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

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017 — TWENTY –SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 3 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2017 — VIGESIMO SEGUNDO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO



# IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct." - Mt 16:27

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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

# HORARIO DE OFICINAS

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

## HORARIO LITURGICO

CONFESIONES (Sábado)..... 4:30 p.m. o por cita

# OFFICE HOURS

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## St John Parish Calendar

SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 2, 2017
4:30 PM	Reconciliation
5:30 PM	Mass soul Lillian Malone
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 3, 2017
9:00 AM	Mass for all parishioners St. John, St. Peter & St. Patrick
10:00 AM	Rosary
12:15 PM	Misa por los afectados en Texas
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 6, 2017 NO MASS
THURSDAY	
	Mass
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 8, 2017
	Mass for the soul of Myrches Glenn Sr.
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 9, 2017
4:30 PM	Reconciliation
5:30 PM	Mass soul Doug Stanley
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 10, 2017
9:00 AM	For the souls of James and Robin Mazzetti

ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON



Rosary

Misa

10:00 AM

12:15 PM

#### 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, Maxine DiMarino, Isaias Fuentes, Melanie Patterson, Lillan Arthur, Mary Helen Sohaski, Thomas Whitehead, Esperanza Godinez, Shirley Hughes, Barbara Greene, Eugene Cooley, Joel Rivera, Sherry Wright, Albert Patterson, David Stull, Otts Miskimon and Ken Soistman.

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

The item being collected for **FISH** for **September Toilet tissue** En el mes de **septiembre Papel Higiénico** 



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give

in exchange for his life?" - Mt 16:24b-26

#### Readings for the Week of September 3, 2017

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27 Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13/Lk 4:16-30 Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37 Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10-11/Lk 4:38-44 Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-6/Lk 5:1-11 Thursday: Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8/Lk 6:1-5 Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

#### Disaster relief for the flooding in Texas

We will take up a second special collection on September 10 to support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA. Please make your checks to St John's with a memo for Catholic Charities USA/Texas. You can also send your donations directly to Catholic Charities USA at https:// catholiccharitiesusa.org/

August 19 & 20, 2017			
Weekly			
Actual	\$4,216.00		
Budgeted	\$5,266.00		
Difference	(\$1,050.00)		
Year to Date			
Actual	\$34,874.00		
Budgeted	<u>\$42,128.00</u>		
Difference	(\$7,254.00)		
Monthly Debt Expense	\$1,860.00		
Monthly Debt Collection	\$1,972.75		
Difference	112.75		
<b>Remaining Debt Balance</b>		\$41,152.71	
MASS ATTENDANCE			
5:30	9:00	12:15	

156

92

240

Monday was the feast day of St Augustine. St Augustine was one of the most (if not the most) influential theologians in the Church's history. He was prolific in his work. The world needs St Augustine today.

#### Why?

Because the world, especially western culture, is entirely caught up in the same terrible thing that ruled St. Augustine during most of his younger life, lust.

Lust is an 'inordinate indulgence in the carnal pleasure experienced through human organs of generation.' Lust is not what married couples participate in. Lust is inordinate, excessive, misdirected, uncontrolled.

Allow me to share some terrifying statistics about lust today and what it leads to.

The average age when a person first views pornography during their life is 11 years old. Parents tend to be naïve to this fact, but most children lose their innocence very early. By the time they become adults, they are addicted. 70% of men 18-24 visit pornography sites regularly. 47% of Christian families say pornography is a problem in their home. And over 50% of marriages that fail say pornography was a significant factor.

Pornography aids and encourages excessive and misdirected carnal desire. I have read studies that liken its addictive affects (and how it 'rewires the brain') to that of heroin. It creates images in the brain that cannot be forgotten, destroys creative ability, obliterates intimacy with God impossible (blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God) and supports a perverse industry larger than pro-baseball, pro-football, and pro-basketball combined.

This 'inordinate' desiring (excessive, misdirected) from such a young age results in other inordinate behavior. Most youth have intercourse when they are only 16 or 17, with many much earlier. Many public schools encourage this by providing contraceptives free from the school nurse. Many parents encourage it by providing birth control to their children, which encourages more bad behavior, more promiscuity, more lust and ultimately other deviant behavior affecting them and the babies with whom they eventually become impregnated. 50% of people who have abortions say they are having one because their artificial birth control failed. Abstinence, God's way, is the only method of birth control that is 100% effective and completely maintains a person's purity.

In regards to the consequences of this lust, those who do not abort but keep the child (the godly decision) still have a very hard road ahead. Approximately 40% of babies born today are to a single parent household (single mothers). Men who have not committed to marriage abandon these women who are left, usually in poverty, to care for their child. I recently read a study that the single most important thing a person can do to break the cycle of poverty is to not have children out of wedlock...to wait until they are married. Single parent families have a poverty rate 6 times higher than married two-parent families. Said otherwise, marriage drops the probability of child poverty by 82%. Single parent statistics are even worse in minority communities (70% in black, 53% in Hispanic communities). We cannot end poverty until we restore the family. And lust destroys the family.

TV, internet, Hollywood, social media, cloths, advertisements, moral laxity, permissiveness, fear of being labeled 'old-fashioned', fear of being a social outcast, all allow lust to dominate the culture. And people follow culture. We need St. Augustine. St Augustine was a man who was entirely caught up in the addictions and slaveries of lust. But through a soul-searching heart and a glorious outpouring of grace from God he was converted and eventually became a fierce champion of chastity and purity. We need more like him.

All of St John staff wishes each of you a happy and safe Labor Day Weekend. The office will be closed September 4 for the holiday.

#### FIRST DAY OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES SEPTEMBER 10

Religious Education classes will start Sunday September 10th at 10:15 am, we will have the opening ceremony for a wonderful new school year in the Social Hall.

**Equipment Needed: Chainsaws and Wheel Barrows** 

A group of Diocesan Pastoral Center employees, as part of a service day, will be coming to clean up the brush along the eastern property line of Saint John Church. In order to complete the job, the group will need several chainsaws and wheel barrows. If you have either item and are willing to lend it to the church during the week of September 21-30, please let us know. If you are able to help, please contact Angie Pometto at <u>apometto@gmail.com</u> or 703-772-

#### **Choir Help**

Can you sing? Play an instrument? Do you want to use your gifts to serve others? We are looking for a few more people to join the choir. We need vocalists for the 5:30 pm Saturday Mass and the 9:00 am Sunday Mass. The choir practices on Thursdays at 6:00 pm. If interested, please contact Angie Pometto at <u>apometto@gmail.com</u> or 703-772 -6866.

#### 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.

**October is fast coming** up. How does sausage *with on-ions and green peppers and baked Ziti sound - just to name a few items*? This is what we have planned for you, plus more, in the social hall from 5 to 7:30 PM. On October 6<sup>th</sup>. Children, family and friends welcome. More details next week.