

Thirty-Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
November 19, 2017



**Mass Intentions**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

8:00 AM Shelby Harrell

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

8:00 AM Lou DeBautte

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

NO MASS

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 THANKSGIVING DAY MASS**

9:00 AM Herman Kelone, Sr., Kent Matherne,  
Alvin Dufrene, Sr.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

8:00 AM Evelyn & Norris Boudreaux,  
Judy & George Guhman (Living)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

5:00 PM

Jessie Dunn, Sr., Keith Dunn, Carrol Dempster, Addis Meacham, Jr., Addis Meacham, Sr., Doris, Roy & Dwayne Comardelle, Joshua Bychurch, Dorothy Laque, Roy Landry, Ivy, Dennis & Kevin Detillier, Darish Dasch, Ray Montet, Murphy Candies, Jr., Mittie Cortez

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

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, Kerry Rivet, Huey Rivet, Willie C. Cancienne, Elsie Danos, Shelby Harrell, Murphy Candies, Jr., Mittie Cortez, George & Judy Guham (Living)

**Sanctuary Lamp**

**Week of: November 19th—November 25th**

**In memory of: Kerry Rivet, Huey Rivet, Roy Landry, Herman Kelone, Sr., Hazel, Rudolph & David Melancon, Jaime, Jeanine & Dalmain Price**

**Pray for the Sick**

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



**Weekly Offerings**

November 12, 2017: .....\$2,280.50

**Thanksgiving Day Mass**

The Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held on Thursday, November 23rd at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to celebrate this holiday by attending and giving thanks to God for His many blessings. The collection will be for the poor.

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Use It or Lose It**

When I hear the Gospel reading for this Sunday, I wonder what that third servant was doing all that time, after he buried the talent he was given. Probably nothing. What strikes me is that the word for money in this reading is "talent," which in our language is an ability or skill. So maybe this parable can remind us to use our abilities and not let them go to waste.

It is sad to see someone who is not very good at his job just because he never developed his inborn talents. But if you know what gifts or abilities God gave you, you can develop them to be much more than you expected. A person might be strong and fast, but if she exercises and practices, she could be a great athlete. The same with a spiritual gift. Just having one doesn't make you a saint. So how do you know what gifts you have?

First, ask God in your prayers to show you what gifts you have been given. Find a spiritual director, or even your parish priest, and talk about your life, your strengths and weaknesses. Read about saints and how they used their gifts to serve the Lord. Read the scriptures, especially the Acts of the Apostles or the Letters of Paul (e.g., 1 Corinthians 12:1-11). Listen humbly to friends or loved ones who can tell you what strengths they see in you.

Second, look for ways to use your gifts. Check the parish bulletin or website or your diocesan newspaper for activities and organizations that you could take part in. Hospitals, schools, shelters, and nursing homes frequently offer opportunities for volunteers. If one kind of service seems attractive to you, that could be God's way of telling you to try it. On the other hand, a job that seems very challenging could be what you need to stretch your spiritual muscles. Or you may see a need for some service that you can get started in the parish or community. Just remember that you are called to service by your baptism and confirmation. Don't bury that calling by procrastinating or being afraid to try. Remember the "useless servant" with the one talent who was fearful and lazy (Matthew 25:25-26). At least he can remind us to use it or lose it.

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**Remember Our Dead**

Please pray: That all the faithful departed whom we remember this month may rejoice in the presence of God, we pray to the Lord.

**Memorial of the Dead**

In remembrance of your loved ones during the month of November, please enter the names of your loved ones into the binder of the Memorial of the Dead.

**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.



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

### Thanksgiving Baskets

St. John's Ministry of Care is collecting non-perishable food items for Thanksgiving baskets to be distributed to the needy in our community. The items will be collected **through November 19th**. Your donations can be placed in the box in church or brought by the children to the Monday night religion classes. A list of items needed will be available on the table at the entrance of the church. For more information, please contact Karen Boyer at 758-2284 or Betty Meacham at 758-3285.

### Music Practice

Music Practice with Mark Savoie will be held every Monday at 6:00 p.m. to prepare for the Christmas Vigil Mass. All are invited to attend.

### Mass Intentions Book

The Mass Intentions Book is open for **2018**. All mass intentions will be accepted on a Mass Intention Form. These forms are available this weekend on the table. You may place the form with your stipend into the collection basket or mail to the parish office.

### Ministry Schedule—Thanksgiving Day Mass November 23rd at 9:00 a.m.

Lector: Carolyn Carte  
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Picou, Janice Dufrene  
Usher: Mary Sandolph & Volunteer  
Altar Server: Nicky Bourgeois

### November 19th Second Collection

Please be generous in this weekend second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

### November 19th Baptismal Seminar St. John the Baptist

A baptismal seminar will be held on Sunday, November 19th following the 10:30 a.m. mass in the Parish Hall. This seminar is for first time parents and godparents.

### School of Religion

Mrs. Darlene Landeche-758-1593  
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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

November 20th—**Thanksgiving Holiday**  
November 27th—Class  
December 4th—Class and Reconciliation for students  
December 11th—Class and Reconciliation for students  
December 18th—Class, Practice for Play and Christmas Celebration  
December 25th—**Christmas Holiday**  
January 1st—**New Year Holiday**

HAVE A HAPPY THANGKGIVING



Parish Office will be closed on November 23rd & 24th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holidays.

## Ministry Schedule—November 25th & 26th, 2017

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5:00 PM	Charles Boudreaux	Betty Meacham, Sharon Matherne	Jean Boudreaux <b>Volunteer</b>	Julia DuRousseau
Sunday 8:30 AM	Darlene Landeche	<b>ROBIN LEDET</b> , Danny Ledet	Kevin & Darlene Landeche	Robin & Danny Ledet
Sunday 10:30 AM	Jenelle Harrell	Angela Speyrer & Volunteers	Karen Wedge <b>Volunteer</b>	Conrad Alleman <b>Volunteers</b>