

LUKE 16:13

No servant
can serve two masters.

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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-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 22, 2019



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:00 AM Judy Guhman (Living)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00 AM Msgr. Raymond Bane

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

No Mass

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

6:00 PM Roy Landry

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

5:00 PM

Albert & Dorothy Laque, Jessie Dunn, Sr., Keith Dunn, Kent J. Matherne, Janet Weber, Murphy Candies, Jr., Murphy & Mittie Cortez, Teylor Ray

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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, Kerry & Huey Rivet, Edmond Comardelle, Janet Weber, Roy Landry, Judy Guhman (Living)

Sanctuary Lamp

Week of: Sept. 22nd—Sept. 28th



In memory of:
Beuvans Savoie

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, Lillian Breaux, 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 15, 2019:\$2,864.00
Second Collection:\$283.00

Family Day: September 22, 2019

The Mission of the Family: Love is Possible!

The family is the place where human life *really* happens, and for this reason, it is the most influential factor in every aspect of human development. In comparison to life at home, everything else is just a show; everything else involves only a fraction of who we really are. So, in a world where broken marriages, split families, division, and isolation have become the norm, the need for families to cultivate and then provide witness to the reality of love within the walls of their homes has become more vital than ever.

Only in the context of the mess of a real family can we come to understand whether love is actually possible and whether a relationship with God actually makes a difference. Sermons and isolated experiences of faith and community can only go so far without an experience of how it all works at home.

Families must be challenged and given guidance for maturing in their unity with one another and in their understanding of God as present and active in the concrete details of their lives at home. Then, they must be called to witness this reality to their parish community through their presence at Mass and other gatherings, to those who do not know what intact family life feels like through inviting them into their homes for meals and celebrations, and to their community through their involvement in it.

In a world where love is so desired yet so misunderstood, the witness and experience of families, especially families who are connected to the Heart of Christ, is needed more than any program, strategy, or development.

Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Marriage and Family Life 2019

Scripture Readings Summary for September 29, 2019

First Reading—AM 6:1, 4-7

The prophet here denounces private luxury—that is, self-indulgent excess—which has no concern for “the collapse of Joseph”.

Second Reading—1 TM 6:11-16

Timothy is set apart for the pursuit of virtue and for the propagation and defense of the Faith.

Gospel—LK 16:19-31

In the well-known parable of Lazarus and the rich man, Jesus asserts that the wealthy who are indifferent to the poor in this life will be “in torment” in the hereafter, while the poor whom they ignored will be consoled.

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

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Clever Crook

The parable in today's the Gospel has a crooked steward who is commended by his master for being prudent, or clever, trying to protect himself. Jesus wanted us to be just as clever in serving the Lord. Let's look at the first two readings and how they challenge us to do more.

The reading from Amos talks about those "who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor" (Amos 8:4). The challenge here is to ask yourself, "What do I do for the poor?" Most parishes have organizations to help the needy and are happy to get volunteers. Do you ever think of praying for the poor?

Speaking of prayer, our second reading also challenges us to do more. Paul recommends prayers for "kings and for all in authority" (1 Timothy 2:2). It's easy to pray for friends and family; how much time do we give to prayers for government leaders and executives? Paul reminds us that God wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4), sinners as well as saints, terrorists and embezzlers, atheists and agnostics. I'll bet you don't spend much time praying for the "bad guys."

Yet Jesus said, "Love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you" (Matthew 5:44). I can't say I've ever heard anyone say that was their favorite Bible passage. But if Jesus expects more from those who love him, who are we to let him down?

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**Family Day
September 22, 2019**

Please join us for a great meal and fellowship with family and friends.

Family Day Dinners will be served beginning at 11:00 a.m. You may dine in or take out.

MENU: Baked Chicken or Pork Loin with rice dressing, peas or corn, potato salad and bread for a donation of \$10.00 each. Desserts and drinks will be available for purchase.

Children Outside Activities

11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Inflatable Bounce House
DJ & TV for Saints Game
Hot Dogs, chili, cheese and nachos will be available for \$2.00 each.

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

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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 23rd—Class
September 30th—Class
October 7th—Class/
Safe Environment
October 14th—**No Class Fall Break**
October 21st—Class
October 26th—Halloween Bonfire
October 28th—Class



Upcoming Events—October

October 1st
Parish Council Meeting 6pm

October 3rd
CCW Meeting 6:30 pm

October 4th
First Friday Devotion

October 6th
Fellowship Lunch 11am

Ministry Schedule—September 28th & 29th, 2019

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5:00 PM	Clarence Savoie	Janice Dufrene, Patsy Doucet	Caitlyn Boudreaux Adult Volunteer	Laurie Falgoust
Sunday 10:00 AM	Brad Landeche	MONA POCHE , Sharon Matherne, Volunteer	Luke Richard Trent Balfantz	Lucas & Wrenn Allred William Hogan

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