



Anyone of you who does not renounce all your possessions cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:33

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m., Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday & Fridays 8:00 a.m., Thursdays 6pm (Chapel)

Confessions

Saturday 4:15 p.m. or by appointment

Baptism

First Sunday of the Month. Baptismal seminar is required for first time Parents and Godparents.

Marriage

Contact Pastor at least eight (8) months before making arrangements.

Visitation of the Sick

Please notify the parish office when a family member is ill at home or in the hospital.

Funeral Arrangements

Please notify the parish office as soon as possible when someone in the family passes away, preferably before contacting the funeral home.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Twenty-Third Sunday
of Ordinary Time

September 8, 2019



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:00 AM Alvin Dufrene, Sr., Judy Guhman (Living)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:00 AM Evelyn & Norris Boudreaux

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

No Mass

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

6:00 PM Judy Guhman (Living)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:00 AM Frances Hunter

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

5:00 PM

Albert & Dorothy Laque, Scott Matherne, Janet Weber, Addis Meacham, Jr. Addis Meacham, Sr., Doris, Roy & Dwayne Comardelle, Murphy Candies, Jr., Murphy & Mittie Cortez, Mindy Becnel Gordon

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:00 AM People of St. John

10:00 AM

Evelyn & Norris Boudreaux, Hector E. Hock, Sr., Becky Flanagan, P. J. Hock, Patricia Hock, Catherine Hock, Henry Tauzin, Kerry & Huey Rivet, Una, Ulysse & Paul Breaux, August & Pearl Verda, Janet Weber, Roy Landry, Judy Guhman (Living)

Sanctuary Lamp

Week of: Sept. 8th—Sept. 14th

In memory of:



*Scott Matherne, Kerry & Huet Rivet,
Addis Meacham, Jr., Addis Meacham, Sr.,
Doris, Roy & Dwayne Comardelle,
Jaime, Dalmain, Teddy & Jeanine Price, Hazel,
Rudolph & David Melancon, Alvin Dufrene, Sr.*

Pray for the Sick

Ian Alexander, Beverly Boudreaux, Carol Bourgeois, Anna Dufrene, Earl Dufrene, Jr., Janice Gourgues, Judy Guhman, Shannon Guidry, Sandra Guiedry, Chris Kirkpatrick, Ella Lirette, Garrett Lirette, Gerner Matherne, Merrill Matherne, Albert Melancon, Brenda Naquin, Lisa Richoux, Nicole Veillon, Grant White



Weekly Offerings

September 1, 2019: \$2,108.00

September 11th

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions will be available in all Catholic churches in the Archdiocese of New Orleans on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to invite the healing of Christ into your heart with his promise of mercy.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Free to Love

St. Paul must have understood today's Gospel very well. Like Jesus, he knew what being a disciple would cost. It landed him in prison. Also like Jesus, he is not afraid to ask others to take that discipleship seriously. And he is not ashamed to ask a favor: Would Philemon accept his runaway slave, Onesimus, back into his home? Not just as a slave, but as a member of his family.

In the Gospel, Jesus talks about the cost of discipleship. Paul takes that a step further--he reminds us to accept that cost freely. He could have ordered his friend to free the slave. Instead of giving an order, he called Philemon to respond to his request freely. Perhaps we can learn from that example. Like Paul, when Jesus commands us to love one another, he leaves us free to accept that challenge. Remember, he always says, "Love one another, as I have loved you" (John 13:34). Jesus was never compelled to cure anyone or forgive their sins. Yet how often do we go to church because we were told we have to? Do we volunteer for the picnic only because the pastor twists our arm?

We can live life just doing what we have to. Or when Jesus offers us a new motive--love for God because God loves us--we can choose to follow him freely. Let us ask the Spirit to fill us with the freedom to love.

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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.



Scripture Readings Summary for September 15, 2019

First Reading—EX 32:7-11, 13-14

On the mountaintop God reveals to Moses his intention to let his wrath blaze up and consume the people below for their idolatry. Moses intercedes for them, and God relents!

Second Reading—1 TM 1:12-17

Paul celebrates and praises the generosity of God's mercy and grace to him, the "foremost" of sinners.

Gospel—LK 15:1-32

The three "lost" parables underscore the unfathomable love that God has for us—sinful and underserving as we are.

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

**Second Collection
September 15th**

Next week, our special collection is for the **Catholic Communication Campaign**. This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Fully 50% of funds collected remain here in the Archdiocese of New Orleans to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

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 18th** at 8:00 a.m. on a first come first serve basis.



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8, 2019
Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness
all our days.
-- Psalm 90:14

**Family Day
September 22, 2019
Raffle Tickets—**

Please pickup your Raffle Tickets on the table at the entrance of the church.

We are asking everyone to participate in our **major fund raiser** by selling the raffle tickets. There are **35** wonderful prizes that can be won.

When you are finished selling the tickets you may place the tickets into the basket on the table or return them to the parish office.

All donated raffle prizes need to be turned in the parish office before **September 22nd**.

Volunteers are needed

Please sign up on the Volunteer Sheet for the area you are available to help for Family Day. You may sign up to help in the kitchen, cooking, cleaning, drinks and sweet booth. Sign up sheets can be found on the table. High School students in need of service hours are encouraged to sign up to participate.

Family Day Dinners

In the past a few parishioners have made monetary donations to cover the cost of the Family Day Dinners. However due to increased cost and lower donations we are in need of more monetary assistance.

The estimated cost is about \$2,000. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please place your donation in an envelope marked "**Family Day Dinners**". Donations can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the Parish Office. Please make checks payable to St. John the Baptist Church.

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 8th—Teacher
Commissioning 10:00 a.m. mass
September 9th—Class
September 16th—Class/
Pizza & Paint Night 6:30 p.m.
September 23rd—Class
September 30th—Class

**4th Grade Teacher—
Needed**

The School of Religion is in need of a teacher for the **4th grade** for the 2019-2020 school session. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Danielle Babin at 504-442-2717**.

Ministry Schedule—September 14th & 15th, 2019

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5:00 PM	Darlene Landeche	Betty Meacham, Patsy Doucet	Caitlyn Boudreaux Adult Volunteer	Julia DuRousseau
Sunday 10:00 AM	Nicky Bourgeois	ROBIN LEDET , Danny Ledet, Volunteer	Kassidy & Jonathan Dunn	Macy & Avery Oertling Cecile Ojeda

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