



# Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life

August 26, 2018 • Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

“This saying is hard; who can accept it?” Those who had been following Jesus found the teaching about eating his flesh and drinking his blood, words that we heard in last Sunday’s Gospel, puzzling and unbelievable. There are Catholics who innocently believe that our Eucharist is only symbolic of the Body and Blood of Christ. Yet Jesus did not command us to eat this *symbol* of his body and blood. He said, “This *is* my body” and “This *is* my blood.”

“Does this shock you?” In fact, it did seem to shock many of his followers, the disciples no less than anyone else. Referring to another future action which would be hard to believe, Jesus says, “What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?” Nothing more is said about the Ascension at this time, but he is teaching them gradually how to accept something that seems unbelievable.

## DO NOT LEAVE

Jesus teaches that “no one can come to me unless it is granted [them] by my Father.” Jesus explains these difficult

beliefs by telling them that “the spirit . . . gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life.” It is in the Spirit that we truly live, and if we believe only in the flesh, we will never understand or be able to believe what seems impossible. That takes faith, and faith is a gift from God.

Because they cannot grasp this, many leave him, and so Jesus asks the Twelve, “Do you also want to leave?” But the faith of the closest followers is strong enough to hold on to what is impossible to understand literally. Peter answers for the Twelve, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

The Apostles have come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, “the Holy One of God.” Can we accept the gift of faith enough to believe?

Today’s Readings: Jos: 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b; Ps 34:2–3, 16–17, 18–19, 20–21; Eph 5:21–32 [2a, 25–32]; Jn 6:60–69

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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.

# Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 26, 2018

As for me  
and my  
household,  
we will serve  
the Lord



## Mass Intentions

### MONDAY, AUGUST 27

8:00 AM Edmond Comardelle

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

8:00 AM Judy Guhman (Living)

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

No Mass

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

5:30 PM Rosary (Chapel)

6:00 PM Addis Meacham, Jr., Addis Meacham, Sr.,  
Roy, Doris, Dwayne Comardelle

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

8:00 AM Eveyln & Norris Boudreaux

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

5:00 PM

Dorothy Laque, Earl & Mirley Lirette, Joyce Matherne, Ray  
Montet, Murphy Candies, Jr., Murphy & Mittie Cortez

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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, Kerry &  
Huey Rivet, Seth Veillon, Clarence & Wanda Savoie, Roy  
Landry, Judy Guhman (Living)

## Sanctuary Lamp

Week of: August 26th—September 1st

In memory of:

*Evelyn & Norris Boudreaux*



### 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, Merrill  
Matherne, Albert Melancon, Brenda Naquin, Mary  
Picou, Brenda Savoie, Nicole Veillon, Janet Weber,  
Grant White



## Weekly Offerings

August 19, 2018: ..... \$2,821.00

### 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 explana-  
tion is needed, please contact a Parish Council  
Member.

## Scripture Readings Summary for September 1st & 2nd

### First Reading

DT 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses reminds Israel that the law is God's precious gift  
to them and if they observe the law faithfully, they will  
remain close to the Lord.

### Second Reading

JAS 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

The word that has been given to us demands just action,  
especially care for the poor.

### Gospel

MK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Regarding the failure of his disciples to wash their hands  
before eating, Jesus distinguishes between law and tra-  
dition, and also between outward lip service and what is  
in the heart.

## 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 indi-  
vidual or an immediate family member.

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

**Upcoming  
September Events**

- Saturday, September 1st**  
CCW Quarterly Communion  
Mass at 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, September 6th**  
CCW Meeting-6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 11th**  
Parish Council Meeting at  
6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 12th**  
Confessions for all catholic  
parishes at 5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

**August 26, 2018**

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

"This does not mean ignoring the need for moments of quiet, solitude and silence before God. Quite the contrary. The presence of constantly new gadgets, the excitement of travel and an endless array of consumer goods at times leave no room for God's voice to be heard. We are overwhelmed by words, by superficial pleasures and by an increasing din, filled not by joy but rather by the discontent of those whose lives have lost meaning. How can we fail to realize the need to stop this rat race and to recover the personal space needed to carry on a heartfelt dialogue with God? Finding that space may prove painful but it is always fruitful. Sooner or later, we have to face our true selves and let the Lord enter. This may not happen unless "we see ourselves staring into the abyss of a frightful temptation, or have the dizzying sensation of standing on the precipice of utter despair, or find ourselves completely alone and abandoned". In such situations, we find the deepest motivation for living fully our commitment to our work" (n. 29)

**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 27th—Class  
September 3rd—Holiday-Labor Day  
September 9th—  
Teacher's Commissioning at **10:00 a.m. Mass**  
September 10th—Class  
September 17th—Class  
September 24th—Class



**Office Closed-Sept. 3rd**

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, September 3rd** in observance of Labor Day.

**Ministry Schedule—September 1st & 2nd, 2018**

	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>
<b>Saturday 5:00 PM</b>	Carolyn Carte	Celeste Chiasson, Darrell Chiasson	Eric Matherne <b>Volunteer</b>	Laurie Falgoust
<b>Sunday 8:30 AM</b>	Darlene Landeche	<b>KAREN BOYER</b> , Mona Poche	Darrell & Celeste Chiasson	Nicky Bourgeois
<b>Sunday 10:30 AM</b>	Clarence Savoie	Robin Ledet, Danny Ledet, <b>Volunteer</b>	Emma & Julie Holleman	Macy Oertling Avery Oertling

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