

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church Iglesia Católica San Juan el Evangelista

SEPTEMBER 4, 2016 — TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2016 — VIGESIMO TERCER DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” *Lk 14:28, 33*

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday5:30 p.m.
Sunday.....9:00 a.m.
Daily Masses: ..Thursday 8:30 a.m.
 ..Wednesday and Friday 12 noon
CONFESSIONS (Saturday)..... 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

HORARIO LITURGICO

Domingo12:15 p.m (Español)
Misa Diaria: ..Jueves 8:30 a.m (Ingles)
 ..Miércoles y Viernes 12:00 del medio día
CONFESSIONES (Sábado)..... 4:30 p.m. o por cita

HORARIO DE OFICINAS

LUNES—JUEVES: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
VIERNES: 9:00 a.m. - 12 del medio día

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m.—12 NOON

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St John Parish Calendar

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2016
4:30 PM Reconciliation
5:30 PM Mass for souls Vivencia & Ignacia Flores

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2016
9:00 AM Mass for soul of Clayton Saunders
10:00 AM Rosary
12:15 PM Misa

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2016
12:00 Noon Mass

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2016
8:30 AM Mass

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2016
12:00 Noon Mass

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2016
4:30 PM Reconciliation
5:30 PM Mass for soul Rufina Flores

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2016
9:00 AM Mass souls of Andrea & Carmela Young
10:00 AM Rosary
12:15 PM Misa por los parroquianos San Juan,
San Patricio y San Pedro

ST PETER'S OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON



Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk

14:25-27

Readings for the Week of September 4, 2016

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-6, 12-17/Phlm 9-10,
12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-17/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17,
19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

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The item being collected for **FISH** for **September**
Canned Chicken & Salmon
En el mes de **septiembre**
Pollo y Salmon enlatado

August 27 & 28, 2016, Current Income vs Budget

WEEKLY

Actual	\$3,626.00
Budgeted	<u>\$5,170.00</u>
Difference	(\$1,544.00)

YEAR TO DATE

Actual	\$40,099.54
Budgeted	<u>\$46,530.00</u>
Difference	(\$6,430.46)

Monthly Debt Expense	\$1,860.00
Monthly Debt Collection	<u>\$2,098.00</u>
Difference	\$238.00

Remaining Balance on Debt \$73,476.69

MASS ATTENDANCE

5:30	9:00	12:15
94	153	210



Pray for

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/ RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES:

Keith Pinney, Doug Stanley, Rudy Calo'oy, John Kolakoski, Ron Price, Jr., Rev. Mr. Bill Blatnik, Carmen Molina, Ginny Ducar, Red and Nancy Goodman, Steve Garrett, Bob & Lucy Strutton, Pat & Jerry Nolte, Sonya Calo'oy, Jim Matheny, Tom Yates, Richard Painter, Martha Livingston, Olga Lucia-Mages, Hallett Harrison, Deborah Shorter and Elena Chavez.

Prayers for members of the Armed Forces; Daniel Gaudette, David Licciardello, Josh Drumheller, Lee Balderson, JD Painter and Daniel Johnson.

St John's family extends deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Judy and Neal French on the loss of his brother Father Robert French. Please keep the family in our prayers.

BACK TO SCHOOL!!!

It's that time of year again folks! Time for kids to go back to school. I remember this time of year...it was dreadful. Just kidding, but I must admit I did not enjoy school when I was younger. I enjoyed video games much more. As I got a little older, I started to enjoy it a little more...undergrad college was ok, but very stressful.

But by the time seminary studies came about, school was somewhat enjoyable. In fact, the topic I once thought was the most useless, philosophy (remember I was an accountant), became possibly my favorite.

God can make a student out of anyone...even a video game junkie. So be sure to encourage those youths as they head back to school. It is a hard withdraw from summer life - video games, swimming at the pool, sleeping until noon - to the rigors of academia.

Talking about labors, Monday is Labor Day. It is a day of rest from our labors. Work is a great gift for our lives. Work is to be embraced, not shunned. Work makes us happy, not sad.

Now I know you are probably thinking that Fr Rossi has gone off the deep end a little; who would rather put in a 10 hour day at work than a 10 hour day on the beach??? Probably not many.

But I think the thing we actually try to avoid in regards to work is not work itself. I think the thing we do not like about work is the stress that comes with it, or the tiredness that can wear us down, or the personalities that sometimes can be a challenge in the place of work. But work, in-and-of-itself, which provides a creative outlet for our energies, is to be appreciated.

I have said this before and I'll say it again - there was work in the Garden of Eden BEFORE the fall. Work is NOT a result of the fall. Adam and Eve worked before they ate the apple. They labored. They expended their energy to create.

But what happened after the fall was the work which they had been doing suddenly became "toil." The work became hard, stressful, it made them sweat, and weeds began to grow in the soil that had been beforehand only full of fertility and purity.

So work is a blessing. In fact, when we work we are mimicking God. God is a worker. By that I mean, God is continually creative. God is continually producing. He is continually sustaining life, creating new life, sheltering, providing, caring, forgiving, guiding, etc. He never, never, never, never stops even for a second.

And what is so great about God is that He doesn't even have to try at it...it's not difficult...it is entirely and simply in His nature to always be creating and producing. And since His nature is coupled with an intense love for all He has already created, all the new creation that He brings about He bestows as gifts upon those things He has formerly created (that's us). In our lives, just the same, God takes us to a place where we become creative - giving and bestowing what we produce upon others as well.

Just to be clear, "produce," does not mean simply (or even primarily) material things. Not at all. God's production, God's fruit, and similarly our fruit, is ultimately to be those higher things, such as peace, joy, equanimity, justice, etc. We experience great satisfaction when we participate in God's creative work.

And Sunday, the Lord's day, (and I guess Labor day as well) is the time to step back and enjoy the fruits of labor. It is the time to look at the beauty God has created through our hearts and hands, and give thanks for being like the older brother of the prodigal Son, who was all along a part of the father's working house.

The curse is not simply the weeds that we have to fight from time to time as we seek to labor, it is even more primarily the feeling like there is no work for us left to do, that we have no purpose. But that feeling - the feeling of not being needed or not able to do anything productive - is always, always, always a lie. There is always something we can produce, always something we can do for God. That is what we are here for, that is why God put air in our lungs today. Fr. Rossi



The entire staff of St. John wishes each of you a restful, happy and safe weekend filled with family and friends.

FIRST DAY OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES SEPTEMBER 18

Dear parents: Religious Education classes will start Sunday September 18th. I want to thank all the families that have registered their children and remind the families that have not registered yet that we will accept late registrations, however, **there will be a Late Fee of \$30 per family add to your registration fee.** Please don't forget to bring your children Sunday September 18th at 10:15 am, we will have the opening ceremony for a wonderful new school year in the Social Hall. I look forward to seeing you and your children on that day. With kind regards, Paulita Matheny.

PRIMER DIA DE CLASES DE EDUCACION RELIGIOSA 18 DE SEPTIEMBRE

Muchas gracias a todos los padres que inscribieron a sus hijos para las clases de educación religiosa. La fecha limite para inscribirse ya paso pero seguiremos aceptando inscripciones sin embargo tendrán que pagar una multa de \$30 aparte de su matricula. No se olvide de traer a sus niños a la inauguración del año escolar, los estaremos esperando el 18 de septiembre a horas 10:15 en el Salón Social. Me despido muy atentamente Paulita Matheny

ST JOHN'S VIRTUS TRAINING

In accordance with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* **all** diocesan employees, clergy, religious, teachers, staff, and **all volunteers who regularly or routinely work with children or youth** participate in a *Protecting God's Children for Adults* training session. **St John's will offer a training on Monday September 12 at 6:30 PM in the conference room.** Please register on line at <http://www.richmonddiocese.org/Safe-Environment-Training-Sessions> or call the office. The *Protecting God's Children for Adults* session is not recommended for those under the age of 18.

PLEASE RE-ENROLL YOUR KROGER CARD

Thank you so much to all our parishioners who enrolled last year. Now it is time to **RE-ENROLL!** Please re-enroll now to keep earning donations for St John's every time you shop and use your Plus Card. Only takes a second to keep supporting your favorite church.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALDEDAR: As you know, Bryce will be leaving us to start his new job at The Star of Sea church in Virginia Beach. **We will have a farewell reception for him on September 16 here at St. John in the Northex at 6:30 PM** Please take this time to come and thank Bryce for his dedication to St. John with his time and music.

Thank you to Theresa Civitelli for the donation of our new Mass Response cards. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.