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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME * OCT. 18, 2020

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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 Mass8:00 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.

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

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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.

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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 Gerald Baye Sr (Anniv-4/26/20) by Betty Trosclair.

Lamp I

In Loving Memory of Ida R. & Andre(BDay-10/23) 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, Steve “Buck” Bourgeois, Mary & Elie Guillot & Fly, Andrew, Rita & Gustave & Harry Tabor, Annalie Gravois, For Conversion & Salvation of Souls, For Priest & Religious & Those in Prison by Susie & Walter Richard & Jerome & Jennifer Bourgeois & Fls.

Lamp II

In Loving Memory of Brian Parks (Anniv-10/24) by Dad.

Missalettes

In Loving Memory of Thomas Gros by Family.

Bulletins

In Loving Memory of Gwen Babin & John Kimbro by Gilbert Blanchard Fly.

Missalettes

The new missalettes have arrived. We are still not able to leave them in church for mass. If you would like a missalette to follow in mass, please take one home and bring it with you to the mass you attend.

Memorial Mass

The annual Memorial Mass in memory of the deceased members of our church who have died over the past year will be held on Monday, Nov. 2nd at 6 pm. Letters for the family members of these deceased will be mailed out soon with more details.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 18, 2020

The first reading for this Sunday resembles a royal decree, a formal statement wherein God addresses a king and orders him for some task, empowers and authorizes him to function in the capacity of that task, give legitimation to a decision he may make or to a plan on which he might embark, or instruct him in the art of ruling. This particular royal decree is made extraordinary by the fact in it the God of Israel addresses a Persian king.

The contents of this decree reveal the instrumentality of a non- Israelite in the salvation of the people of Israel. Cyrus was the Persian ruler who permitted the Israelites to return from captivity in Babylon to their homeland and there to rebuild their Temple. (Ezra 1:1-8). In this passage he is called “God’s anointed,” a title ascribed to kings, but to Israelite kings and particularly Davidic kings. Thus, a Persian inherits the role and function of the descendants of King David.

Several artifacts from the ancient world would depict a ceremony wherein a god reaches out to one who would be king. The act of grasping his hand was seen as conferral of royal authority. This human king would then rule in the place of the god. Here that same action probably represents the conferral of power and authority on Cyrus. It gives divine legitimation to the role Cyrus will play in the history of Israel. It is not by accident that Cyrus plays this role. He has been specially chosen by God, called by name as was Israel. Here we see that God works through people without their even knowing that it is really God who is directing the events of history.

Cyrus subdues nations, releases captive kings so they might serve him unfettered, throws open locked doors and barred gates in a spirit of freedom. All this is done for the sake of the Israelites. The unfolding of this process is interesting. Cyrus the foreigner is the agent of the release of the Israelites, but their release is for the sake of the enlightenment of the foreign nations. It is one thing for God to work through the Israelites. But if the God of one people is seen to work marvels through the instrumentality of another people, it is easy to conclude there is but one God who works through all. This precisely what is stated in this reading. There is no other God but the God of Israel. It should be noted that it was Israel’s need for salvation, not any of its many successes or triumphs, that brought the people to the profound theological insight of monotheism.

In our Gospel reading for this weekend, once again Jesus is in a battle of wits with the religious leaders of the people. This time they are the ones who initiate it. While the purpose of the encounter is the entrapment of Jesus, the underlying issue is the possibility of being faithful both to God and to a secular state. The Pharisees did not seem to approve of the Gentile rule over the Jewish people. The Herodians, on the other hand were Roman loyalists. Within the ranks of the people, the Zealots vehemently opposed the occupation, while many others had made their peace with it and sometimes even benefited from it. Roman taxation was an issue that the Pharisees hoped to ensnare Jesus.

They begin with words of flattery, which are intended to set the trap. If Jesus is as forthright in his speech and as free of human respect as they describe him, he will certainly speak his mind clearly and ensnare himself. Regardless of how he answers, his is bound to alienate some of his hearers and to be shamed in the sight of all. The ploy is certainly a clever one. Having set the trap, they offer him the bait. They ask him for an interpretation on a point of Roman law: Is it lawful for a Jew to pay taxes to Rome? The tax in question is probably the poll tax paid directly to Rome, evidence of political subjugation. If Jesus answers no, he can be accused of political insubordination of the type that he might incite others to respond in kind. If he says yes, he will appear to have relinquished Israel’s boast of being a people bound only to God.

Jesus is not taken in by their flattery. He knows what they are trying to do, and he knows what is at stake. They not only want to shame him in the eyes of the people, they are placing him in political jeopardy as well. In response to them he first shames them by calling them hypocrites, and then he unmasks their ploy. He asks for a coin that can be used to pay the poll tax. The coin itself was abhorrent to the Jewish people, for it contained the image of Caesar along with titles that accorded him both political honor and divine status. Both these features violated Jewish Law. In deference to Jewish sensitivities, imageless copper coins were used in ordinary commercial exchange. Jesus does not seem to have one of the questionable coins, but without hesitation his antagonists are able to produce one. Just by having one in their possession they have been caught in their own trap.

Jesus responds to their initial inquiry with a question of his own, thus putting them on defensive. They have produced the coin, and now they acknowledge that it contains the image of Caesar. Jesus directs them to “give back” or “repay” what is owed to both Caesar and God. Besides exonerating him from possible political or religious reproach, Jesus’ response suggests that one can indeed be loyal both to a religious tradition and to a secular power. It may be very difficult at times, especially when their claims seem to conflict, but it is possible. Once again Jesus gains honor in the sight of people, while his antagonists are disgraced.

*Please do pray for me, I will be making my annual retreat from this Monday through Friday. There will be no weekday Masses during the week.

Fr. Joe, pastor



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COLLECTION—Oct. 10 & 11, 2020

Envelopes.....	4110.00
Loose Coll.....	423.25
Total Collection.....	4533.25
Masses.....	255.00
CCD.....	194.90
Parish Devel.....	244.00
Property Rental.....	300.00
Cemetery Dues.....	797.00

C.C.D.

+CCD Classes will be held this Monday, Oct. 19th at 6 pm. Students are asked to be on time and ready for class.

World Mission Sunday

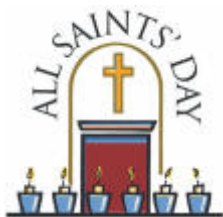
Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call—to bring the Gospel to all! The 2nd collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith ensures the work and service of the Mission Church, as it supports priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

The Holy Rosary

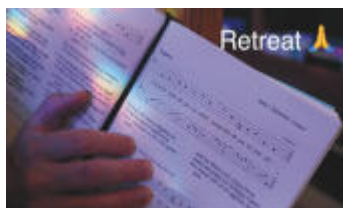
Please join us each Tuesday and Thursday at St. John at 2:30 pm in front of the Grotto for the recitation of the Rosary. All are invited to participate.



Donations are now being accepted for the All Saints Memorial Flowers. Please send in your donation and names of deceased loved ones to be published in the Nov. 1st Bulletin. Names have to be in by Wed., Oct. 28th.



***There will be NO Weekday Masses during the week of Oct. 19th thru Oct. 23rd. The priest of the Diocese will be on retreat.**



Masses – Oct. 17 - 23

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 & Yvonne Breaux, Amedeo Sr & Laura Roger, Wilson E.Thibodeaux, Michael A. Thibodeaux(BDay-10/20), 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 Bartholew 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. Gauthreaux & Fly, M/M John Tabor & Fly, M/M Wilfred Boudreaux & Fly, M/M Ezeb Schexsnayder & Charles & Fly, M/M Willie Daigle, Dave Sr & Lorena Folse & Dave Jr, Noelee Grabert, Mrs. Marie Chaisson, Mrs. Verlene Oubre, Tom Herrington, M/M Louis Troclair Sr, Lyle, Lilly, Harold & Francis Clement, Marion Knight, Raymond & Betty Waguespack, Leonard Amedee, M/M Raoul Pitre, M/M Harris Henry, Beverly Delice, Edna B. & C. J. Thibodaux & Fly, Charles Bonvillain, Mickey Talbot, Hortence Usey, Howard Aysen Sr., Audrey & Stanley Morvant Jr., Wallace Gauthreaux Sr. , Judy Degravelle, Lillie Mae Loupe, Beryl Gros, Sylvia Tabor, Abby Tabor Sr, Louis Edwin Thibodaux, Ellis Falgoust, Clarence Ford, Milton Duet, Marjorie, A. J. & Elsie, Floyd & Deceased Family Members, Naquin & Leonard Flys, Darrick Matherne, Adam Snetzer, Mary & Bill Lancaster, James Sr & Ruth, Gail Estay & Deceased Loved Ones, Bourgeois & Filce Fly, Robert Thibodaux Jr, Roger & Fields Flys, Mire & Duet Flys, Randy Duet, Albert "A.J." Guillot Jr, Albert J. Guillot Sr, Harry & Letitia Webre, Lawrence "L.J." 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Mosby & dgtr-Mona, Gee Gee LeBlanc, Calvin Naquin, Chester Mire, June Shaw, Barbara Naquin, M/M Calvin Bourgeois & Daphne LeRay, Lloyd Legendre, Adrian Blanco, Sharlene Blanco Bergeron, Thomas E. Gros, Gwen Babin, John Kimbro, Parishioners

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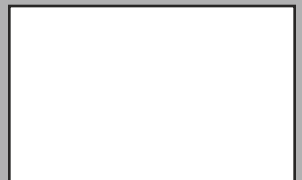
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