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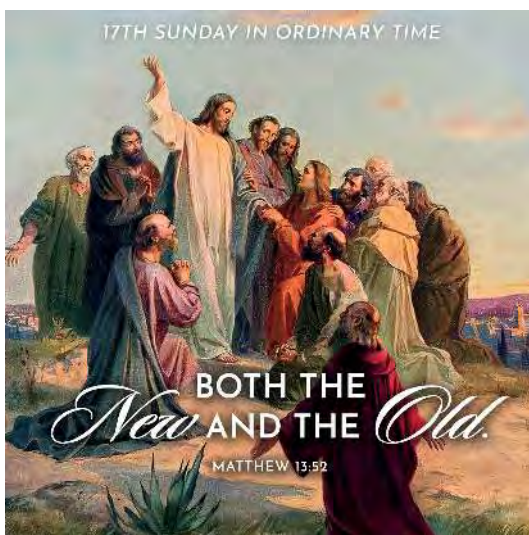
Saturday Vigil.....4:00 pm
Sunday.....7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Monday.....7:00 am
Tuesday.....6:00 pm
Followed by Benediction & Novena
Wednesday.....7:00 am
Thursday.....7:00 am
First Friday.....7:00 am

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



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2026

A Truly Wise Person

The ending of today's Gospel speaks about "the new and the old." Jesus is saying that a person "instructed in the kingdom" has wisdom both old and new; in other words, that person learns from the past as well as from the present. Let's look at each of those.

We learn from the past by studying it. So the wisdom of the kingdom comes first from the scriptures. The more familiar we are with the word of God, the more wisdom we possess. We can also learn from the lives of the saints and writings of the Church. If you only have time to go to Mass on Sunday, just listening to the homily can help to apply the scriptures to your life.

One way we can learn from "the new" is to learn from our mistakes. That includes learning from our sins. When we are truly sorry, we make an effort to change our ways. We can also learn from the mistakes and the successes of our friends. As we share our faith with them, we share the stories of our lives, both good and bad. God can speak to us through a friend or relative whose advice we seek. A truly wise person is one who has received a lifetime of good advice. Tom Schmidt



PSR — Parish School of Religion

Register NOW!!

PSR registration and Sacramental Prep for 2nd and 7th grade students is open for the 2026-2027 school year. You may access registration forms on our church website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org under the FORMATION TAB.

Volunteer teachers are requested for PSR Classes. Please contact Jennifer Adams at 225.385.8201, jenniferadams1816@gmail.com with questions or if you can help.



NOTE: Weekend Masses, baptisms, funerals and weddings continue at St. Clement Chapel, 58725 St. Clement Avenue. Weekday Holy Masses will be celebrated in the St. John Parish Hall through Sunday, August 9.

Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm

Church Office Conference Room

Monday, August 3, 2026

Monday, September 7, 2026

Monday, October 5, 2026

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, July 25, 2026

Saturday, August 22, 2026

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Saturday, October 17, 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, contact Lily Skidmore at 225.687.2402, lily@stjohnchurchplaq.com.

Source & Summit Missal

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Come and Adore. He is waiting for YOU.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

—Psalm 95:6-7

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



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:

Sandra “Coochie” Landry

Donated by:
Sylvia S. Daigre

Scripture Readings

Week of July 26, 2026

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

Monday Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-19-21; Mt 13:31-25

Tuesday Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6b; Mt 13:47-53

Friday Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21



You are Invited!

A Journey of Faith

You are invited to join us on August 18, 2026 after 6pm Mass to begin answering that nudge that keeps nudging you with a quiet curiosity about the Catholic Church, to find more purpose in your life, a need for deeper prayer. That nudge is the reason for you to come and check it out.

Who is God? Why is there evil in the world? What happens when we die? What is the role of the church in all this? Through prayer, honest conversation, learning the wisdom of Scripture and the saints, we will find what our minds seek and what our hearts long for — truth and belonging.

Encountering the One who give life meaning—Jesus Christ.

Our companion for this journey is *Invited*, an Ascension Press series that helps us explore questions that matter most. We will meet very Sunday from 9:30-11am beginning on Sunday, August 23. Topics will be posted on Facebook and in the church bulletin. People inquiring about the Catholic faith as well as us Catholics are welcome!

Please call the church office at 225.687.2402 to let us know you're interested in joining us on this journey of faith.

God, I come before you, searching.

For what, I do not yet know.

Is it truth? Is it belonging? Is it love?

I ask you to be with me as I begin this journey of faith.

Amen.

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

Glynn LeJeune

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P.H.S. Class of 1968

Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

The St. John Altar Society cleans the church, assists the sacristans and provides assistance as needed for parish receptions. The monthly meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:30am in the church office conference room.

Annual dues of **\$30** are due in August. Dues are the main source of income for the Altar Society to serve both St. John's and St. Clement's needs. Use the envelope provided in your August stewardship packet or drop an envelope marked "St. John Altar Society" in the church collection.

Please make checks out to St. John Altar Society.

FREE EVENT

BACK TO SCHOOL & HEALTH CARE EVENT

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Plaquemine Community Center

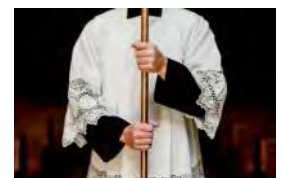
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FREE FOOD, GAMES, MUSIC, SPACE WALK, MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

Altar Servers

Serving at the Table of the Lord

Any boy or girl in the 3rd grade or older interested in becoming an Altar Server and assisting at Holy Mass is invited to join. The ministry of Altar Server is a wonderful way for our young children and youth to involve themselves in service at the Table of the Lord.

Access the registration form located on our website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org, under the RESOURCES tab.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 1-4pm 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; Papa, Momma, Moe, Joan, Mickey J., Brown & Duhon Families, Joe Rockforte, Sr., John & Cecile Brown; Brennan Bujol, Pim & Nu Nu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Catherine & Frank Ferachi; Michael Gourgues, Matthew Gourgues, Shirley G. Zito, Brian Zito; Scott Jude Marino, A. J. & Nera Rodriguez, Anthony & Mary Marino, Kids of St. Jude; Alfred, Mercedese, Lester, & Mary Carville, Louise Bujol & Edmund, Reid, & Gerry Rainey; V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair, Emily & Paul Bourgeois, George & Carol Allain, Barbara Allain Bajon, George A. "GiGi" Allain, Rodney & Betty LaBauve; M/M Vincent M. Ferachi, Cadance & Cassidy Diamond, Stephanie Rivere, Tina Loyacano, Ferachi & Marino Families; M/M Houston LaBauve, Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; Ronnie Palermo, Brown Family, Palermo Family; John N. Gum, Jr.; Henry J. & JoAnn R. Daigle & Family, Alfred & Volina Roth & Family, Alfred Roth, Jr., Dupuy & Bourgoyne Families; Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Maude & Percy Blanchard, Norbert & Chase Prejean; Patricia Ebert; M/M Victor Crescionne, Crescionne Family, Michelle Family, Sister Joycelin Stampfli; In Honor or the Sacred Heart of Jesus; Alan Gaudet

Sunday, August 2-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, August 2-9am 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; Fred Hebert; Gerald "Pops" Boudreaux, Maydell Smothers, Tom Smothers; Dudley & Marie Ragusa LeBlanc; Terry Landry, Sr. & Jr., Kynlee Bueche; Rosemary Cox; Kenneth "Klu" Brown; James Roucher, Rusty Roucher; Denise Miranda, James & Marie Miranda, Louise Samaha; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Sue Dugas; Ruel Seneca, Sr., Ida Gaudet Family, Leah Diamond, Linda Rafflee; Gloria Cavalier, Donald & Mary Cavalier, Angela Cavalier; Patricia Scaruffi

Sunday, August 2-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; William H. Middleton, Bill Middleton III, Clouatre & Middleton Families; Ruth, Bill & Little Billy Ostergren; Wayne Gomez; Isaac J. Vaughn, Jr., Brent Isaac Vaughn, Nilda Vaughn, Isaac Vaughn, Sr.; Marian R. Guercio, Louis M. Zeringue, S. J. "Blue" Guercio III, Michael & Alyce W. Grace; Leo P. Canova

Tuesday, August 4-6pm Mass

David T. Dupont; Marjorie B. Dill; "Noonie" Rivet

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Mass Intentions (continued)

Wednesday, August 5-7am Mass

William H. Middleton, Bill Middleton III, Clouatre & Middleton Families

Thursday, August 6-7am Mass

Floyd Anthony Hebert

Friday, August 7-7am Mass

Jaynell F. Nadler



Sanctuary Candle

July 26, 2026

St. John the Evangelist

Trista Parro & David Dupont

St. Clement of Rome

Marian R. Guercio

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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:

Leah LoBue Seneca

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Claire T. Whitaker

Kids Corner

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Chosen for Consecrated Life

"I implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called."

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