

Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

September 17, 2017



Weekly Offerings

September 10, 2017:\$2,755.00
Second Collection (Hurricane Harvey):\$1,706.00



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00 AM Gerald Duplantis, Judy Guhman (Living)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:00 AM Frances Hunter

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

No Mass

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

5:30 PM Rosary (Chapel)

6:00 PM Evelyn & Norris Boudreaux

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:00 AM Lou DeBautte

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

5:00 PM People of St. John

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:30 AM

Beauvans Savoie, Audrey & Murry Uzee, Bobby Hogan

10:30 AM

Evelyn & Norris Boudreaux, Hector E. Hock, Sr., Becky Flanagan, P. J. Hock, Patricia Hock, Catherine Hock, Kerry Rivet, Huey Rivet, Gerald Duplantis, Judy Guhman (Living)

Why should we forgive those who hurt us? The gospel this Sunday gives three reasons: First, because Jesus commands it. Second, because forgiveness is part of loving one another. And third, because we want to be forgiven for our sins.

Obviously, Jesus expects us to forgive one another. Here he commands us to forgive unceasingly, without limit. Now that could be a challenge for even the most patient person. So does forgiveness exclude tough love? Does it mean we have to let someone hurt us over and over? No, it is possible to forgive someone and also prevent them from hurting us, if we do it with love (the second reason.) For instance, we might forgive an alcoholic family member, but still insist that they get help. We can forgive a son or daughter who breaks the law, but still let them face the consequences so they learn from their mistake. We may forgive a friend who borrows money without repaying it, but still refer them to a credit counselor, instead of lending them more money. Since forgiveness is part of love, it is also part of tough love.

That leads to the third reason: We forgive because we want to be forgiven. Or more accurately, we forgive because we have been forgiven. Jesus has already died for our sins. His resurrection shows us that the Father accepted the sacrifice of his Son Jesus for our sins. If we truly believe that Jesus is risen and that we will rise to eternal life with him in spite of our sins, how can we refuse to forgive someone who hurts us? When we promise to take up our cross each day to follow Jesus, we must remember why Jesus took up his cross and realize that we have to forgive as he does. That is why the cross is such a powerful symbol. It challenges us to accept suffering for Jesus' sake. It reminds us that sometimes our cross is simply forgiving someone rather than hurting them back or hating them. If Jesus gave his life to forgive us, how willing are we to spread that forgiveness around? Tom Schmidt, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

Sanctuary Lamp

Week of:

September 17th—September 23rd

In memory of:

Kerry Rivet, Huey Rivet, Roy Landry, Bobby Hogan



PRAYER DURING
HURRICANE SEASON

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, may we be spared from the loss of life and property during this hurricane season.



Pray for the Sick

Ian Alexander, Lisa Barlow, Carol Bourgeois, Murphy Cortez, Mary Duhe, Priscilla Dufrene, Judy Guhman, Earline King, Deanie Landry, Albert Laque, Ella Lirette, Garrett Lirette, Merrill Matherne, Albert Melancon, Brenda Naquin, Carl Sampey, Grant White



Prayers for the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office if someone is in need of prayer. Names will remain on the list for six weeks unless the office is notified. A request must be made by calling the church office. This request must be made by the individual or an immediate family member.

With humble hearts, St. John the Baptist joyfully proclaims the mercy of God.

**September 17th
Second Collection**

Today, our second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Fifty percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

**September 17th
Baptismal Seminar**

A baptismal seminar will be held on Sunday, September 17th at St. Anthony of Padua, Luling at 2:00 p.m. in the C.A. Building. This seminar is for first time parents and godparents.

**September 20th
Second Harvest Food Bank**

The St. John's Ministry of Care in connection with Second Harvest will be distributing food for the needy at the St. John the Baptist Church on Hwy. 90 in Paradis on Wednesday, September 20th at 8:00 a.m. on a first come first serve basis. You must be preapproved. For those who have not signed up, you may register at the St. John the Baptist Church on Hwy. 90 in Paradis on September 20th at 8:00 a.m. This registration will entitle you to receive food the same day.

Family Day



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Please join us for a great meal and fellowship with family and friends. Takeout dinners will be ready for pick up at 11:30 a.m. Dine in lunches will be served beginning at 12:00 noon.

MENU

Baked Chicken or Pork Loin with rice dressing, green peas, potato salad and bread for \$10.00 each.

Desserts and drinks will be available for purchase.

**WINNING TICKETS FOR-
RAFFLE PRIZES** will be pulled between 1:30-2:00 p.m.

*Please help support
St. John's Major Fundraiser.*

Attention Parishioners

Due to our Family Day on September 17th, we will not have the Fund Raiser Lunches or the Senior Lunch/Bingo for the month of September.

School of Religion

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Class Times

Elementary—5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
High School—6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

CCD Schedule

September 18th—Class
September 24th—Teacher
Commissioning 10:30 a.m. mass
September 25th—Class
October 2nd—Class
October 9th—**Holiday-Fall Break**
October 16th—Class—
Safe Environment Class
October 23rd—Class
October 30th—Class

Upcoming October Events:

October 1st

Fund Raiser Lunch on Sunday, October 1st after the 10:30 a.m. mass in the Parish Hall.

**October 5th
Fr. David Caron
Evangelization**

All are invited to attend on Thursday, October 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Fr. David Caron will speak to the parish regarding Evangelization. All who participate in our parish organizations and ministries are encouraged to attend.

Ministry Schedule—September 23rd & 24th, 2017

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5:00 PM	Carolyn Carte	Debra Frickey, Kent Frickey	Tammy Chiasson VOLUNTEER	Mary Picou
Sunday 8:30 AM	Darlene Landeche	Karen Boyer, BRENDA NAQUIN	Mary Sandolph VOLUNTEER	Nicky Bourgeois
Sunday 10:30 AM	Charles Boudreaux	Robin Ledet, Danny Ledet, Sharon Matherne	Kassidy & Jonathan Dunn	Emily, Noah, Madeline & Sam Blanchard