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Masses

Saturday Vigil.....4:00 pm
Sunday.....7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Monday.....7:00 am
Tuesday.....6:00 pm
Followed by Benediction & Novena
Wednesday.....7:00 am
Thursday.....7:00 am
First Friday.....7:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday.....5:30-5:45 pm
First Friday.....6:30 am
Saturday.....3:00-3:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Chapel Hours.....4:00 am-11:00 pm



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2026

A Mighty God

The first reading says that God's might is the basis for divine justice. We might take this to mean that God uses mighty power to punish sinners, in the legal sense of justice. But God is too powerful to be injured by our sins. God can afford to wait for us to repent. That is the point of the parable of the wheat and the weeds.

We are used to expecting swift justice. We like TV shows in which the bad guy is caught and convicted in an hour. The idea of God giving sinners until the end of time to repent is almost un-American—at least, until we realize that we are sinners, too. Yet God is still willing to wait for all of us to repent. That is the wonder of God's love, that God's Son came to die for sinners, even before we sinned.

Of course, that means that we also share forgiveness with others. But the more often we go to confession, the more we are reminded of

God's love and forgiveness. Those reminders can help us to be more willing to show mercy ourselves. Let us ask God for the courage to seek forgiveness and the strength to forgive. Tom Schmidt

This weekend we welcome Father Jeffrey Estacio, originally from the Philippines serving in the diocese of Lexington, Kentucky to be our celebrant and to speak to us of his current missionary work.



Masses During Church Restoration

Weekend Masses, funerals and weddings continue at St. Clement Church, 58725 St. Clement Avenue and weekday Holy Mass is celebrated in the St. John Parish Hall.

Prayer for Protection from A Hurricane

*Our Father in Heaven,
through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor,
spare us during this hurricane season from all harm.
Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature.
Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Scripture Readings

Week of July 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30
Monday	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday	Sg 3:1-4b; or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7b, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
Friday	Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12d, 13; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday	2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1b, 2-6; Mt 20:20-28

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” —Mt 11:28-30

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-11pm. To schedule an hour as a committed adoror or a substitute, please contact Susan Landry at 225.687.2402, susan@stjohnchurchplaq.com.



In Loving Memory...

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the following person who donated a memorial gift to St. John the Evangelist Church 100 Year Capital Campaign in loving memory of:

**David E. Wendt, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. William E. Barker III
William E. Barker IV
Father Greg Daigle**

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Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm

Church Office Conference Room

Monday, August 3, 2026

Monday, September 7, 2026

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, July 25, 2026

Saturday, August 22, 2026

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Dates are subject to change. Please register during the early stages of pregnancy and submit online at www.stjohnchurchplaq.org under FORMATION.

Baptisms will take place at St. Clement Church during the restoration of St. John the Evangelist Church. For more information, call or email Lily Skidmore at 225.687.2402, lily@stjohnchurchplaq.com.

St. John School News



2026 Maypole Queen and Runners-up

The 87th Annual St. John High School Maypole Ceremony was held at the Carl F. Grant Civic Center Sunday, May 3, 2026. Senior girls are, l to r,
second runner-up Sinclair Renee Landry, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Dustin Landry,
Maypole Queen Caroline Eve Schlatre, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bart Schlatre and
first-runner up Kate Avery LeBlanc, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tommy LeBlanc.

Alumni Association

Join the St. John Alumni Association; the organization that supports the whole St. John community. For more information, email torcino@stjohnschool.education or stop by our Facebook page, St. John Alumni Association (Plaquemine), for level options and pricing. Payments can be made via Venmo @stjohnalumniassociation.

Community Coffee "Cash for Schools" Program

Please continue saving UPC labels from all Community Coffee products. St. John is able to raise thousands of dollars for classroom supplies through the Community Coffee "Cash for Schools" fundraiser. You may bring your labels to the church office or put them in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket at any weekend Mass. We will see that the school receives them.

SAVE THE DATE

Back to School Rosary

Monday, August 3 ~ 6:30pm ~ St. Clement Church

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Mr. & Mrs. Norman Schlatre, Sr.
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Young Adults + + +

"LIGHT THE WAY"

MATTHEW 5:16

Sunday, July 26th 12:00-5:30

We welcome you to join us at 11:00AM Mass, followed by: Lunch, Worship, and Reflection.

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-35

This event is at **no cost** to you. Thank you to WBR ACTS for sponsoring this event!

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church (Activity Center)
 402 S Kirkland St. Brusly, LA 70719

If you have any questions, you can contact Garrett Roberts at: (225) 281-9604

REGISTRATION:

ALL YOUNG ADULTS WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 25-4pm Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Fr. Greg Daigle, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair, Emily & Paul Bourgeois; Mary & Chuchie Flatau, Orcino & Flatau Families; Andrew & Catherine Roucher; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; Patrick Gaudet, Iris & Audry Callegan, Irvin "Pajo" Settoon III; Amelia, Gayle & Wheel Badeaux; M/M Tony Falcon, Anthony "Boyce" Falcon, Brandi Quatrevingt, M/M Ray Murry, Mark Murry, Lil Earl Quatrevingt, M/M Earl Quatrevingt, Tommy & Jay Quatrevingt, M/M C. J. Saurage, Brian & Randy Quatrevingt, M/M Ronald Lee Gary, M/M Gerald Morales, M/M Frank Tempanaro, M/M "Junior" Sanchez, Camile Tempanaro, M/M Alvin Altazan, Butch Altazan, M/M Clyde Favron, Shirley Favron; Frank, Josie, Victor & Anthony Canella; John N. Gum, Jr.; John Roth, Sr., Madeline Roth, John Roth, Jr., Reynolds Roth, A. J. Jumonville, Freddie Hebert, David Roth, James Roth; Conrad Joffrion, Tubby & Gertrude Allain, Roy Landry, Jr. & Sr.

Sunday, July 26-7:30 am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, July 26-9am Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Fr. Greg Daigle, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Kristina Mellema; Gerald "Pops" Boudreaux, Maydell Smothers, Tom Smothers; Gladys "Butsy" Palermo, Peter A. Palermo, Patrick Burleigh, Douglas Brewer; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; Edna & Willie Dupre; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Bart Tullier, Ruth, O'Neil & Robby Acosta; Alberta Buquoi, Mary Jo Primeaux; Ruel Seneca, Sr., Ida Gaudet Family, Leah Diamond, Linda Rafflee; Mark Allain, Fred & Beverly Allain; Patricia Scaruffi

Sunday, July 26-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Bobby & Janice Tullier, M/M Verner Comeaux, Sr.; Colby & Wayne Gomez, Pitre & Gomez Families; Leon Graffeo, Nell & Pascal Graffeo, Jimmy Barbee; Isaac J. Vaughn, Jr., Brent Isaac Vaughn, Sidney Hedges, Sr., Ezora Hedges; Elwood "Braco" Altazan; Mary Schouest; Leo P. Canova; Leah Seneca

Monday, July 27-7am Mass

Larry Skidmore

Tuesday, July 28-6pm Mass

Marie Marionneaux; Rosemary Cox; Mrs. Brenda B. Businell; Betty & Lee Mooney, Eva & Tony Doiron; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; David T. Dupont; Marian R. Guercio

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Mass Intentions (continued)

Wednesday, July 29-7am Mass

Cathy B. Daigle

Thursday, July 30-7am Mass

Emily Loubiere



Sanctuary Candle

July 19, 2026

St. John the Evangelist

Pepper Jackson

St. Clement of Rome

Mark Allain

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Kids Corner

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Wheat Harvest Barn Spoke Fulfill



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