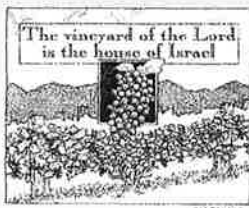


Twenty-Seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2017



**Mass Intentions**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 9**

8:00 AM Gerald Duplantis, Judy Guhman (Living)  
Alvin Dufrene, Sr.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10**

8:00 AM Lou DeBautte, Garland Bourgeois

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11**

No Mass

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12**

5:30 PM Rosary (Chapel)

6:00 PM Warren Matherne

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13**

8:00 AM Evelyn & Norris Boudreaux, Thelma Rodriguez

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14**

5:00 PM

Inez & Welton Aupied, Alex & Marion Bergeron, Jackie Bergeron, Addis Meacham, Jr., Addis Meacham, Sr., Doris, Roy & Dwayne Comardelle, Joshua Bychurch, Dorothy Laque, Johnny Champagne, Sr., Roy Estay, Ray Montet

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15**

8:30 AM People of St. John

10:30 AM

Evelyn & Norris Boudreaux, Hector E. Hock, Sr., Becky Flanagan, P. J. Hock, Patricia Hock, Catherine Hock, Una, Ulysse & Paul Breaux, August & Pearl Verda, Wilfred & Lydia Lirette, Patricia Picard, Joseph Lochbaum, Kerry Rivet, Huey Rivet, Gerald Duplantis, Judy Guhman (Living)

**Sanctuary Lamp**

Week of: October 8th—October 14th

In memory of:

*Kerry Rivet, Huey Rivet,  
Alvin Dufrene, Sr.*



**Pray for the Sick**

Ian Alexander, Lisa Barlow, Carol Bourgeois, Murphy Cortez, Mary Duhe, Priscilla Dufrene, Judy Guhman, Earline King, Deanie Landry, Albert Laque, Ella Lirette, Garrett Lirette, Merrill Matherne, Albert Melancon, Brenda Naquin, Carl Sampey, Grant White



**Weekly Offerings**

October 1, 2017:.....\$2,525.50

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Where Are the Grapes?**

Jesus' parable is a little different from the one in the first reading. Isaiah has the vineyard under good and faithful care, but still it produces wild grapes. In the Gospel, the vineyard presumably had a good harvest, but the workers refuse to give any of the grapes to the landowner. The question for us is, which parable is about me? Do I ignore all that God does to help me be a good disciple? Am I too busy to take time to pray or read the Bible? Do I hold onto grudges instead of forgiving and releasing them? Do I only go to church when someone drags me there, or only at Christmas and Easter? (If that were true, I probably would not be reading this bulletin.) Do I decline the invitations to go on a retreat? Am I afraid to share my faith with someone who needs encouragement? If any of these are true, I might be like the vineyard in the first reading, producing no fruit despite all the opportunities God has given me.

Or we may be the other side of the coin. We had our children baptized when they were babies, sent them to the parish school or religion classes. We went to church every Sunday and took them with us. We gave them as good an example as we could, teaching them to love others and be generous with what they have. Yet they grew up and drifted away from the faith. Then we have to remember how patient God is with us, God's people who don't always produce the fruits of faith.

The Gospel is a little more difficult to relate to. The tenants in the parable refer to those who mistreated or killed the prophets sent by God or the people who would have Jesus crucified. Yet the kingdom of God is still being proclaimed in spite of them. God is patient with them. Look what happened to Saul, who persecuted many Christians before he became one himself. In our second reading he tells us to follow his example as he follows Christ. Then, he says, the peace of God will be with us, too (Philippians 4:6-9).

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**In Sympathy**

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Elsie Danos and Irma Dubroca.



**PRAYER DURING  
HURRICANE SEASON**

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, may we be spared from the loss of life and property during this hurricane season.



With humble hearts, St. John the Baptist joyfully proclaims the mercy of God.

**Council of Catholic Women Meeting**

The meeting has been moved to Thursday, October 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**Mass Intentions Book**

The Mass Intentions Book for 2018 will be open from **October 9th-31st**. All mass intentions will be accepted on a Mass Intention Form. These forms are available this weekend on the table. You may place the form with your stipend into the collection basket or mail to the parish office.

**Second Harvest Food Bank**

The St. John's Ministry of Care in connection with Second Harvest will be distributing food for the needy at the St. John the Baptist Church on Hwy. 90 in Paradis on Wednesday, October 18th at 8:00 a.m. on a first come first serve basis. You must be preapproved. For those who have not signed up, you may register at the St. John the Baptist Church on Hwy. 90 in Paradis on October 18th at 8:00 a.m. This registration will entitle you to receive food the same day.

**Ministry of Care Fellowship Lunch/Bingo**

Seniors over 65 years from St. John the Baptist and St. Gertrude Parishes only are invited to attend a luncheon/bingo on Thursday, October 19, 2017 in St. John's Parish Hall. Doors open at 11:00 a.m., meal will be served at 11:30 a.m. Bingo following the meal. Those who are interested in attending must sign in at the table at the entrance of church.

**Month of the Rosary**

The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. A special effort should be made to recite the rosary at home with your family.



Spread the practice of praying the rosary

and give the testimony of devotion to the Mother of God.

The rosary will be recited 20 minutes before each weekend mass for the month of October.

Also, a group of our parishioners gather each Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel to recite the rosary in honor of the Blessed Mother. They invite you to join them.

**Rosary Rally**

Please join the **2017 Public Square Rosary Crusade**. The United States is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We must ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

**Date: Saturday, October 14th**

**Time: 12:00 noon**

**Place: Corner of Hwy 90 & Hale Street, Paradis**

*Please bring a lawn chair & water.*

**All Saints Day Flowers**

Donations for All Saints Day Flowers are being accepted now through **October 25th** in memory of your loved ones. Please use the envelopes on the table at the entrance of the church.

**School of Religion**

Mrs. Darlene Landeche-758-1593  
stjohnccd@nocoxmail.com  
www.stjohnthebaptistchurch.faith

**Class Times**

Elementary—5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.  
High School—6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**CCD Schedule**

October 9th—**Holiday-Fall Break**  
October 16th—Class-Safe Environment Class  
October 23rd—Class  
October 30th—Class

**Volunteers Needed**

We are in need of volunteers to help with cutting grass & weeding of the church grounds. Please contact the parish office 758-2668.

**Family Day Proceeds**

Raffle Income	
(after expenses)	\$ 7,121.00
Family Day Income & Special Donations	
(after expenses)	\$ 4,044.82
	<b>\$11,165.82</b>

For more detailed information please refer to the Family Day insert.

**Ministry Schedule—October 14th & 15th, 2017**

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5:00 PM	Carolyn Carte	PASTY DOUCET, Betty Meacham	Tammy Chiasson Volunteer	Kirk Matherne
Sunday 8:30 AM	Darlene Landeche	Karen Boyer, Brad Landeche	Kerwin Matherne Volunteer	Lysin Gourgues
Sunday 10:30 AM	Charles Boudreaux	Debra Frickey, Kent Frickey, Brenda Naquin	Emma & Julie Holleman	Emily, Noah, Madeline, Sam Blanchard