



# St. John the Evangelist

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CATHOLIC CHURCH



## TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME \* AUGUST 22, 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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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.

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Make arrangements 2 weeks in advance.

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### 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.

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### 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.

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 22, 2021

Our first reading contains several clues that help us sketch a setting for the events that unfold. Moses must be dead, for Joshua is the undisputed leader. The people are gathered at Shechem, an ancient shrine located between Mount Ebal and Mount Gerizim in that part of the land that will one day be known as Samaria. This is the universal convocation of all the tribes along with all those who hold position of leadership. It is a religious assembly, for the people are standing “before God,” an expression that probably refers to the ark of the covenant.

Joshua’s address to the assembly is in the form of a prophetic declaration: Thus says the Lord. He places before the people a choice that will shape their own self-identity and will determine the path, they- and their descendants- will travel for the rest of their lives. Whom will they serve? Three options are given. They can continue to serve their ancestral gods and thus remain true to where they are now dwelling and thus hope to reap the blessings that accompany that land. Or they can worship the Lord, who is tied neither to their cultural past nor to their geographical present. They must make a choice from among all the gods to whom they can commit themselves.

Joshua’s statement of choice is decisive: We will serve the Lord. The rest of the people make the same decision: We will serve the Lord. In explaining the reasons for their choice, they rehearse the high points of the saving acts that God performed in their midst and for their sake. These include the deliverance from bondage, the wonders in the wilderness, and the entrance into the land. Through all of this God was there, protecting them every step of the way. Their choice of a god was determined not by the territory within which they lived, as was the case with many of the nations of the time, but by the personal involvement of God in their lives.

Our second reading addresses some of the responsibilities of husbands in traditional patriarchal marriage. The passage begins with a general statement recommending mutual subordination. However, the reading itself does not demonstrate true mutuality. Wives are told to be subordinate; husbands are not. Although the subordination of wives is stated, the reading really focusses on the obligations of husbands. The patriarchal character of the human relationship described here presents a strong challenge for the contemporary believers, who have a very different understanding of the dignity of women and the mutuality that is expected in their male-female relationships, especially marriage.

The argument developed is somewhat circular. First, marriage becomes a metaphor for characterizing the relationship between Christ and the Church. Then this latter relationship is employed as an analogy for understanding marriage. The analogy for husbands. It was intended to function in ways that would enhance the dignity of each of the human partners.

Christ loved the Church enough to give his life for it. This is the degree of spousal commitment envisioned for husbands. If the husbands were to love their wives to this degree, the patriarchal structure of domination might be undermined. Following the example of Christ, who sacrificed his divine privileges for the sake of the Church, husbands would be sacrificing their patriarchal privileges for the sake of their wives.

In so many situations Jesus’ words or deeds were met with disbelief. This is the case in the episode recounted in today’s Gospel. What is shocking, however, is that the disbelief comes not from Jewish opponents of Jesus but from some of his disciples. They were more than shocked; they were scandalized by what he said. What he had just been saying to them about himself was more than even they could take. The author was referring here to Jesus’ identification of himself as the Son of Man who had come down from heaven.

Rather than soften the hardness of his message, Jesus responds to the challenge of these unbelievers with one of his own. If they were troubled by the thought of him descending from heaven, what would they think about him ascending back to where he had been originally? Both descending and ascending imply that he is a heavenly being, the very claim that scandalized his hearers in the first place. Jesus does not say they will witness his ascent, he simply asks them how they would respond if they saw it happen. It is a wonderful question, for one would think that such an extraordinary occurrence would certainly fill them with wonder and faith. However, the question implies that since they have not believed Jesus descended from heaven in the first place, they would probably remain unconvinced even if he ascended back to heaven.

Our consideration of Jesus’ teaching about the bread of life leads us to the threshold of decision. Will we choose Jesus, despite the incredible claims he makes? Or will we decide to stay where we are, satisfied with the lives we are living? Choosing Jesus will bring us deeper and deeper into the mystery of the Eucharist. Are we willing to go there?

*Fr. Joe, pastor*



# TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—AUGUST 22, 2021

## Collection—Aug. 14 & 15

Weekly Coll.....	3531.00
Weekly Loose.....	565.00
Total.....	4096.00
Parish Dev.....	180.00
Donuts.....	26.00
Assumption.....	699.00

*Many Thanks for your continued generous support of St. John Church!!!*

### Weekly Mass Schedule

- Monday ———No Mass
- Tuesday—6 pm Mass w/Novena in chapel
- Wednesday—8 am Mass in chapel
- Thursday—8 am Mass in chapel
- Friday—8 am mass in chapel
- Saturday—4 pm Mass in church
- Sunday—8 am & 11 am Mass in church

**Reminder: Please wear a mask in church during mass.**  
Recitation of the Rosary on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10 am in front of the St. John Grotto. All are invited.

### Welcome to New Parishioners...

If you are new to St. John Church, we ask that you please take a minute to fill out this form below and let us know about you. We are glad that you have chosen to attend mass with us here at St. John.

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Please detach and place in the collection basket.

### CCD News

CCD Orientations with parents will be held this Monday, Aug. 23 at 6 pm in church.

### Baptism

We welcome Addison Grace Sapa to our church parish family. Addison was baptized on Sunday, 8/22/21 at the 11 am mass here at St. John Church. Addison is the daughter of Justin & Shelly Sapa. We ask our Lord Jesus Christ to continue to bless Addison Grace thru her life.



Masses: Irvin & Lillian Perque, Shirley(8/21) & Mike Baye, Rhea G.Hall(BDay-8/22), Kimberly H.Robichaux(BDay-8/23), Pearl & Edwin Thibodaux, Carroll Terracina, Parishioners

### MASSES – AUGUST 21-27

World Peace, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Russel & Emelda Benoit, Lee & Eudora Chauvin, Hilda Melancon, Walterlouis Paul Richard II, 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 Flys, Mire & Duet Flys, 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. Legendre, M/M Edward Aucoin, Timmy Aucoin, Henry Usey, Janet (Usey) Molaison, Paul Dudek, M/M Leonce Guillot, Earl, Wilbert, William, Gilbert & Olivia, Francis & Virgie, M/M Marcel Usey Sr, 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, Charles Prejean, Terry Hymel, Louis Thibodaux, Nazie & Dolien Thibodaux, M/M Wilson Alleman, M/M Ridley Westerman, Christopher Alleman, M/M Ralph David, Charles Alleman, Juanita Alleman, Johnathan Besson, Gustave, Enola & Crane Arcement, Lois & Ralph Jouglas, Cazenave & Graugnard Flys, Aleen Lorio, Charlotte Zieyes, Wilson E.Thibodeaux, Michael A.Thibodeaux, Amy T.Steinacker, Mona & Joseph Pitre Sr, Hilda & Titus Crawford, Mary E Thibodeaux Marcel, Randolph & Sylvia Richard, Richard & Mire Flys, Albert "A.J." Guillot Jr, Albert J.Guillot Sr, Harry & Letitia Webre, Jody Arcement, Lawrence "L.J."Arcement, Charlie Adams, Bernice Morvant, Ernest Floyd Thibodaux, Ricky, Larry, Louise & Junius Boudreaux, Chester Chiasson Jr, Odette Naquin, Calvin Naquin Sr, Calvin Naquin Jr, Peggy & Chester Chiasson & Holly, Stacy Domangue, June Shaw, Bob Breaux, Nora Shaw, Billy & Delta Shaw, Scott Naquin, Dean Fakier, Rosadel Fakier, Louis Fakier, Raymond & Betty Waguespack, Trosclair, Tregre, Bernard & Terracina Flys, Lester & Lucille Gravois, Joseph & Louise Accardo, Ivory Stewart, Francois & Winnie Aubert, Wilson & Alice Adams, Michel & Lydia Guillot, Judith Guillot, Aubert, Adams & Borne Flys, Mary Elizabeth Hebert, Eustace Breaux, Milton & Yvonne Breaux, Amedeo Sr & Laura Roger, Lloyd Legendre, M/M Gus Legendre, M/M John B. Ray, June M. Shaw, O. J. Legendre, Timmy Aucoin, M/M Edward Aucoin, M/M Andrew Milek, Cathy Milek Pharo, Clarence Ford, M/M Louis Fakier, M/M Luke Ford Sr, Thomas E. Gros, Allen Cavalier, Daphne LeRay, M/M Calvin Bourgeois, Drew Adams, Ruffy Adams, Adams & Clement Flys, Elward Arcement, Ricky LeBlanc, Jr., Elsie & Ricky LeBlanc, Dwight LeBlanc, Carole Ann Domangue, Bessie & Louis LeBlanc and Camelia & Elphege LeBlanc, Sophie & Elward Arcement, Sophie & Phillip Cancienne, Dora & Tecoon Arcement, Joe, Verna & Camille Boudreaux, Joyce & Ray Waguespack, Donna Boudreaux Toups and Mary Deanna Dohmann Chachere, Nola Trahan Dohmann, Blackie Dohmann, Carolyn & Alvin LeBlanc, Bryan Ritchie, Barbara Richard Landry, Chester Boudreaux Sr, Milton Duet,Louis L. Dill Jr, Ida & Lawrence Blanchard, L.J. (Al), Irving & Dave Blanchard, Hilda & Louis Dill Sr & Fly, Ione Clause & Hilda Reed, Melvin Pallock, Michael Thomas, Charles(Bubba)Braud, Daniel Legendre, Denis & Rose Legendre, Emile & Marie Blanchard, Joyline Cancienne, Loy Smith, Allen Cavalier, M/M Dewey Talbot & Lorena, Paul & Thelma Boudreaux, Pam & Carrol, Roy & Earline LeBlanc, Chris Alleman, Milton Benoit, Ervin Benoit, Jack Legendre, Anna Mae & Norman Naquin, Tom & Wanda Swafford, Marilyn Himel, Nela Guillot, Janet(Usey)Molaison, Helen Usey, Virgie & Olivia Guillot, Elsie Taylor, Legendre & Taylor Flys, Albert C. Gerstle Jr, Norman Navarre, Brian Parks, Clement, Navarre, Aucoin Families, Enid & Rodney Mire, Lesley LeBlanc, Gigi Bonvillain, William & Windy Adams, Joyce Hidalgo, Anita Ponvelle, Allen Cavalier, Junius"Nonnie"Arabie, Barry"Bubba"Arabie, M/M Dennis Chiasson, M/M Joseph Arabie, Irvin Arabie, Eugene & Theresa"PeeWee" Legendre, Louis Thibodaux, Elsie & Jim Taylor, Claudine Richard, Byrne & Irving Legendre Fly, Joyce & Roland Hidalgo, Archie Julien, Steve, Preston & Vincent Morvant, James & Beverly Stafford, M/M James Blanchard, (<—Con't)

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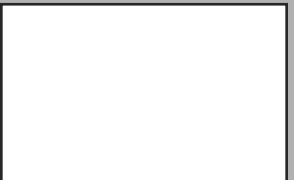
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