

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 24, 2017**



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:00 AM Evelyn & Norris Boudreaux

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:00 AM Lou DeBautte

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

No Mass

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

5:30 PM Rosary (Chapel)

6:00 PM Judy Guhman (Living)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:00 AM Gerald Duplantis, Herman Kelone, Sr.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

5:00 PM

Addis Meacham, Jr., Addis Meacham, Sr., Doris, Roy & Dwayne Comardelle, Joshua Bychurch, Dorothy Laque, Johnny Champagne, Sr., Roy Estay, Ray Montet

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:30 AM People of St. John

10:30 AM

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

Sanctuary Lamp

Week of:

September 24th—September 30th

In memory of:

Beuvans Savoie



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



Weekly Offerings

September 17, 2017:\$2,011.50

Second Collection:\$320.00

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Management Unfair**

Notice any difference between the attitude of Paul in the second reading and that of the workers in the Matthew's Gospel? The workers grumble because the latecomers got the same pay as those who worked all day. Paul has worked for the Lord for years, yet he thinks it is better to keep working than to claim his reward of eternal life. The workers grumbled because the landowner gave the same wages to the ones who only worked for an hour. (You can imagine the picket signs: Vinedressers Local on Strike: Management Unfair!) Sometimes we see this parable as an explanation for why sinners who repent on their deathbed can get to heaven. But Matthew was more likely referring to the Jews who had served God for centuries and now see newcomer Gentiles claiming equality in the church. They were complaining about God's generosity in reaching out to all peoples, not just the chosen few. God's generosity is the real point. Those who realize how blessed they are in being called to do God's work have no problem sharing that blessing with others. When we see how much God loves us, we naturally want to respond with love and service of our own. That is what the grumblers, both in the parable and in Matthew's church, were missing.

Contrast that with Paul, who loves the Philippians so much that he is willing to put off his heavenly reward if he can help any more people come to Christ. Paul is more interested in their welfare than in his own reward. That is the attitude that Jesus hopes for in all his disciples. We can love him so much that we can't help but share that love with those around us. We can be so grateful for what he has done for us that we will suffer anything with joy. We can care more about bringing Jesus to others than we do about our own comfort or even our lives. We can do this because we know the Lord's ways are not fair --they are more generous than we can imagine!

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**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.



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.

Upcoming October Events

October 1st Fund Raiser Lunch

The Fund Raiser Lunch will be held on Sunday, October 1st after the 10:30 a.m. mass in the Parish Hall. Donation for the lunches will be \$5.00 each.

Lunch Menu

Jambalaya, Corn, Salad

The lunches are to help raise funds that are needed for special projects (such as the church roof) for the parish. Please join us for a meal and help St. John the Baptist Church Parish.

October 3rd Parish Council Meeting

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All members are encouraged to attend the meeting.

October 5th Very Rev. 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.

Council of Catholic Women Meeting

The meeting has been moved to Thursday, **October 12th** at 6:30 p.m.

in the Parish Hall.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

From an early age, we tend to distort the concept of "fairness". "I am good. I deserve good things. I am not receiving good things. Something must be wrong. Who's going to fix it?" Jesus knew this expression when he offered his parable in today's Gospel reading. Christian stewards acknowledge, with humility, that they receive good things from the Lord in abundance; even if these gifts are not the ones they think they need when they need them. Consider which servants you identify with most in the Gospel reading, the ones who demand "fairness", or that final servant who, seemingly, deserves the least.



First Friday Devotion

First Friday Devotion will be held on **October 6th** in the **Chapel** with Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament, Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Divine Mercy.

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 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

CCD Teachers & Helpers Safe Environment Training

St. Anthony of Padua Church, Luling will hold an Safe Environment Training on Thursday, **September 28th at 7:15 p.m.** in the Community Activities Building.

Every 3 years the Archdiocese requires everyone who is in contact with the youth of our parish attend a Safe Environment training class. You do not have to pre-register.

Ministry Schedule—September 30th & October 1st, 2017

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5:00 PM	Nicky Bourgeois	Betty Meacham, Mona Poche	Jean Boudreaux VOLUNTEER	Julia DuRousseau
Sunday 8:30 AM	Brad Landeche	Robin Ledet, Danny Ledet	Kevin & Darlene Landeche	Robin & Danny Ledet
Sunday 10:30 AM	Emily Blanchard	Celeste Chiasson DARRELL CHIASSON Carl Simoneaux	Jacob & Rick Hogan	Conrad Alleman Claire Dufrene