



# St. John the Evangelist

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CATHOLIC CHURCH



## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME \* SEPT. 13, 2020

### STAFF

Pastor..... Rev. Varghese Josekutty  
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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday ..... 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.  
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### EUCHARIST

Saturday ..... 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
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 Julia Filce (Anniv-9/17) by Family.

### Lamp I

In Loving Memory of Leona T. Chiasson (Anniv-1/31/2018)  
by Betty Trosclair.

### Lamp II

In Loving Memory of Patricia “Pat” Landry(BDay-9/28) by  
Mary & Ray Domangue & Mike Richard.

### Missalettes

In Loving Memory of Jeanette “June” Porche by Harold &  
Sheryle Chauvin.

### Bulletins

In Loving Memory of Sterling Aysen (BDay-9/13 & Wedding  
Anniv.-9/13) by wife—Inez.

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### Mausoleum Crypt For Sale

One Mausoleum Crypt for Sale in St. John Cemetery located as  
St. Hubert, #30, Tier “B”. If interested, you may call St. John  
Church and leave your name & contact number. Someone will  
return your call.

We pray for all those who were affected by the  
recent hurricane and thru the generosity of all  
people, they may receive the necessities that will  
sustain them.

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 6, 2020**

Most prophetic pronouncements are either oracles of salvation or oracles of judgement and doom. The oracle that constitutes today's reading is an oracle of appointment. It was not given to the people through the prophet. Rather, it was a very personal message to the prophet himself. The phrase "son of man" does not mean the same here as it does in the well-known passage from the book of Daniel. (Daniel 7:13-14). In that passage the word for "man" is *enosh*, which has the connotation of weakness or vulnerability. It is a word that underscores the divide between the human and the divine. The one who comes on the clouds is said to be like the offspring of human weakness or vulnerability. However, in the present passage, the word of man is *adam*, the generic term that is translated "humankind." Thus, when God calls Ezekiel "son of *adam*," he is simply identifying him as a member of the human race, not as an apocalyptic or eschatological figure.

The role to which the prophet has been called is that of watchman. Sentinels of various kinds stood watch to protect homes or cities from the attack of enemies. This role becomes a metaphor for the responsibilities assigned by God to the prophet. In place of watching over a city or an individual dwelling, Ezekiel is entrusted with keeping watch over the entire house of Israel. The enemy that might undermine the security of that house is the wickedness that threatens to undermine the nation. Ezekiel fulfills the function when as prophet he proclaims God's words of warning. Such a proclamation is the defense he uses to protect the people. He is told that God will hold him responsible if he does not protect the people by means of his proclamation. If he is faithful to his charge but people refuse to heed his message, he can rest assured that he has fulfilled his responsibility. They will be punished, but he will not be.

The wording of the oracles implies there is still time for the people. The sinner can still be called back from sin. However, in a very real sense this all depends upon the fidelity of the prophetic to his call to be watchman.

Most people consider that John the Evangelist is the Christian writer who emphasizes love as the centerpiece of his teaching. They would seldom associate Paul with this message. However, the epistle reading for this Sunday shows that Paul teaches the same message of love. Again, and again we have seen that Paul never really repudiates the Law. Rather, he argues that keeping the Law is not a requisite for faith but that faith is a requisite for keeping the Law. In this reading he takes a slightly different task. The reading begins and ends with the same bold statement: Love fulfills the Law.

The passage opens with a double negative. This construction provides emphasis to Paul's injunctions. Paradoxically he tells the Christians of Rome that on the one hand they should owe nothing, while on the other hand they should owe everything, for love requires total self-giving. The debt of love is not an obligation that can be paid once for all. It is more like an interest for Paul cites several commandments taken from the Decalogue.

Love will take different forms, depending upon the circumstances. Love is faithful to its commitments, and it respects the commitment of others, so adultery or any other form of sexual infidelity will be out of question. Love holds life in high regard; it overcomes anger and revenge, and so it cannot entertain any thought of killing. Love respects the property of others and so it will not condone stealing or dishonesty of any kind. Paul singles out only four commandments, but he insists that love covers all other commandments as well. When one truly loves another, one desires only what is good for that loved one. This is precisely what Paul is saying here. Love is the fulfillment of the Law.

I want to wish everyone a happy Labor Day.

*Fr. Joe, pastor*



## TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—SEPT. 15, 2019

### Constitution Week

Sept. 17th—23rd

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### Blue Mass

Bishop Shelton Fabre will preside at the annual Blue Mass for police, fire fighters, emergency responders and members of the military. The Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 11 am at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, September 29th is the feast of the archangels, on of whom, St. Michael, is the patron saint of community protectors. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this year the Mass will be open only to members of the protection agencies and family members of the deceased of those agencies who will be memorialized.



### Houma Life Chain

The annual Houma Life Chain will be held on Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 4th, 2020 from 2—3 P.M.(rain or shine). Those participating will line up along the median of Tunnel Boulevard in Houma and stand prayerfully, silently holding Life Chain signs. Pick up signs at Mr. Ronnie's Donuts. Join with other pro-life Christians to make a statement to our community that

**"ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN"**



Please pray for those who are ill and those listed on our side altar.



### MASS INTENTIONS—9/12 TO 9/18

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. Gros, Henry Usey, Paul Dudek, M/M Leonce Guillot, Earl, William, Wilbert, Francis & Virgie & M/M Gilbert Guillot, M/M Marcel Usey Sr, Bernice Morvant, Ernest Thibodaux, Floyd Thibodaux, Ricky, Larry, Louise & Junius Boudreaux, Warren J. & Dorothy M. Clausen, Joseph & Louise Accardo, Lucille Gravois, M/M Edward Aucoin, Yvonne Guillot Crochet, Raymond & Betty Waguespack, Ervin Benoit, Russell Bernard Sr, (BDay-1/6), Eddie & Edna Filce, Thomas & Anna Mae Bernard, Trysten Bernard, Eustace Breaux, Milton(12th Death Anniv) & Yvonne Breaux, Amedeo Sr & Laura Roger, Wilson E. Thibodeaux, Michael A. Thibodeaux, Amy T. Steinacker, Mona & Joseph Pitre Sr, Hilda & Titus Crawford, Chester Chiasson Jr, Calvin Sr & Odette Naquin, Chester Sr & Peggy Chiasson, Dewey & Rosa Talbot, Paul A. & Thelma F. Boudreaux, Pamela & Carrol, Roy & Earline LeBlanc, Jackie Andolsek & son-Eric, M/M Calvin Bourgeois, Daphne LeRay, M/M Xavier Toups & Fly, M/M Bartholey Thibodaux & Fly, M/M Tanile Morvant & Fly, Esther & Stanley Morvant Sr, Audrey & Stanley Morvant Jr, Lilly & Harold Clement, Sylvia & Chester Tabor, Gerald & Tiffany Crouch, Elsie & Carolyn "Tut" Delaune, M/M Andrew Milek, Mary Catherine Milek Pharo, Chad C. Tabor, M/M Albert G. Gauthreaux Sr & Albert Jr, M/M Walter C. Tabor Sr & Fly, Yvonne & Carroll Tabor & Mikie, Roland & Vivian Tabor, Marion Tabor, Melvin & Theresa Percle Sr & Fly, M/M Leo Boudreaux & Fly, M/M Aubert Gauthreaux & Fly, Mrs. Edith R. 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Mosby & dgr-Mona, Gee Gee LeBlanc, Calvin Naquin, Chester Mire, June Shaw, Barbara Naquin, M/M Calvin Bourgeois & Daphne LeRay, Lloyd Legendre, Rose Hoffmann(BDay-9/10 & Wed Anniv-9/7), All Members of Daigle, Mire Fly, Rick Cosgriff, Bernard Portier, Bridget & M/M Victor Adams, Rhonda & Helen Gianelloni, All past St. John Pastors, All military fighting for our country, Marcus Ellis, June Marie Shaw, Parishioners





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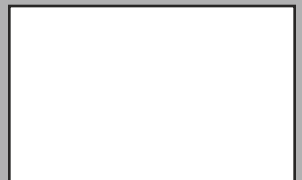
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