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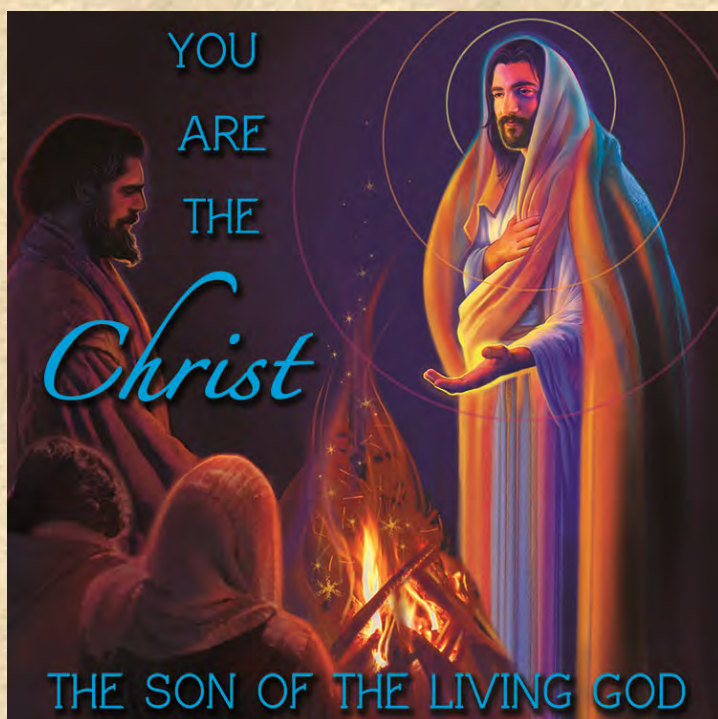
Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri.	7:00 am

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Please contact the pastor a minimum of six months before the wedding.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday	5:30-5:45 pm
Saturday	3:00-3:30 pm



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2020

Rocky

Jesus gave Simon a name based on the word for "rock." Peter had just acknowledged Jesus to be the Son of God and the Messiah (Christ). Jesus used that as an opportunity to teach us about the importance of faith as the foundation of the church.

There were many variations on what people thought the messiah would be. Some expected a political leader who would unite the Jews and maybe even overthrow their Roman masters. Others thought he would be a wonder-worker, a super-hero, who would use his power to make Israel a great and free nation. Some thought the messiah would provide food and riches in abundance. In faith we learn that Jesus has fulfilled all messianic hopes. He unites not just the Jews, but all people who believe in him. He sets us free from sin and death. He feeds our spiritual hunger with his own Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

By commending Peter's faith, he shows us that faith is the foundation (rock) of the church. For the church is a family of people who believe all that Jesus taught because we believe in the person of Jesus. That is, we don't just believe that Jesus was real. We affirm that he is alive and important to our lives. We have experienced him in his words, in the sacraments, and in each other. May our faith always be solid as a rock.

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August 23, 2020

Dear Family:

In our second reading from St. Paul to the Romans, Paul shows how God works in unpredictable ways. This unpredictability, however, is related to God's faithful commitment to humanity. Human beings can be unreliable and God's love does not coerce us. God often improvises to achieve the purpose to save all. (This is evident in our first reading from Isaiah with Shebna's replacement by Eliakim.) God will not give up on the first-chosen Jews, so God will likewise not give up on Gentiles if they fail again somehow.

We cannot presume to know God's ways, or assume that God works by our expectation or calculation. Doing so reduces the Christian life to one of predictable repetitions, when life with God is a mystery of astonishing discoveries. We cannot dictate how God works, but we can trust God's love and the ultimate achievement of God's purposes. The question is whether we can follow and accept God's new work and revelations as they happen.

Peter, unlike some religious leaders, is able to accept Jesus as God's new revelation. In response, Jesus gives him special authority and responsibility. Of course, Peter also fails later by denying Jesus but is fully restored, because God will and can always improvise to bring mercy and redemption.

Matthew uses the Greek words for "Peter" and "rock," as they sound very similar. Paul, in discussing the rejection of Jesus by some Jews, conflates several verses from Isaiah (8:14-15;28:16) to talk about a rock on which some will stumble and fall. That is what happens when someone misses God's new acts because of presumptions about God.

Some questions for reflection:

What new things is God doing today?

In what ways may we stumble over God's surprises?

Do you see tension between God's steadfast love and unpredictable ways?

Peace,

Fr. Greg

Parish School of Religion

PSR Online Registration for Grades 1, 3-10 as well as Online Registration for 1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist and Confirmation will be available online. The Registration Forms can be found on our website: www.stjohnchurchplaq.org under the subheading Formation, PSR Registration.

An email will be sent to all parents of students enrolled in our program. If you are new to the program, please send your email address to wandaashley681@gmail.com. If you have questions, please contact Wanda Ashley at the email address above or call the parish office at 225.687.2402.



CATHOLIC

THINKING ABOUT IT, OR KNOW OF SOMEONE THINKING ABOUT IT?

RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a faith journey open to all unbaptized or baptized adults who wish to explore the possibility of becoming Catholic. If you are interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith and even exploring the possibility of becoming Catholic, please join us this fall for a wonderful faith journey.

Classes are held every Sunday following 9am Mass until 10:45am in the church office conference room. The dates for RCIA are Sunday, September 13, 2020, then every Sunday until November 29, 2020.

RCIA resumes after Advent on Sunday, January 10, 2021 following 9am Mass until 10:45am, then every Sunday at 9am Mass until Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 3, 2021. For more information, contact Donna Carville at 225.687.2402.



Altar Society

The Altar Society will be selling Little Burgundy Books which include each of the gospels in a four-book pack for \$5 per pack. The books contain six-minute daily reflections from Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Supplies are limited. You may pick up your copies in the church office from 9am until noon, M-F.

Altar Society Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, August 26 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

Looking for direction and guidance in these trying times? Visit www.stjohchurchplaq.formed.org to register for a wealth of Catholic inspiration. Our church has subscribed to this St. Augustine Institute resource for you.

First Holy Eucharist



Father Greg Daigle is pictured welcoming Dylan Joseph Messina, Ladd Sev Miller, Reid Anthony Migliacio and Madden Lane Olivier to the Table of the Lord as they received the Eucharist for the first time Sunday, August 9.

May God continue to pour out His blessings on the members of these families, that they may continue to grow in faith and love throughout the years.

Mass Intentions — August 22-28, 2020

Saturday, August 22-4pm Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Catherine & Andrew Roucher; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; Yves Ramirez Family; Trista Parro, Sue Wakeling, Diane Irvin; Robert Mooney, Sylvia Gascon, Lee & Betty Mooney, David Chaloux; Vincent A. Ferachi, Dr. Larry G. Ferachi; Peter Panepinto Family; Aubrey, Blanche & Saul Quebedeaux, Dub Comeaux; Michael “Boo” Santangelo, Mike & Rita Santangelo, Clay & Julette Bourg; Florence Lopez; M/M Lindon Rivet & Family, J. P. Messina, Irene & Lo Gulotta; Jim & Ella Panepinto; Mary & Chuchie Flatau, Anthony & Camella Orcino, Orcino & Flatau Families; Joe, Sr., & Greta Rockforte; Jackie Callegan

Sunday, August 23-7:30am Mass — St. John Parishioners



Sunday, August 23-9am Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Kristina Mellema; Connor Brown; Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio, Pauline E. deVerges, Edward Engolio, Jr.; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P. W. Albert, Jr.; Ashley M. Gueho; Jep Daigle, Eddie & Virginia Clebert, Ulger & Nilda Daigle, Clebert & Daigle Families; Lucy & Hayward Hebert; Benny & Annie Vaughn; Medric Smith, Sr., Margaret Smith, Bridget Smith Mann; Virginia Simon; Olga Hymel

Sunday, August 23-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Manuel, Mary, Dolores & Sarah Diamond; Brenda Fremin; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Isaac Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn; Rusty Haydel; Dom Engolio, Frances & Mike Savariste, Frank Savariste

Tuesday, August 25-6pm Mass

Richard G. Rizer; J. P., Anna & Patrick Gaudet; Florence Blanchard; Rusty Haydel

Wednesday, August 26-7am Mass

Tullier Family, nephews, nieces, great nephews & nieces & great, great nephews & nieces

Thursday, August 27-7am Mass

Harry “Bro” Simpson

Friday, August 28-7am Mass

Tommy Griffon

Sanctuary Candle August 23, 2020

**St. John the Evangelist Church
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Baptisms & Baptism Seminars



**Baptism Seminars — 7pm
Church Office Third Floor
Monday, September 14, 2020
Monday, October 5, 2020
Monday, November 9, 2020**

**Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass
Saturday, August 22, 2020
Saturday, September 26, 2020
Saturday, October 24, 2020
Saturday, November 28, 2020**

Dates are subject to change. Please call Lily Skidmore at the church office (225.687.2402) during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.

Daily Scripture Reading August 24-30, 2020

Monday, August 24:

Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13ab, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday, August 25:

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 26:

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, August 27:

1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday, August 28:

1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, August 29:

1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mk 6:17-29

Sunday, August 30:

Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

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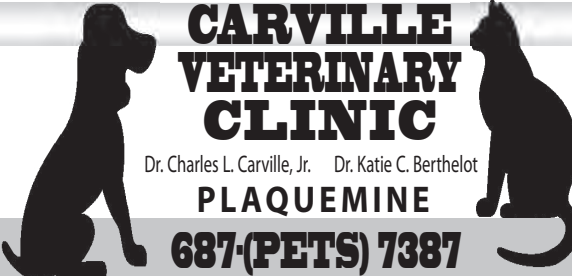


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