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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—AUGUST 9, 2020

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Weekday Masses: Tuesday.....6 p.m. w/Novena
Wednesday thru Friday.....8 a.m.
First Friday Mass 8:00 a.m.
First Friday Adoration..... 8:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

PENANCE

Saturday 3:15–3:45 p.m. before Mass
Or anytime by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made at least 6 months prior to wedding. No weddings during lent.

BAPTISM

First Saturday of the month after the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Baptismal Seminar: Last Tuesday of the month.

Make arrangements 2 weeks in advance.

ANOINTING OF SICK

Anytime when in need. Please phone.

MISSION STATEMENT

We the family of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church provide worship, education, ministerial and social opportunities for the Spiritual growth of all.

Offertory Gifts

In Loving Memory of Eustace Breaux (BDay-8/9) by Wife.

Lamp I

In Loving Memory of Yvonne Guillot Crochet by Family.

Lamp II

In Loving Memory of Ervin Benoit by Family & Friends.

Missalettes

In Loving Memory of Russel Benoit (BDay-8/11) by dgr.

Bulletins

In Appreciation to all our First Responders, Medical Personnel and those helping with distributing food & supplies during this Covid-19 experience by a friend.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Feast of the Assumption is on Saturday, Aug. 15th. We will have a mass on Saturday, Aug. 15th at 8 am in church. All are invited for this special mass of our Blessed Mother.



ATTENTION TICKET HOLDERS!!!

If you purchased tickets for the Men’s Club chicken dinner fundraiser and have not yet received your money back, please see Cam in the back of church after mass. Your money will be refunded to you. Hopefully we will be able to reschedule this annual event in the beginning of 2021.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The description of the Prophet's Elijah's experience of God draws on several earlier Israelite traditions. The first is the location of its occurrence. It happens on Horeb, the mountain of God. Because of their majestic appearance, mountains were considered sacred places by many ancient people. Their peaks were the closest points to the heavens, and for this reason the highest mountain was believed to be the dwelling place of the deity and the logical place for offering sacrifice. In the literature of ancient Israel there were various versions of the story of God entering into covenant with the people on a mountain. In one tradition Sinai is the name given to the mountain on which this occurred (Exodus 19:1-6); a second tradition identifies the mountain as Horeb (Deuteronomy 4:10-15). The story of Elijah's experience belongs to this tradition.

Both traditions describe the theophany, or revelation of God, as having been accompanied by spectacular meteorological phenomena. There is piercing thunder and brilliant lightening; the mountain is engulfed by a thick cloud and it shakes violently; God descends upon the mountain in a blaze of fire (Psalm 29: 3-9). Such an impressive display of nature was not unique to Israel's worldview. The Canaanites believed their own weather god Baal was manifested in precisely the same way. In fact, they believed that Baal was the god of the storm. Perhaps the Israelite storytellers related the event of the establishment of the covenant in this way in order to show that it was their God and not the god of the Canaanites who was announced with such fanfare and who governed the powers of nature.

In today's reading we see that Elijah has retreated into a cave, but God calls him from this place of shelter and darkness to stand "before the Lord," out in the open. Unlike Moses, who actually asked for a glimpse of God (Exodus 33:18), Elijah, received the revelation at God's initiative. Elijah witnessed the wind, the earthquake, and the fire associated with a theophany, but he did not experience God within these natural marvels. It was only when he heard a tiny whispering voice that he was gripped with the revelation that God was present. In response he covered his face in an act of reverence and stood at the entrance of the cave. This was not an experience of oral revelation; no divine words were delivered. The voice itself was the experience. When Moses had asked to see the glory of God, he was told that he would not be able to look upon God's face. He would only be granted a glimpse of the back of this glory after it had passed by. Here Elijah was also granted limited revelation- a wordless voice.

Most commentators maintain that this revelation points out that usually the small and insignificant events of life are the stage upon which the revelation of God is enacted. It is so easy to be awed by the spectacular and overlook the ordinary. Yet most lives are made up of the ordinary, and it is there the "tiny whispering voice" of God will be heard, if we are attuned to it.

The Gospel reading for this weekend consists of four related episodes: Jesus sends his disciples across the water while he goes up the mountain to pray; Jesus walks on the water; Peter attempts to walk on the water; the disciples in the boat declare the identity of Jesus.

The first episode sets the circumstances for the rest of the reading. This episode follows the report of the feeding of the five thousand. Jesus sends the disciples on ahead, he dismisses the crowd, and he goes up a mountain to be by himself and to pray. Scene one closes.

In the meantime, the disciples are struggling in the boat. Lake Gennesaret, also known as the sea of Galilee, is well known even today for the sudden and violent storms that arise on it. The disciples' boat was already well into the sea, far from shore. To add to their distress the light was not in their favor. Since according to the Roman military, the night was divided into four watches of three hours each, this episode occurred the fourth watch, sometime between 3 A.M. and 6 A.M. In the predawn dimness the disciples saw Jesus walking toward them on the water. They knew that what they saw was a physical impossibility, and so they mistook him for a ghost, and they cried out in fear. Jesus' response was the typical response to fear in the face of an experience of the divine: Do not be afraid! To this he adds the theophanic exclamation: It is I; I am.

Not quite sure about what he sees, Peter exclaims: "If it is you, command me to come." Peter accepts Jesus' invitation to come, and he begins to walk on the water. His faith upholds him. However, his faith is not strong enough to overcome his fear of the chaotic water, and so he sinks. Peter is a model of both faith and lack of faith. He believed that he would be able to walk on the water, and he did; doubted that he would be able to withstand the chaos, and he did not. Ultimately, it was faith that won out, for Peter cried out to Jesus, knowing that Jesus had the power to save him, and he did.

Fr. Joe, pastor



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COLLECTIONS-Aug. 1 & 2

Envelopes.....	3470.00
Loose.....	357.00
Total.....	3827.00
Parish Devel.....	385.75
Offertory gifts.....	100.00
Masses.....	25.00



Welcome to our Visitors

We welcome any visitors or those people who are with us from the surrounding area. We are glad to have you joining us at mass. If you would be interested in registering as a parishioner of St. John Church, please call the St. John Church Office. Again we say “WELCOME!”

Baptism

We welcome our newest member of St. John, Braelyn Claire Fanguy, who was baptized here on Aug. 2, 2020. Braelyn is the daughter of Brady & Brittney Fanguy. We ask our Lord to watch over her and to continue to bless Braelyn thru-out her religious accomplishments.



Please Pray for all those who are ill and those pictured on our side altar.



Prayer for Anxiety

Loving God, we come to you full of anxiety about what may happen in the coming days and weeks. Shower us with the peace Jesus promised to his disciples, and make us into steady pillars for those around us. In this time of uncertainty and epidemic, wake us up to the reminder that we are not alone.

Even as we are asked to keep our distance from others, help us to find ways to reach out to those who need our support. We pray especially for those whose incomes and livelihoods are threatened. For the children who will miss meals due to school closures. For those already isolated, lonely and scared.

Loving God, give them your peace, and through our hands ensure they have what they need.

Sustain, strengthen and protect all caregivers. Bless them as they offer compassionate care and show selfless courage in the face of risk.

Remind us, each time we wash our hands, that in our baptism you call us to let go of our fears and live in joy, peace, and hope. Amen.

MASSES – AUG. 8—14

World Peace, Poor Souls In Purgatory, Ida R. & Andre E. Bourgeois, Andre M. Bourgeois, Bob Bourgeois Jr., Lydia & Joseph Roger, Ophelia & Marcellain Bourgeois, M/M Theophine Aucoin, Edwina Boudreaux, Adela Clement, Victoria T. & Walter C. Richard, Tyrone Richard, Bob & Bessie Gros, & Deceased Loved Ones, Mary & Elie Guillot & Fly, Andrew, Rita & Gustave & Harry Tabor, Stanley Gravois, Annalie Gravois, Sterling Aysen, Irving Chiasson, For Conversion & Salvation of Souls, For Priest & Religious & Those in Prison, Lee & Eudora Chauvin, Russel & Emelda Benoit, Bernice Morvant, M/M Edward Aucoin, Eulalie Mire, Louis Mire, Hazel Mire, Virginia L. Mire, Louis Benoit, Eula Benoit, Gary Joseph Benoit, Regina Carlos, Larry Joseph Benoit, Louis Thibodaux, Gale Clement Decker, Thomas E. 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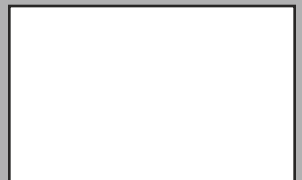


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