

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2020

Be transformed by the renewal of your mind,  
that you may discern what is the will of God,  
what is good and pleasing and perfect.

— Romans 12:2

### THE CROSS OF JESUS

The perception of a cross changed dramatically after Jesus' crucifixion. Before that event, death on a cross was not only horrible, it was degrading. It was a penalty reserved only for the most wretched of criminals. The word "glory" would not have found its way into the same sentence containing the word "cross." But all that changed with Jesus. Over time, believers began to venerate and honor the cross. They painted, sculpted, and carved images of it. Many lost their own lives for their association with it. Today our reverence for and relationship with the cross recalls little of the contempt originally associated with it. As it has been through the ages, it is our perception of the cross that determines how we follow Jesus.

### PRAYER LIST

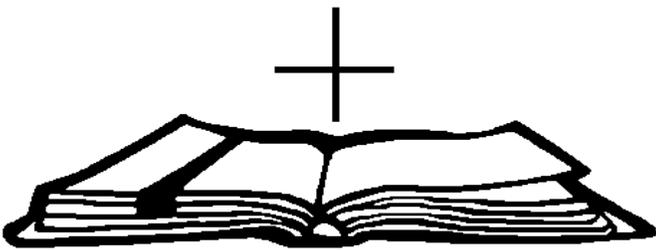
James Michael Cole	Dot Willie
Scott St. Romaine	Freddie Addotto
Fred Kopfler	Louise Cashmere
Florence Hoffman	Nita Addotto
Joseph Hadad	Richard Atkins
Roy M. Piazza	Ruthi Olson
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Mr. and Mrs. Timmy Smith Sr. and Family	



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# Mass Intentions



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#### THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary:	Dora Columbo
Blessed Mother:	Lee Shelton
St. Joseph:	Walter Henry
St. Ann:	Willo Scheck

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle please call 796-3806.

#### SANCTUARY FLOWERS ARE IN HONOR OF

## *Bill and Florine Brown*



Pray for the Deceased

Please pray for **Willo Lindsey Crawford**, husband of Peggy Crawford who entered peacefully into eternal rest. Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. [John 11:26]

Sat., Aug. 29, 4:30 p.m.	Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, Gertrude Newfield, Trent Meche, Willo Lindsey Crawford and for the living: Ed and Amy Sicard.
Sun., Aug. 30, 7:30 a.m.	Margaret Mary Mule'
Sun., Aug. 30, 9:15 a.m.	Carol Pieri, Yvonne Morel, David Tucker, Paul Lobre Jr., Dorothy Heap McDow, Viviana Boudreaux, Jean Senac, Eddie, and Sidonia Neel, and for the living: Mary Helen Grabbe, Bonnie Moore, Margo Smith, and Martin Lowther
Sun., Aug. 30, 11:00 a.m.	Parishioners
Mon., Aug. 31, 8:00 a.m.	Bill Brown
Tues., Sept. 01	NO MASS
Wed., Sept. 02, 8:00 a.m.	Catherine A. Mule'
Thurs., Sept. 03, 8:00a.m.	Joe Pieri (L)
Fri., Sept. 04, 8:00 a.m.	Sr. Claire Mule' D.C.

## **PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS LET US PRAY,**

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessing to those in health care and protect them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor hasten to help us. Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us.  
**AMEN**

## **WORKSHOPS FOR NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Basic workshops for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be presented this Fall by the Office of Worship. Due to COVID restrictions, workshops will be conducted on a virtual platform with a limit of 15 participants per session. Attendance at this workshop is required before a person can be delegated by the Archbishop to serve in this ministry. The complete schedule and more information can be found on the Office of Worship website at <https://nolacatholic.org/basic-workshops-for-emhc>. Participants are to be pre-registered by their parish before attending. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Worship at 504-861-6300 or [worship@arch-no.org](mailto:worship@arch-no.org).

## **THIRSTING FOR GOD?**

Do you know someone not baptized, or baptized in a non-Christian tradition, who is thirsting for what it means to become Catholic? Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet received Confirmation and Communion? They may be thirsting, too! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is an opportunity to ask questions and seek understanding. Weekly "no obligation" inquiry sessions start soon. Call the office for more information at 796-3806.

On Wednesday, September 9th, the **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**, more commonly known to us as Confession, will be available here at St. John's from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. and at all Churches in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. You are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity with your family.

## **THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST FEAST DAY: AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>**

The Church celebrates the passion of St. John the Baptist who died approximately A.D. 30. We know from the Bible that he was the cousin of Jesus, the son of St. Elizabeth, and the nephew of our Lady. King Herod knew that John was a holy man, and he liked to hear John's words, although he did not take them to heart. He knew that he had to get control of him because of the crowds he was starting to build. He was afraid to kill him, so instead he had him imprisoned.

According to the Gospels, Herod had imprisoned John because he spoke out about Herod divorcing his wife, and unlawfully taking the wife of his brother. On Herod's birthday, his new wife's daughter danced before the king and his guests. Her dancing pleased Herod so much that in his drunkenness he promised to give her anything she desired, up to half of his kingdom. When the daughter asked her mother what she should ask for, she was told to ask for the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Herod was appalled by the request but reluctantly agreed and had John the Baptist executed in prison. St. John the Baptist was beheaded, and his head was placed on a platter and given to Herod's daughter.

Herod also feared that St. John's influence and power over the people might cause a rebellion. Over time, Herod had suffered military disaster at the hands of Aretas his father-in-law, and many believed it was God's punishment for his unrighteous behavior, and for taking the life of John the Baptist.

Practical Take Away: St. John the Baptist spoke the truth with great courage in calling others to a true change of heart, and to embrace the ways of God. He did this not only by preaching, but also by example. He fasted in the desert and prepared the way for Jesus. He had such a great courage, that he was not fearful of speaking out about the immoral activities of his day. This was the reasoning that led to his death, but he continued. We can learn a lot from his life. We, too, can embrace the ways of God and speak out of the immorality of our day, and with the help of St. John the Baptist, we can prepare the way for Jesus to those around us.

## **REMINDERS**

First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

First Friday Adoration Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Men's Study Group in Odilo Hall, Thurs. 7 p.m.

Knights of Columbus meet Thurs., Sept. 11th at 7:30 p.m.

On Monday, August 31st at 9:00 a.m. in Odilo Hall, our Church history class will be studying the continuing threat of the Arian heresy, as well the defense of teachings of Nicaea by St. Athanasius. We will look at the division of the Roman Empire after the death of Constantine, the reign of Julian the Apostate, and Pope Liberius, the first pope who was not canonized.