic.org/gala>



<b>Mark Your Calendar</b>	
Sep 8	6:30 pm Healing Rosary with Knights of Columbus (First Monday, moved for Labor Day Holiday)
<b>Sep 10-12</b>	<b>Communion Services only, due to Priest Convocation</b>
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 <b>After 10:30 Mass—Donuts and fellowship outside Church</b> 4:00 pm St. Jude Bike-A-Thon
Oct 6	6:30 pm Healing Rosary with Knights of Columbus (First Monday)
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
<b>Nov 3</b>	<b>6:30 pm Healing Rosary with Knights of Columbus (First Monday)</b>
<b>Nov 5</b>	<b>7 pm Ladies Guild Meeting</b>
<b>Nov 19</b>	<b>7 pm Pastoral Council Meeting</b>
<b>Nov 30</b>	<b>8:00 am Healing Rosary with K of C (5th Sunday)</b>

**THANKS TO OUR BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**



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September 2025

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

It is our archdiocesan tradition to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation, better known as confession, on a weekday evening in September near the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. I am pleased to inform you that many people in the Archdiocese of New Orleans have taken advantage of this opportunity.

This year confessions will be available in all Catholic churches on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM. Please consider inviting the healing Christ into your heart with his promise of mercy.

*Pope Leo XIV's Apostolic Blessing "Urbi et Orbi," May 8, 2025, he reminds us - "God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail!"*

Please consider having your family come to church together for Confession on Wednesday, September 17.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond  
Archbishop of New Orleans

GMA/mk

*Condolences to the Family of*

*Dora Berns*

8/23/1948—8/12/2025

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.  
May she rest in peace. Amen.*

*May almighty God bless us with his peace and strength, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

Something to think about...

How do I feel challenged by Jesus' demands of discipleship?



## St. John of the Cross CYO will attend

Who? All 7th – 12th graders from across the Archdiocese of New Orleans are invited

What? Our 38th Archdiocesan Youth Conference! There will be inspirational speakers, workshops to deepen our faith and learn more about how to live it out in our everyday lives, the celebration of the Mass with Archbishop Gregory Aymond, the sacrament of Reconciliation, a time of Eucharistic Adoration, praise & worship music, prayer opportunities, exhibitors and more!

Why? To grow in faith, encounter Jesus, and have fun with young people from across the greater New Orleans area in celebrating the young Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Where? Jesuit High School, 4133 Banks St. New Orleans, LA 70119

When? Saturday, September 27, 2025

How? Complete the forms in the back of church or in the church office and turn them into the church office no later than September 12 at 12:00 PM with payment.

Cost: \$45 per student (please contact Amelia if finances are a problem)

Once signups are over, there will be more information about transportation, times, etc.

Questions: contact Amelia Jeanmarie at [amelia.benfatti@gmail.com](mailto:amelia.benfatti@gmail.com)

## Congratulations to our newest 4th degree Knights

SK Mario Lopreore and SK Jim Burris



*Condolences to the Family of*

*Carl Cosby*

9/7/1946—8/20/2025

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