

Knights of Columbus



Council 15490

St. John's Golden Group

Est. 1987

"wisdom is aged men, with long life is understanding" Job 12:12

Come Join Us

1st Tuesday at 11:30: Blessing & Lunch



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The Ladies Sodality

Est. 1924

Meeting the First Thursday of the Month at 6:00 pm

"All Ladies are Welcome"



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October 4, 2020: 27th Sunday Ordinary Time

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

Finance Council

Paula Dyess Paulette Cauley
Carol Voss

MASSES

Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M.
Wednesday 8:00 A.M.
Thursday 8:00 A.M.
Friday 8:00 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

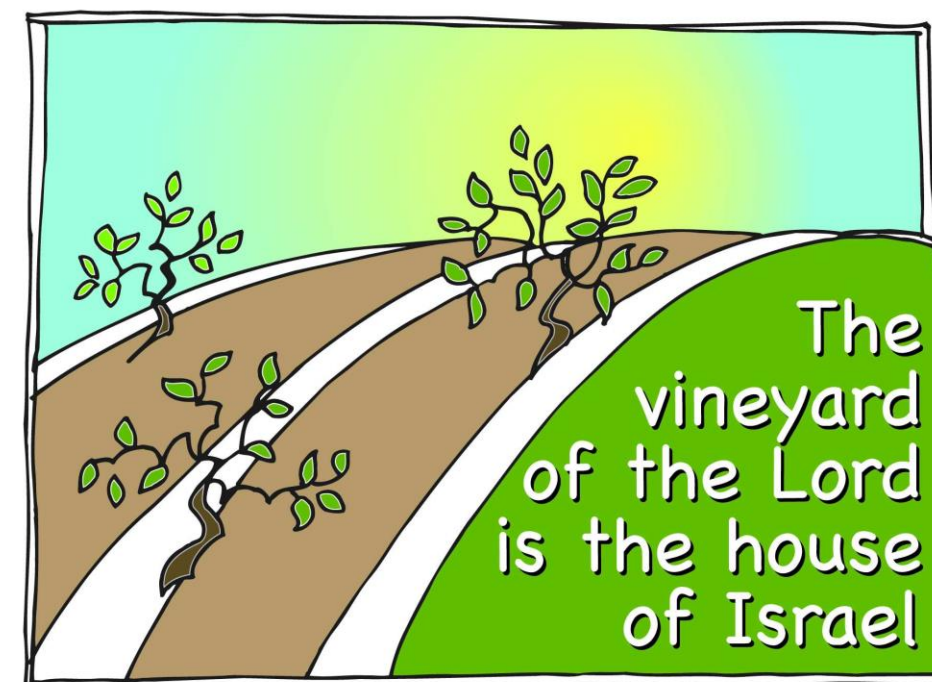
ROSARY & ADORATION: Every Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

THE VINEYARD OF BEAUTY AND LIFE

The first sentence of today's Gospel parable can be easily overlooked: "There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower" (Matthew 21:33). It is difficult for us to imagine the enormous amount of time, money, and effort it must have taken for a construction project of this kind. Once completed, the vineyard must have been a beautiful place, not unlike the vineyards one can find in places like the Napa Valley in California. Vineyards are, by their very nature, places of beauty and life. The vineyard in today's Gospel, however, becomes the setting for treachery and murder. All too often the vineyard that is this fragile planet of ours likewise becomes a setting for treachery and murder.

The Sacrament of Holy Orders

Article 6 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 1536 thru 1589, explains in detail the Sacrament of Holy Orders, Bishops, Priest and Deacon.

In this reading we are told that St. Paul said to his disciple Timothy: "I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands" (2 Tim 1:6), and "If any one aspires to the office of bishop, he desires a noble task." (1 Tim 3:1). To Titus he said: "This is why I left you in Crete, that you amend what was defective, and appoint presbyters in every town, as I directed you" (Titus 1:5)

We are told that the whole Church is a priestly people. That through Baptism all the faithful share in the priesthood of Christ. This participation is called the common priesthood of the faithful." Based on this common priesthood and ordered to its service, there exists another participation in the mission of Christ: The ministry conferred by the sacrament of Holy Orders, where the task is to serve in the name and in the person of Christ the Head in the midst of the community.

The ministerial priesthood differs in essence from the common priesthood of the faithful because it confers a sacred power for the service of the faithful. The ordained ministers exercise their service for the People of God by teaching divine worship and pastoral governance.

Since the beginning, the ordained ministry has been conferred and exercised in three degrees: That of bishops, that of presbyters, and that of deacons. The ministries conferred by ordination are irreplaceable for the organic structure of the Church: without the bishop, presbyters, and deacons, one cannot speak of the Church.

The sacrament of Holy Orders is conferred by the laying on of hands followed by a solemn prayer of consecration asking God to grant the ordinand the graces of the Holy Spirit required for his ministry, Ordination imprints an indelible sacramental character.

The Church confers the sacrament of Holy Orders only on baptized men whose suitability for the exercise of the ministry has been duly recognized.

In the Latin Church the sacrament of Holy Orders for the presbyterate is normally conferred only on candidates who are ready to embrace celibacy freely and who publicly manifest their intention of staying celibate for the love of God's kingdom and the service of men.

It is bishops who confer the sacrament of Holy Orders in the three degrees.



Jimmy Summerlin, Ethel Graham, Becky Thompson, Betty Cauley, Clara Davis, Wesley Dixon, Carey Olsen, Anita Wright, Lynda Jones, Doug Jones, Kathleen Borne, Aaron Poiroux, Michelle Waite, Jeff Waite, Callie Waite, Martha Delmas, Heather Cotton, Maribeth Thompson, Becky Latner, Laurie Rel, Leigh Taylor, Robert Dixon, Amy Lacy, Ava Smith, Chip Conklin, Isabel Rel, Pat Potter, Marie Murray, Toby Robison, Linda Graham, Larry Robertson, Margaret Hampton, Frank Pigorsch, Stephanie Ray, Jerry Wigfield, Mike Knowles, Steve Sevier, Penny Dupont, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, 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, Glenn Boney, 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.

Pray for the eternal repose of the souls of the most

recently deceased members of the parish: Bob Heurion, Ida Clark, Theresa Wakeman, Jack Forbes,

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 Bailev.

Known Birthdays for October 2020

5 th : Steve Sema, Jr.	23 rd : Michael Cook
8 th : Maria Switzer	24 th : Veronica Stewart
12 th : Brandy Ramsay	26 th : Kathie Sema
13 th : Ali Stringfellow	27 th : Anna Bowden
14 th : Carey Olsen	27 th : Lyon Graham
15 th : David Delmas	28 th : Peggy Delmas
17 th : Ann Gable	28 th : Chain Smith
17 th : Mildred Smith	28 th : Grabbrielle Sands
20 th : Matthew Adams	28 th : Jansyn Wiggins
21 st : Trey Roberts	28 th : Jayci Wiggins
21 st : Bill Schaffer	29 th : Doris Sema
	30 th : Shirley Rasmussen

Known Anniversaries for October 2020

5th: Kerry & Michael Ladnier
 7th: Debra & Matt Johnson
 9th: Linda & Deacon Graham
 16th: Kris & Bill Schaffer
 21st: Jennifer & Joey Schilling
 23rd: Susie & Willie Smeriglio
 27th: Amanda & Jonathan Oliver

Upcoming Parish Events

Wednesday October 21st: Faith Formation Retreat
Wednesday November 11th: Veterans Day Mass
Wednesday November 25th: Thanksgiving Vigil Mass
Thursday November 26th: Thanksgiving Day Mass
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday December 1, 2 & 3: Advent Retreat & Penance Service

Mass Intentions:

Saturday & Sunday Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm – For all the sick, infirmed, and homebound of the parish
 Sunday 10:00 am – For all deceased parishioners

Daily Mass intentions

Week of Oct. 6 thru 9

Oct. 6,7, 8 & 9 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Elsa and John McBride.

Week of Oct. 13 thru 16

Oct. 13, 14, 15 & 16 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Kris and Bill Schaffer

Week of Oct. 20 thru 23

Oct. 20, 21, 22 & 23 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Rita Sullivan

Week of Oct. 27 thru 30

Oct. 27, 28, 29 & 30 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Carol and Terry Roberts

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.

Catholic Charities

Our Parish Catholic Charities Campaign pledge for 2020 was \$21,670.00 which is 124.5% of our goal of \$17,400.00

Lectors for next weekend, October 10 & 11:

5.00 pm on Saturday, Oct. 10, Ann Jackson

10:00 am on Sunday, Oct. 11, Caro Voss

Please remember that if you cannot lector at the time assigned it is your responsibility to find a replacement.

Anyone that is interested in lecturing during Mass at St. John's, please contact Carol Voss at cavoss99@gmail.ocm.

HOMEBOUND MASS FILMING:

The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place at the Chapel of the Archbishop and will be filmed at 9:00 am. on Tuesday, October 6th.

NURSING HOME OUTREACH:

Every First Friday of the Month there is a Mass celebrated at the Grand Bav 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.

STEWARDS OF THE VINEYARD

Isaiah's marvelous description of the vineyard reminds us of the creation passages from the book of Genesis. That description generates faint echoes of the oft-repeated line from Genesis: "and God saw how good it was" (Genesis 1:25). The sad reality is that we who are called to be good stewards of this vineyard sometimes make bad choices. Sometimes in our arrogance we fail to care for the vineyard of creation. Like the wicked tenants, we care more for our own personal gain than for the virtues of goodness and righteousness. Pope John Paul II used the term "the culture of death" to describe this kind of behavior. The parables we hear are meant to cut right to our hearts and force us to look squarely at our behaviors and attitudes. May this week's parable open our eyes to those times when we stray away from the goodness and beauty of God's vineyard and make decisions that support the culture of death. May we be strengthened in our efforts to become good stewards whose actions bring forth the fruits of life and love.

Cute One-Liners

- Don't let your worries get the best of you; Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.
- Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited, until you try to sit in their pews.
- Many folks want to serve God, But only as advisers.
- It is easier to preach ten sermons, than it is to live one.

Announcements for Week of October 3, 2020

- 1) **Confirmation:** The Archbishop will be here at St. John's on November 1st to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- 2) **America needs Fatima** is on Saturday October 10th. The Ladies Sodality will be saying a rosary at the Grotto at 10 am in conjunction with the rosaries being said all across the U. S. on this day for the "Conversion of America." Please come and pray with other Americans to save our country by having God Bless it once again.
- 3) **Deacon Graham** will be out of the office and out of state from the 4th thru the 11th.
- 4) **New Calendars** – Reminder that the 2021 Calendars are in and on the table in the Church Hall. Please take one for your home.
- 5) **Today is Sunday October 4th** "Pro-Life Sunday." There will be a rosary at 2 pm and the Sodality will have refreshments after the rosary. Please come and be a part of this very special day and pray the rosary to help make the USA a Pro-Life nation by overturning Roe vs. Wade.
- 6) **Pet Blessing** will take place today at 11:30 am. Please bring your pets and have them blessed in memory of St. Francis.
- 7) **Known Birthdays:** 5th: Steve Sema, Jr., 8th: Maria Switzer, **Known Anniversaries:** 5th: Kerry & Michael Ladnier, 7th: Debra & Matt Johnson, 9th: Linda & Deacon Graham

Stewardship and Capital Campaign

General Contributions

Week of September 27th: General Fund: \$1,983.00

Online Contributions – General Fund

September 2020: \$440.90

Capital Campaign to date:

Contributions to date: \$85,631.10 (43.9% of pledge)

Parish Distributions to date: \$17,126.22 (20%)

