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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JULY 25, 2021

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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 Mass 8:00 a.m.
First Friday Adoration..... 8:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

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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.

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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 Memory of Elsie Taylor by Cheryl Teasley.

Lamp I

Prayers for Vocations to the Priesthood by Friends of St. John.

Lamp II

In Loving Memory of Louis Dill Jr by Mary Ann Dill.

Missalettes

In Thanksgiving by Warren & Cathy Chauvin.

Bulletins

In Loving Memory of Lester & Lucille Gravois, Joseph & Louise Accardo & Ivory Stewart by Family.

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

O good St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus and Mary, I place myself under your faithful protection.

You were always attentive to the voice of the Lord and never ceased to follow wherever God led you. Help me to hear and respond to God’s voice with the same humble fidelity.

O St. Joseph, Terror of demons, protect me from all that might tempt me away from abiding in communion with Jesus.

Chaste Spouse of the Blessed Virgin, grant me a pure heart that I may see as God sees, and love as God loves.

With deep tenderness you cared for Mary and held the sleeping child Jesus, the Son of God, in your arms.

O dear St. Joseph, pray for me that I might have a mind and heart to receive that same love from my Father in heaven. St. Joseph, intercede for me always so that under your care I might be found worthy to rejoice forever with Jesus and you in heaven. Amen.



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 25, 2021

In our first reading we hear about an episode in the life of prophet Elisha. Several people play active roles in this drama. There is the man who comes from another place, the prophet also called the “man of God,” a servant, and the people who are fed the bread and grain.

An unnamed man brings the first fruits of the crop, so it must be harvest time. First fruits were offered to God because they were considered the best and freshest- that portion of the produce that contained the most vibrant force of life. Since the first fruits were normally offered to God as a token of the entire harvest, we can presume that the setting is a shrine and the prophet is somehow attached to it. The village Baal-shalishah was located in the western foothills of the central hill country in the vicinity of Gilgal, which could be the location where the incident took place.

The man comes from a place named for and probably devoted to Baal, the Canaanite god of fertility. It should be noted that he does not offer his crops to this particular deity, but he brings them to the “man of God.” In the early years of Israel’s history, before priests had exclusive authority over the public practice of worship, the prophets who were attached to the shrines may have acted as intermediaries between the worshippers of God. This seems to be the case here. Most likely the man brought the loaves and the grain either to be offered to God or to serve as shewbread, or “bread of the presence,” which was kept at the shrine for a time and then eaten by those who served there.

Elisha directed that the bread and grain be given to the people who had gathered. This was an extraordinary directive, since the bread belonged to God or to the ones who had been set apart by God. Why would the prophet suggest such an action? Only something as serious as a severe hunger would have warranted this violation of this cultic regulation (1 Samuel 21:5-6). Those who ministered at the shrine objected, but Elisha insisted, and his insistence overrode their objection. This is clear evidence of the authority the “man of God” wielded and others recognized. Since it waived a cultic regulation, the authority of the prophet had to have come from God.

The miracle is remarkable. One hundred men were fed by a mere twenty loaves. There is no mention of women here. They were either denied access to this part of the shrine or their presence or absence at the event, was no interest to the author of the story.

The Gospel scene shows that the power of Jesus had a mesmerizing effect on the crowds. They followed him place to place. There is no indication they came to hear his teaching, and in this particular passage Jesus does not teach. The focus here is on his wondrous power. Unlike most miracles of Jesus, this one was not a response to an expressed need. Jesus feeds the people, but the text does not say they were hungry. There was a much deeper reason for this miracle.

Some commentators have tried to explain away the miraculous character of the incident. They have argued that this event was nothing more than an example of human sharing that was embellished by the Gospel writer. Regardless how later readers might understand the event, the people who were present clearly saw it as an act of God. They perceived this “sign” as a sign of the end-time. However, they misunderstood its meaning, and they decided to make Jesus their king, by force if necessary.

The disciples are both faithful and lacking faith. They accompanied Jesus across the sea and sat down with him on the mountain. They were directed by Jesus to collect the fragments that were left over after the crowd had eaten its fill. Two of the disciples played significant role in this incident. First Philip was put to the test. Jesus asked him where they would find enough money to buy bread to feed the crowd, knowing full well that neither money nor a supply of bread would be necessary. Philip took Jesus’ words literally, insisting that they did not have enough to provide for all of the people. Next Andrew offered information about some food, but he was incredulous as Philip had been. Neither realized that Jesus’ word had a meaning far deeper than they suspected.

Finally, the event took place at the time of the Passover, the feast that coincided with the feast of the Unleavened Bread. This latter festival marked the barley harvest and commemorated two important periods in the history of the people. The first is the time of the people’s release from Egyptian bondage, when the urgency of escape prevented them from waiting for their bread to rise. The second is the time of the first harvest after their arrival in the land of promise, when the new grain was still fresh and uncorrupted by yeast. Passover and the Unleavened Bread were feasts of remembrance and anticipation. They celebrated the saving events of the past and they looked forward in hope to the final age of fulfillment, the age that was revealed in the miracle of the loaves.



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JULY 25, 2021

COLLECTIONS-JULY 17 & 18



Envelopes.....	3051.00
Loose.....	666.00
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Masses.....	120.00
Parish Dev.....	180.00
Donuts.....	35.00
Masses.....	120.00
CCD.....	105.00
Cathedraticum.....	587.00

Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday—4 pm in church

Sunday — 8 am & 11 am in church

Monday—No Masses

Tuesday—6 pm w/Novena in chapel

Wednesday thru Friday—8 am in chapel

Rosary is recited each Tuesday & Thursday at 10 am in front of St. John Grotto.



Children's Liturgy

Adult volunteers are needed to help with the Children's Liturgy classes. Children's Liturgy is held at the 11am mass on Sunday mornings. Volunteers will rotate about every 6 weeks. Please call Christine at 985-413-6690 for more info or to volunteer.



Hurricane Prayer

God of heaven and earth, God who carries our lives and the lives of our whole community in your hands, be with us in the peril of this day/night. Help us to release our anxieties and fears into those same caring hands, knowing in faith that your will for us is life and everlasting good. Send your holy angels to watch over us and guard us. May they spread their holy wings to give us shelter against the storm. For you alone, O God, are all good, all life, all love, and that love is for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Additional Masses:

Junius "Nonnie" Arabie, Barry "Bubba" Arabie, M/M Dennis Chiasson, M/M Joseph Arabie, Irvin Arabie, Eugene & Theresa "PeeWee" Legendre

MASSES – JULY 24—30

World Peace, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Russel & Emelda Benoit, Lee & Eudora Chauvin, Hilda Melancon, 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, Joseph N. Niquiporo, John Oliver, Sterling Aysen, Irving Chiasson, For Conversion & Salvation of Souls, For Priest & Religious & Those in Prison, Maurice Mire, Chester A.Mire, Hazel Mire, Virginia Mire, Louis Mire, Eulalie Mire, Eula Benoit, Louis Benoit, Regina Carlos, Larry Benoit, Gary J.Benoit, Russell Bernard Sr,(BDay-1/6), Eddie & Edna Filce, Thomas & Anna Mae Bernard, Trysten Bernard, Robert Thibodaux Jr, Roger & Fields Flays, Mire & Duet Flays, Randy Duet, Abby Tabor Sr, Valcour & Regina Tabor, Edmond & Elise Naquin, Harold Terracina, John Arceneaux, Louis Thibodaux, Rhea G. Hall, Kimberly H. Robichaux, Paul & Margaret Boudreaux & Deceased Family Member, Betty & Jimmy Boudreaux, Loralyn, John & Jeanne Fields, Harold Terracina, John Acherman, Maurice P. Mire, O.J. 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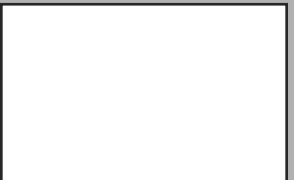
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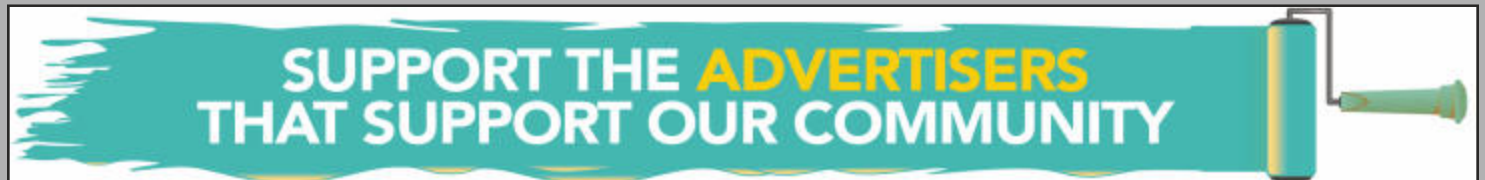
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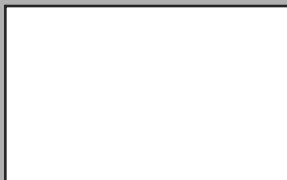


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