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Council 15490

St. John's Golden Group

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February 16, 2020: 6th Sunday Ordinary Time, 2020

REVEREND SHERWIN MONTERON

Pastor

Deacon Billy Graham, Secretary

Judy Poiroux, Bookkeeper

Tiffany Teofilo, CCD Director

Isabella Kotval, Youth Director

Parish Council

Bill Schaffer Jason Poiroux

Jim Jackson Autumn Bowden

Jack Wright Jay Graham

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Carol Voss

MASSES

Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M.

Wednesday 7:30 A.M.

Thursday 7:45 A.M.

Friday 7:45 A.M.

Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY MASS 10:00 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Weekdays by Appointment

Saturday 4:30 P.M.

Sunday 9:30 A.M.

BAPTISM: By Appointment

MATRIMONY: Contact the Office 6 months before the celebration

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

Anytime: Please call the Office

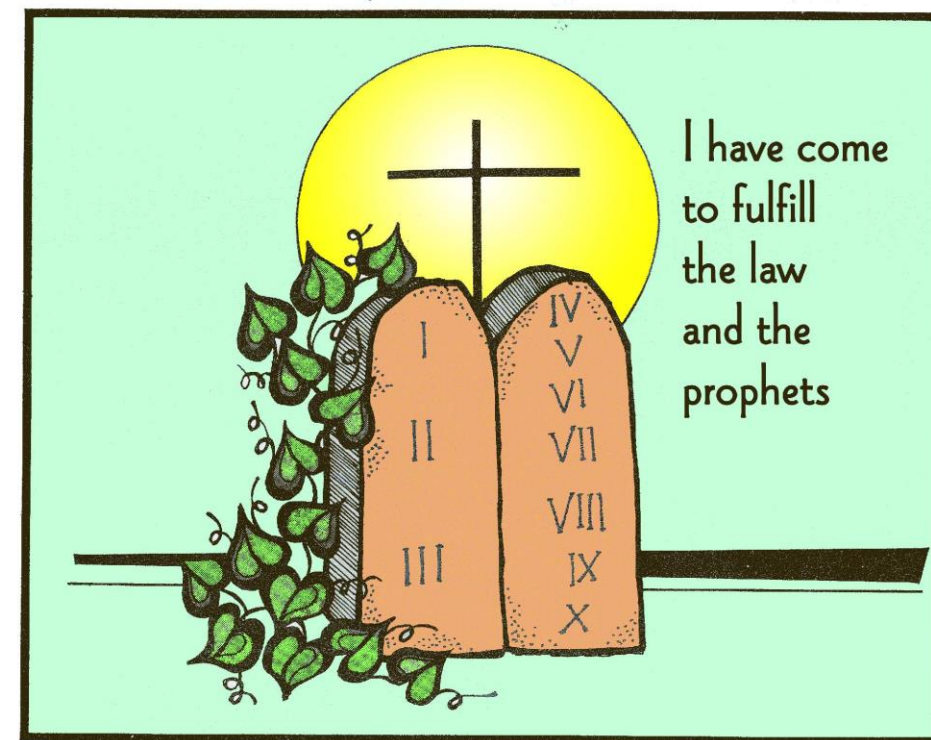
ROSARY & ADORATION: Every

Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

Email: stjohngrandbay@gmail.com



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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: Sirach 15:15–20; Psalm 119:1–2, 4–5, 17–18, 33–34; 1 Corinthians 2:6–10;

Matthew 5:17–37 [20–22a, 27–28, 33–34a, 37]

FREEDOM AND PRIVACY

In 1948 the free world was shocked by the trial of József Cardinal Mindszenty. The man who had valiantly withstood Nazi and communist oppression in his native Hungary pleaded guilty to the charges of treason brought against him by the communist regime. But he was clearly a broken man. Somehow that brave, independent spirit had been overcome, but only at the cost of destroying the person. To invade the personal center of another human being is the ultimate act of violence. Each individual has a privacy that is his or hers and that cannot rightly be invaded. No human being may take away that privacy from another.

Privacy is not just something to be enjoyed. Privacy means more than the right to unplug the telephone and shut the door and not be bothered by anybody. The other side of the coin, however, is our personal responsibility for our life. No one can take that responsibility for us. Even if we choose to hand over responsibility for our life totally to another, that is itself a deeply personal act.

Catholic Trivia (RCIA Lesson 5B)

The origin of the Eucharistic celebration: The Jews thanked God for two blessings, namely, the gift of time and the gift of riches. They thanked God for His gift of time by observing the last day of the week as Sabbath, a day of rest, worship, learning the Torah and engaging in good works. They thanked God for the gift of riches by offering tithes to Him in the Temple. The early Christians did the same by observing Sunday as The Lord's Day, a day to participate in the "Lord's Supper," and by sharing what they had with the less fortunate ones in their faith community. The Eucharistic Celebration has its roots in the ancient Jewish Passover Meal. Passover was celebrated both as a memorial feast and as a thanksgiving meal, commemorating the liberation of the Chosen People from their slavery in Egypt. It was at such a Passover (the Last Supper, we call it), that Jesus instituted the Eucharist. The three synoptic Gospels and St. Paul have handed on to us the account of the institution of this Last Supper or the Eucharist. By celebrating this meal with his apostles, Jesus gave the Jewish Passover its definitive meaning: his passage to the Father by death and resurrection. Jesus followed the ancient tradition of blessing the bread and wine. Then, he gave a whole new meaning to the Passover feast when He "took bread, and blessed, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My Body" (Matthew 26:26). After this, he took a cup of wine, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the New Covenant of my blood" (Luke 22:20). Thus, the Last Supper was both a farewell meal and a sacrifice. Jesus Himself was Priest and Sacrifice because He offered His Body and Blood to God in sacrifice for all people.

Jesus' command and its practice in the Church: The command of Jesus, "Do this in memory of me," obliges us to repeat his actions and words "until he comes." It also directs his apostles and their successors to carry out a liturgical celebration of Christ's life, death, resurrection, and intercession (CCC 165). From the beginning, the Church has been faithful to the Lord's command. It was on "the first day of the week," or Sunday, the day of Jesus' resurrection, that the Christians met "to break bread." Of the early Church in Jerusalem it is written in Acts: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayers.... Day by day, attending the Temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts." As early as the second century, we have the witness of S. Justin, martyr, regarding the basic order of the Eucharistic celebration. Around the year 155, St. Justin wrote to the pagan emperor Antoninus Pius explaining to him the meaning of the Christian Eucharistic celebration. Down through the centuries, the Church has been careful to preserve the basic structure of the Mass in all liturgical families, both in the East and in the West.



Martha Delmas, Mary Kirchoff, Sara Thornton, Heather Cotton, David Stovall, Maribeth Thompson, Becky Latner, Laurie Rel, Leigh Taylor, Andrea Graham, Robert Dixon, Amy Lacy, Ava Smith, Chip Conklin, Ida Clark, Isabel Rel, Clayton Williams, Becky Thompson, Pat Potter, Marie Murray, Toby Robison, Linda Graham, Larry Robertson, Ed Thornton, Margaret Hampton, Frank Pigorsch, Stephanie Ray, Jerry Wigfield, Msg. Warren Wall, Tom Thornton, Mike Knowles, Steve Sevier, Penny Dupont, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Doug Jones, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lenny Motykiewicz, Ali Stringfellow Ray, Lisa Kloechener, Valeria Wallace, Donnie Wilson, Joe Watts, Sean Guillotte, Michelle Cook, Reggie Stewart, Nonie Reed, Betty Gunter, Tiffany Fontenot, Jimmy Marchand, Joe Ecker, Glenn Boney, Ann Vick, Wayne Seymour, Frances Walley, H. Sanders,, Patricia Davis, Maurine Habley, Ray Thornton, Joe Whitson, Cory Moncrief, Carolyn Collier, Vicenta Obsenares, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Bob Echement, Lilly Breaux, James Wink, Mike Wilson, Leyah White.

Known Birthdays for February

01 st : Landon Teofilo	14 th : Mike Courtney
01 st : Riza Jamero	14 th : Jerry Davis
02 nd : Chuck Pierce	14 th : Lyman Ramsay
03 rd : Shirley Ray	15 th : Andrea Graham
04 th : Rebecca Murray	17 th : Mary Brannan
04 th : Shirley Poiroux	19 th : Addy Stringfellow
05 th : Mary Oliver	21 st : Kevin Reed
06 th : Ivey Scott	23 rd : Mila Vaughan
06 th : Dallas Baggett	25 th : Willie Smeriglio
09 th : Jay Graham	27 th : Thomas McPhillips
13 th : Theresa Wakeman	

Known Anniversaries for February

7th: Ruth & Paul Pigorsch
 15th: Lynn & Tony Cosentino
 18th: Gloria & Charles Krause
 21st: Isabel & Rudy Rel
 26th: La Shea & Adolph Payne

Upcoming Parish Events

February 16th: Sweetheart Luncheon after 10am Mass
February 26th: Ash Wednesday
March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th & April 3rd: Stations of the Cross
March 19th: Feast of St. Joseph
March 23rd, 24th & 25th: Lenten Mission with Father Austin starting at 6pm each evening with a penance service to close the Mission on Wednesday evening.

Golden Group News

There will be a "Road Trip" to the Museum of Mobile to see the "Ancient Roman Empire" exhibit on March 10, 2020

Daily Mass Intentions for the Feb./Mar. 2020

Week of Feb. 18 -21:

Mag Curtis Royal, Pauline Anna Royal, Suzanne Royal, Curtis William Royal and all deceased Burns Family Members offered by Ellen Luguire

Week of Feb. 25 – 28

Deceased relatives/friends offered by Ann & Jim Jackson

Week of Mar. 3 – 6

Ruth Schaffer, Mary Todd Kirby, Tim Kirby, Matthew Barron & John F. Schaffer offered by Kris and Bill Schaffer.

Deceased relatives/friends offered by Mary Kirchoff

Week of Mar. 10 – 13

Wilhelmena Boswell, Naomi Williams & Vern Sullivan by Rita Sullivan.

Deceased relatives/friends offered by Tom Thornton

Capital Campaign

Campaign Goal is \$195,000.00
 Pledged to date \$473,266.00
 Because of your support we are at 243% of our campaign goal.

Pray for the eternal repose of the souls of the most recently deceased members of the parish: Jack Forbes, Cathy Kirchoff, Frank Church, Anna Weber,

Pray for the Special Intentions of those serving in the Armed Forces: Brent Smith, Travis Wilson, SPC Jackson Triston, Jr., Captain Will Hurd, Bryant Bailey & Zachery Bailey.

Weekend of February 22 & 23, 2020

MASS MINISTERS:

	5:00 pm Sat.	10:00 am Sun.
EMHC:	Andrea Graham Karen White	Kris Schaffer Aimee Sprinkle
Lectors:	Kathie Sema Steve Sema, Jr.	Carol Voss Mark Voss
Altar Servers:	Volunteers	Volunteers
Ushers:	Steve Cauley Kevin Cauley Chuck Pierce Wayne Jackson	Mike Marchand Mike Courtney Avis Garrett Tom Thornton

Altar Care & Church Cleaning

Altar Care: February 2020
Ruth Pigorsch

Church Cleaning: February 22 & 23, 2020
Maria Switzer & Betty Jane Pierce

CRE Schedule for Feb, March & April 2020

Fri. – Sun., Feb 14th – 16th: ACYC 2020, class for pre-k thru 8th grade
Sunday, Feb. 23: No Classes – Mardi Gras Holiday
Sunday, Mar. 01: Class
Sunday, Mar. 08: Class
Sunday, Mar. 15: Class, Lenten Retreat
Sunday, Mar. 22: Class, Lenten Reconciliation (grades 2-8)
 Children’s Mass 10 am
Sunday, Mar. 29: No Class – Spring Break Week
Sunday, Apr. 05: No Class, Spring Break Week
Sunday, Apr. 12: No Class, Easter Sunday
Sunday, Apr. 19: Class, First Holy Communion Family Retreat (8:45 am till 12 PM).
Sunday, Apr. 26: Class/Practice for First Communion
Sunday, May 03: Last Day of Classes / First Communion

HOMEBOUND MASS FILMING:

The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place February 11, 2020 and will be filmed at St. Thomas in Chickasaw. Mass time will be 9:00 am and Father Saucier will be the Celebrant.

NURSING HOME OUTREACH:

Every First Friday of the Month there is a Mass celebrated at the Grand Bay Convalescent Home at 10:00 A.M. **Join US!**

HOUSE BLESSINGS

We highly encourage **House Blessings**. Please call Father Sherwin to schedule the blessing of your home.

Announcements for Week of February 15, 2020

- 1) ACYC** is happening now. Everyone will be heading home today so let’s keep them in our prayers for safe travels and growth in their faith under the direction of the Holy Spirit.
- 2) T-Shirts** with the “St. John the Baptist” logo on them will be sold after each Mass this weekend. The cost is \$15.00, and the money will go to the youth fund.
- 3) Our Catholic Charities Appeal** is going great and we would like to thank everyone for helping us to reach a total pledge of \$12,158.00 which is 70% of our total goal of \$17,400.00.
- 4) The Golden Group Sweetheart Luncheon** for all the (50 or older) young at heart , is this weekend after the 10:00 am Mass. Come and dine out with us, sit and be served a delicious lunch, there is a reservation signup sheet located in the church hall. We look forward to a “Sweet” event for all our senior sweethearts.
- 5) Known Birthdays:** 15th: Andrea Graham, 17th: Mary Brannan, 19th: Addy Stringfellow, 21st: Kevin Reed, **Known Anniversaries this week:** 18th: Gloria and Charles Krause, 21st: Isabel and Rudy Rel

Stewardship For February 2nd:

Regular: \$4,644.00

GOD AND LORD

Only God is Lord. The Creator alone can touch us gently at the deepest core of our being. God does not invade us from outside to break down our resistances and rob us of our freedom, as a human tyrant does. The Spirit is already within, at the very heart of our being. Yielding ourselves to God is opening ourselves to that life-force that creates us and carries us on to ever fuller life. By yielding ourselves to God we do not lose ourselves or find our dignity compromised. We discover ourselves in a new and exciting way.

More than any external work that Jesus did, his power to touch and transform the human heart marks him as divine. His is not the destructive dominance that is seen too often in human beings, but the creative dominance that is God’s alone. The Christian discovers that Jesus is Lord, and therefore knows him as God.

The new law of the kingdom, as we hear it proclaimed in today’s Gospel, places exacting demands on the Christian. It is not merely our religious practice or external behavior that comes under its scrutiny but our inner motives and desires. Jesus calls us to do God’s will not only externally but with the right intention: to love and serve the Lord and give praise to God.