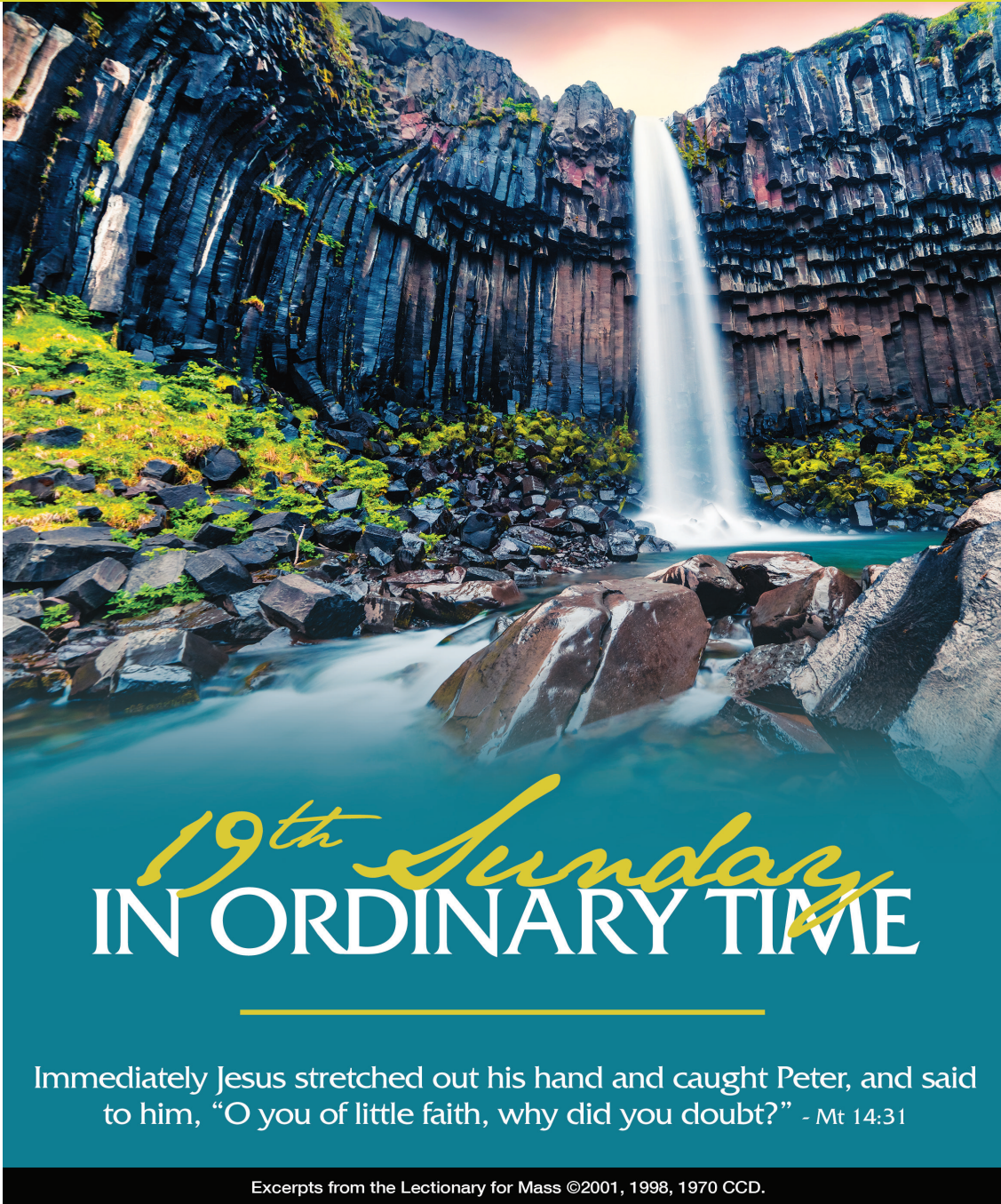


# Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

## Iglesia Católica San Juan el Evangelista

AUGUST 13, 2017 — NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
13 DE AGOSTO DE 2017 — DECIMO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO



### LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday ..... 5:30 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 DE OFICINAS

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

### HORARIO LITURGICO

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

### 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

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 12, 2017</b>
4:30 PM	Reconciliation
5:30 PM	Mass of Thanksgiving
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 13, 2017</b>
9:00 AM	Mass for all parishioners St. John, St Patrick and St. Peter
10:00 AM	Rosary
12:15 PM	Misa por el cumpleaños de Elena Chávez
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 15, FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION</b>
9:00 AM	Mass English
7:00 PM	Mass Spanish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 16, 2017</b>
	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 17, 2017</b>
	Mass
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 18, 2017</b>
	Mass
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 19, 2017</b>
4:30 PM	Reconciliation
5:30 PM	Mass souls of Consancio & Francisca Flores
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 20, 2017</b>
9:00 AM	Mass
10:00 AM	Mass
12:15 PM	Misa



But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and

said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" - Mt 14:30-31

### Readings for the Week of August 13, 2017

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13 -14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10-12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-6/Mt 18:21--19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

### CONDOLENCES

St John's family extends deepest sympathy to the family of Joan Purcell on the loss of her sister Lillian Malone who died this past week. Please keep Joan in your prayers.



### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/ RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES:

Keith Pinney, Edna Stanley, Rudy Calo'oy, John Kolakoski, Ron Price, Jr., Red and Nancy Goodman, Pat & Jerry Nolte, Richard Painter, Deborah

Shorter, Virginia Saunders, Maxine DiMarino, Isaias Fuentes, Melanie Patterson, Lillian Arthur, Carole Trent, Mary Helen So-haski, Thomas Whitehead, Esperanza Godinez, Shirley Hughes, Barbara Greene, Leslie Gray, Eugene Cooley, Joel Rivera, Sherry Wright, Lou Burnett, Albert Patterson, David Stull, Otts Miskimon and Ken Soistman.

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

### August 6 &, 7, 2017

#### Weekly

Actual	\$3,571.58
Budgeted	<u>\$5,266.00</u>
Difference	(\$1,694.42)

#### Year to Date

Actual	\$24,571.40
Budgeted	<u>\$31,592.46</u>
Difference	(\$7,021.06)

Monthly Debt Expense	\$1,860.00
Monthly Debt Collection	<u>\$1,745.75</u>
Difference	(\$114.25)

**Remaining Debt Balance \$41,785.82**

#### MASS ATTENDANCE

5:30	9:00	12:15
<b>86</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>280</b>

The item being collected for **FISH** for **August**  
**deodorant**  
En el mes de **agosto**  
**DESODORANTE**



One of the most difficult topics for Catholics to discuss with non-Catholics is the Church's teaching on same-sex attraction. Back in the day, it wasn't as big of an issue because these things were dealt with in counseling or more privately. But during the last 50 years and especially in the last 20, society has brought to the forefront the case of people who are attracted to members of the same sex. I remember just ten years ago how unpopular the idea of same-sex marriage was in society, and now especially among young people, it is very accepted and obviously in our country (and very unfortunately) it is legal to marry.

The topic of same-sex marriage we in the Church have had a lot of discussion about especially when considering political candidates. Our Bishop often puts out statements that clearly delineate the many errors in a society permitting same-sex marriage. And this is a worthy topic of discussion and worth the fight to preserve Christian marriage, marriage as defined by the inventor (God).

But today I want to speak more basically about the feeling that some people feel who are attracted to members of the same sex. I do not know how common it is, I have heard some statistics that 10% of the population feel attraction to members of the same sex. Whether that is true I do not know.

Regardless, it is not an insignificant number of people, as we all likely know people that are attracted to members of the same sex, family members, or friends, some of whom may have decided to act upon that attraction.

For us who are Catholic and love our faith and want to embrace the teachings of the Church, society will often tell us we are bigots. Additionally, I am sure there are those who think the Church is too 'soft' and that we need to be more forthright.

The position of the Church in regards to people who have a same sex-attraction is the same position that it holds in regards to all people who have not yet achieved perfect holiness, it approaches them in truth and in love.

It is never complicated, no matter the situation or moral dilemma, on how we should act in order that we remain faithful to Christ and still be 'on the side' of people. It may be difficult and it usually is, especially if it is a family (we obviously do not want the relationship severed...although this may be an unfortunate outcome) but it is not complicated. There is a difference.

People who have a same-sex attraction are people, just like other people who have not yet achieved perfect holiness (which is basically everyone walking the planet...except for a few actual living few saints who might be out there somewhere). The Church says that if someone has a same-sex attraction then they have a disordered sexual attraction. This may sound harsh and intolerant, but the Church would say that every single person who ever lived (with the exception of Jesus and Mary) has disordered attractions. If you like beer too much, you have a disordered attraction. If you like to eat donuts too much (me) you have a disordered attraction. If you are prone to getting frustrated, you have a disorder inside of you. If you have an attraction to pornography, you are disordered. If you like to gossip, you have a disordered desire for entertainment.

If you are married and desire someone other than your spouse, you have disordered attraction.

My point is not to be negative. This is actually very good news for us all. It means that we are all in the same boat. It means that if you are human, you have inherited original sin which causes us all to have disorder affections, feelings and attractions.

And the good news is not that we all have this disorder inside of us (everyone...from the Pope to the poor man on the corner), but that God has given us a way out of it through what his Son did on the cross. Jesus heals our disorder. Whatever disorder that may be. We will all struggle with disorder until we die, perfection for most only happens in Heaven. Again, not bad news...it has an end!!!

But on that walk towards our ultimate healing, we have two traps we can fall into. Firstly, we can fail to say disordered affections or feelings are disordered. Usually because of the possibility of estranged relationships or feeling like a bigot, we take the easy road and just sort of pretend that there's not a problem. This is wrong. Or, on the other side, because we are often not good at dealing with confrontation, we can attempt to 'take a stand in truth' but do so without love, without patience, and without a willingness to walk with a person on their road to conversion. This too is wrong and makes non-Catholics think we are merciless and harsh. It's real simple in the case of people with same-sex attraction or in any other moral question wherein the Church speaks the words of Christ to the world. It must be the truth in love. It cannot be anything less. It will not be easy. Let's be honest about that. But true love is only easy in fairytales.

#### **Attention all Counters**

There will be a **mandatory** meeting on Sunday, August 27, after the 9am Mass in the conference room to review the new procedures for Sunday's Collection. Please make sure to attend the meetings. Thank you.

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION**

St John's Religious Education Registration has officially started. **August 20 is the deadline to register your children.** All registrations submitted after the deadline will incur a late fee of \$30 per family. Please call the office 737-8028 or email [pmatheny@stjohnscatholicchurch.org](mailto:pmatheny@stjohnscatholicchurch.org).

#### **Ministry Sunday.**

Ministry Weekend is fast approaching. It will be held after all of the weekend masses on Saturday September 9 and Sunday September 10. All representatives of a parish ministry please arrange to have a representative of your ministry available after each of the 4 weekend masses to answer questions and provide information on your ministry. A sign up sheet is available on the counter in the commons area for you to list your contact information, or you may call Paulita in the parish office or Dan Mages at 328-1602.

**The SJP 500 Club drawing will be this Thursday, August 17th at 9:00 am.** Please have your dues in by MONDAY. Everyone is welcome to join us for the drawing of numbers. For more information call Diana Young 647-5665.