

Knights of Columbus



Council 15490

**St. John's Golden Group**

Est. 1987

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

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1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 11:30: Blessing & Lunch



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**October 11, 2020: 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Email:** stjohngandbay@gmail.com

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*Many are invited*



*but few are chosen*

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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: Isaiah 25:6–10a; Psalm 23:1–6; Philippians 4:12–14, 19–20; Matthew 22:1–14 [1–10]

**A PASTORAL RESPONSE**

When I was studying for the priesthood at the archdiocesan seminary in Boston, the seminarians attended the annual Chrism Mass as a group at the cathedral. At the Chrism Mass, the diocesan bishop blesses the oils to be used in parishes throughout the diocese for the coming year. The Archbishop of Boston at the time, the late Humberto Cardinal Medeiros, was presiding at a particularly memorable one. That year, a young woman, who lived with an emotional disability and was obviously in quite a bit of distress, rushed toward the table that held the oils, grasped one of the vessels and began pouring the oil all over herself. She prayed aloud as she did so. Most of those in attendance at the cathedral stood by in shocked silence, except for one person. Cardinal Medeiros approached the distraught woman and gently placed his hands on hers. He offered soothing words and a pastoral embrace. Her expression immediately changed from twisted and frightened to calm and peaceful.

**The Sacrament of Matrimony**

The Sacrament of Matrimony is covered in the Catechism of the Catholic Church in Article 7, paragraphs 1601 thru 1658.

St. Paul said: "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the Church... This is a great mystery, and I mean in reference to Christ and the Church" (Eph 5:25, 32).

The marriage covenant, by which a man and a woman form with each other an intimate communion of life and love, has been founded and endowed with its own special laws by the Creator and by its very nature it is ordered to the good of the couple, as well as to the generation and education of children. Christ the Lord raised marriage between the baptized to the dignity of a sacrament.

The sacrament of Matrimony signifies the union of Christ and the Church. It gives spouses the union of Christ and the Church. It gives spouses the grace to love each other with the love with which Christ has loved his Church.

Marriage is based on the consent of the contracting parties, that is, on their will to give themselves, each to the other, mutually and definitively, in order to live a covenant of faithful and fruitful love.

Since marriage establishes the couple in a public state of life in the Church, it is fitting that its celebration be public, in the framework of a liturgical celebration, before the priest, the witnesses, and assembly of the faithful. Unity, indissolubility, and openness to fertility are essential to marriage. Polygamy is incompatible with the unity of marriage; divorce separates what God has joined together; the refusal of fertility turns married life away from its "supreme gift," the child.

The remarriage of persons divorced from a living lawful spouse contravenes the plan and law of God as taught by Christ. They are not separated from the Church, but they cannot receive Eucharistic communion. They will lead Christian lives especially by educating their children in the faith.

The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason, the family home is rightly called "the domestic church," a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity.



*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 Kloecheiner, 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**

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

**Known Anniversaries for October 2020**

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

**Upcoming Parish Events**

- Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup>:** Faith Formation Retreat  
**Wednesday November 11<sup>th</sup>:** Veterans Day Mass  
**Wednesday November 25<sup>th</sup>:** Thanksgiving Vigil Mass  
**Thursday November 26<sup>th</sup>:** 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. 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

**Week of Nov. 3 thru 6**

Nov. 3, 4, 5 & 6 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of John Ramsay.

**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 17 & 18:**

5:00 pm on Saturday, Oct. 17, Ann Jackson  
 10:00 am on Sunday, Oct. 18, John McBride  
 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 20<sup>th</sup>:

**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.

**GOD'S WELCOMING LOVE**

Each time I hear today's Gospel about the king who gave a wedding feast I think of Cardinal Medeiros' actions that day. The king in the parable asks his servants to invite all people, those perceived as "good" and those perceived as "bad," to the banquet when the regular invited guests do not show up. At Boston's Chrism Mass that year, one who might have been perceived as "bad" had entered the cathedral and done something that was unacceptable. Yet the cardinal saw fit to comfort her in her distress. His actions were very much like the king's in today's parable— which are a sign to us of God's way of acting. God's embrace extends to all, the good and bad alike. Let us praise God for a welcoming love that does not make distinctions. All are called to holiness.

**Cute One-Liners**

- The good Lord did not create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.
- When you get to your wit's end, you will find God lives there.
- People are funny; they want the front of the bus, Middle of the road, And back of the church.
- Opportunity may knock once, But temptation bangs on the front door forever.
- Quit griping about your church; If it were perfect, you could not belong.
- If a church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.

**Announcements for Week of October 10, 2020**

- 1) **Confirmation:** The Archbishop will be here at St. John's on November 1<sup>st</sup> to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10 am Sunday Mass.
- 2) **Second Collection** next Sunday is for the Propagation of the Faith.
- 3) **Special Thanks** to Stan Heine and Jack Wright for cleaning up the fallen walkway cover and making it safe for everyone to walk.
- 4) **Special Thanks** to Ruth and Paul Pigorsch for moving the statue of Mother Mary and painting it.
- 5) **Special Thanks** to everyone who attended the "Rosary Rally" Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>.
- 6) **For Sick Call or to receive communion at home** please call the office, 865-6902, or Father Sherwin, 334-560-4192, and he will bring the "Eucharist" to you.
- 7) **Known Birthdays:** 12<sup>th</sup>: Brandy Ramsay, 13<sup>th</sup>: Ali Stringfellow, 14<sup>th</sup>: Carey Olsen, 15<sup>th</sup>: David Delmas, **Known Anniversaries:** 16<sup>th</sup>: Kris & Bill Schaffer

**Stewardship and Capital Campaign**

**General Contributions**

Week of October 4<sup>th</sup>: General Fund: \$6,340.00  
 Maintenance Fund: \$611.00

**Online Contributions – General Fund**

October 2020: \$155.45

**Capital Campaign to date:**

Contributions to date: \$85,631.10 (43.9% of pledge)  
 Parish Distributions to date: \$17,126.22 (20%)

"Since grace is the seed of divine life within us, as it grows, it makes us more and more like God, restoring the image and likeness of God in which we were created."

FR. JOHN BARTUNEK  
 A Quiet Place

