



# Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

**August 19, 2018 • Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wisdom is often identified with Christ and with the Holy Spirit. Both are present in today's readings, one as a metaphor, the other as a doctrine. "To the one who lacks understanding, [Wisdom] says, Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed!" She urges us, "Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding."

Jesus urges us to be united with him in an intimate way in his flesh and blood in the Eucharist. We are blessed with the quality of wisdom, if only we recognize this and welcome our Lord into our hearts.

## WELCOME ME AND LIVE

"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" In those days, before our understanding of the Eucharist, before the Last Supper when Jesus offered himself to his disciples in the bread and wine, this may have been a reasonable theological question, as well as a logical one. They did not understand. They did not have the wisdom

to see the metaphor, or to know that further understanding would be forthcoming.

But to those who were open to Jesus' words, the bread of life was offered and accepted as the way to life eternal. They may not have understood that Jesus was speaking of eternal life, not our physical life on Earth, that would be given forever, but they were captivated by the metaphor and believed. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life." It is possible to be puzzled and still believe.

So what does this mean for us today? Wisdom is something we sorely need in our world, and it is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Partaking of the Body and Blood of the Lord is to gain wisdom as well as eternal life, to participate in the life of God, the Trinity, and of each other in love and caring. We must abandon our foolish ways and believe.

Today's Readings: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

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**Mass Times:**

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Monday, Tuesday & Fridays 8:00 a.m.,  
Thursdays 6pm (Chapel)

**Confession:**

Saturday 4:15 p.m. or by appointment

**Baptism:**

First Sunday of the Month. Baptismal seminar is required for first time Parents and Godparents.

**Marriage:**

Contact Pastor at least eight (8) months before making arrangements.

**Twentieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
August 19, 2018**



**Mass Intentions**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 20**

8:00 AM Frances Hunter

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 21**

8:00 AM Evelyln & Norris Boudreaux

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22**

No Mass

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 23**

5:30 PM Rosary (Chapel)

6:00 PM Roy Landry

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 24**

8:00 AM Herman Kelone, Sr.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 25**

5:00 PM People of St. John

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 26**

8:30 AM

Bobby A. Hogan, Beuvans Savoie, Augusta & Sidney J. LeBouef & Family, Ivy, Dennis & Kevin Detillier, David Dasch, Roy Estay, Special Intentions

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, Kerry & Huey Rivet, Mary & Joseph Matherne, Murphy Candies, Jr., Murphy & Mittie Cortez, Roy Landry, Judy Guhman (Living)

**Sanctuary Lamp**

**Week of: August 19th—August 25th**

**In memory of:**

**Earl & Mirley Lirette, Henry Tauzin**



**Pray for the Sick**

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, may they be freed from danger, relieved of suffering, and embraced with compassion in the gentle arms of the Good Shepherd.

Ian Alexander, Lisa Barlow, Carol Bourgeois, Joe Gaston, Judy Guhman, Chris Kirkpatrick, Albert Laque, Ella Lirette, Garrett Lirette, Gerner Matherne, Merril Matherne, Albert Melancon, Brenda Naquin, Mary Picou, Brenda Savoie, Nicole Veillon, Janet Weber, Grant White



**Weekly Offerings**

**August 12, 2018: ..... \$2,520.00**

**Mission Appeal: ..... \$975.00**

**Mass Time Changes**

The Parish Council met on Tuesday, August 7th and voted to change St. John's Mass times due to the lack of ministers/volunteers and attendance.

Starting the weekend of **September 8th & 9th** the following masses will be our new schedule.

**Saturday, Vigil Mass—5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday Mass—8:00 a.m.** (no music, no ministers)

**Sunday Mass—10:00 a.m.**

We ask for your understanding through this time as we adjust to our new mass times. If further explanation is needed, please contact a Parish Council Member.

**Scripture Readings  
Summary for August 25th & 26th**

**First Reading**

**JOS 24:1-2, 15-18**

Gathering the Israelites at Shechem, Moses' successor, Joshua, asks them to renew the covenant with Yahweh and to express their intention to remain with Yahweh or leave.

**Second Reading**

**EPH 5:21-32**

Paul helps the Ephesians to understand that the love they express as husbands and wives is a genuine living reflection of how Christ loves his Church.

**Gospel**

**JN 6:60-69**

Christ concludes his bread of life discourse with a pertinent and straight forward question: Do his followers want to believe and remain, or simply walk away?

**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.



Please notify the Parish Office if someone is in need of prayer. Names will remain on the list for six weeks unless the office is notified. A request must be made by calling the church office. This request must be made by the individual or an immediate family member.

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

**August 19th  
Baptismal Seminar  
St. Anthony of Padua**

A baptismal seminar will be held on Sunday, August 19th at St. Anthony of Padua, Luling at 2:00 p.m. in the CA Building. This seminar is for first time parents and godparents.

August 19, 2018

**Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation  
*Laudete et Exsultate* on the Call to  
Holiness**

"It is not healthy to love silence while fleeing interaction with others, to want peace and quiet while avoiding activity, to seek prayer while disdain service. Everything can be accepted and integrated into our life in this world, and become a part of our path to holiness. We are called to be contemplatives even in the midst of action, and to grow in holiness by responsibly and generously carrying out our proper mission. Could the Holy Spirit urge us to carry out a mission and then ask us to abandon it, or not fully engage in it, so as to preserve our inner peace? Yet there are times when we are tempted to relegate pastoral engagement or commitment in the world to second place, as if these were "distractions" along the path to growth in holiness and interior peace. We can forget that "life does not have a mission, but is a mission". Needless to say, anything done out of anxiety, pride or the need to impress others will not lead to holiness. We are challenged to show our commitment in such a way that everything we do has evangelical meaning and identifies us all the more with Jesus Christ". (n. 26-28)

**Family Day  
September 23, 2018  
Raffle Tickets**

Please pickup your Raffle Tickets on the table at the entrance of the church.

We are asking everyone to participate in our **major fund raiser** by selling the raffle tickets. There are **35** wonderful prizes that can be won. When you are finished selling the tickets you may place the tickets into the basket on the table or return them to the parish office.

All donated raffle prizes need to be turned in the parish office before **September 23rd**.

**Volunteers are needed**

Please sign up on the Volunteer Sheet for the area you are available to help for Family Day. You may sign up to help in the kitchen, cooking, cleaning, drinks and sweet booth. Sign up sheets can be found on the table. High School students in need of service hours are encouraged to sign up to participate.

**Family Day Dinners**

In the past a few parishioners have made monetary donations to cover the cost of the Family Day Dinners. However due to increased cost and lower donations we are in need of more monetary assistance.

The estimated cost is about \$2,000. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please place your donation in an envelope marked "**Family Day Dinners**". Donations can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the Parish Office. Please make checks payable to St. John the Baptist Church.

**School of Religion**

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**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**

August 13th—Class  
August 20th—Class  
August 27th—Class

September 3rd—Holiday-Labor Day  
September 10th—Class  
September 17th—Class  
September 24th—Class



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



**Ministry Schedule—August 25th & 26th, 2018**

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5:00 PM	Julia DuRousseau	Betty Meacham, Patsy Doucet	Trent & Trista Naquin	Julia DuRousseau
Sunday 8:30 AM	Brad Landeche	Carol White, Donnie White	Kevin & Darlene Landeche	Robin & Danny Ledet
Sunday 10:30 AM	Nicky Bourgeois	<b>CARL SIMONEAUX</b> , Mary Picou, <b>Volunteer</b>	Teresa Huerta Marilyn Ruiz	Noah Blanchard Madeline Blanchard

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