

Saint John Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica San Juan

JULY 29, 2018 – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
29 DE JULIO DE 2018 — DECIMO SÉPTIMO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO



17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, “Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted.” - Jn 6:12

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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 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

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

JULY 28, 2018

4:30 PM

Reconciliation

5:30 PM

Mass soul Emma Yates

SUNDAY

JULY 29, 2018

9:00 AM

Mass for the soul of Thomas Cordle

10:00 AM

Rosary

12:15 PM

Misa

WEDNESDAY

AUGUST 1, 2018

12:00 Noon

Mass

THURSDAY

AUGUST 2, 2018

8:30 AM

Mass for soul of Erica Pariss

FRIDAY

AUGUST 3, 2018

12:00 Noon

NO MASS

SATURDAY

AUGUST 4, 2018

4:30 PM

Reconciliation

5:30 PM

Mass parishioners St. John, St. Peter & St. Patrick

SUNDAY

AUGUST 5, 2018

9:00 AM

Mass soul of Chris Wulf

10:00 AM

Rosary

12:15 PM

Misa

ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/ RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES:

Keith Pinney, Rudy Calo'oy, John Kol
akoski, Ron Price, Jr., Red and Nancy
Goodman, Pat & Jerry Nolte, Richard
Painter, Maxine DiMarino, Melanie Pat-

terson, Lillan Arthur, Mary Helen Sohaski, Esperanza Godinez,
Sherry Wright, David Stull, Otts Miskimon, Dan Mages, Austin
Okoli, Jr., Georgina Gerhardt, Sulma Rojas, Elena Chavez, Doris
Bartlett, Lynn Miskimon, Suzanne DiMarino, Donald Barock, Mar-
tha Livingston, James White, John Loughran, Charlotte Brooks,
Shirley Griffey, Jeff Konschak, and Virginia Saunders.



"There is a boy here who has five
barley loaves and two fish; but
what good are these for so
many?" Then Jesus took the
loaves, gave thanks, and distrib-
uted them to those who were re-
clining, and also as much of the

fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

Readings for the Week of July 29, 2018

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph
4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18 [17d]/
Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 [14c]/
Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/
Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

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The item being collected for **FISH** for July
Gallon, quart and sandwich size bags

En el mes de **julio** necesitamos

**Bolsas con cierre de diferentes tamaños para
sándwiches y bolsas de galón.**

If someone you know is sick, hospitalized, or home bound and
would like our Eucharistic ministers or a priest to visit, please
call the office. **Unless you call we have no way of know-
ing.** If you need a priest for someone who is dying or gravely
ill, call our emergency number 804-402-1221.

Pastor Message

Saint Paul says in the second reading there is "one hope... one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all." One, one, one. Only one, he says.

On the contrary, have you ever heard someone say "there are many paths up the mountain." Usually when people say this they usually say it in regards to someone who has taken an unconventional path. Usually when people say "there are many paths up the mountain" it is, at its best, a way to avoid the possibility of judging someone else in regards to that person's choice of religion or of behavior. At its worst, when it is said, it is a desire of the one who says it to simply avoid having to critically think about something and recognize that someone they know is going down a bad path.

The phrase "there are many paths up the mountain" emphasizes something different from what St Paul says in the above passage from scripture; he doesn't much seem to have time for alternative paths. For him, there is only one path.

The question is how to reconcile what is commonly thought and said in regular parlance – there are many paths up the mountain - and what St Paul is saying, which seems to suggest there is only one way.

Firstly, it can be said that while there may be multiple paths on the mountain, not all paths are equal and not all lead up. Some are better, some are worse, and some are completely useless.

Some have a nice and pleasant grade. On this nicer path, the brush has been stomped down by other people who have climbed the mountain. The best path has water stands and food stations all along the way up the mountain. It even has clinics in case you get hurt on the way up. This is the best way up the mountain because there are many helps along the way. It is better than other ways.

Then there are other paths on the mountain, but they are much worse. They are confusing ways. They will take you up a little ways then turn you left and take you off course. Some will even loop back over themselves thus wasting your time. Some paths even ultimately end up taking you completely back to the bottom of the mountain. There are big dangerous ledges that you can fall off and die all along these worse paths, as well as tall thorn bushes. It is even hotter on these lesser paths because of their orientation towards the sun and there is little or no water to be found.

In fact, these other ways are so confusing and dangerous and twisted, that the only hope of someone who is on one of these paths is to accidentally cross that nicer path and end up taking it to the top.

When St Paul says there is only one hope, one faith, one baptism, one "way up the mountain," he is describing the nice path. This, as you may have guessed by now is the Catholic religion. The food and water stations are the Mass and the Holy Spirit, and the clinic is Confession. The people who beat down the brush and thorns are the Saints who have climbed it already. It is the best way to get to the top. The other paths on the mountain are other religions or faiths systems. The best hope for these paths is that they at some point connect and land you on the path of the Catholic religion that will take you to the top.

In that sense, it could be said there are many paths on the mountain, but ultimately there is only one that goes to the top, and the others are dangerous, confusing and even possibly deadly paths.

Second, it should be clear that as with any mountain you climb, there is only one point on the top of the mountain. And that point at the top is one Triune God we worship in the Catholic religion. He is the God of the scriptures and His Son is Jesus Christ. If anyone gets to the top of the mountain, there is only one person they meet there and that is Christ. Maybe you took the nice and pleasant path your entire life or maybe you were on the dangerous paths for a while and happened to finally stumble onto the nice path, but either way if you are fortunate enough to get to the top, He is the only one who gets to claim the peak.

Fr Rossi

**Religions Education Registration 2018-2019
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, AUGUST
19. ALL REGISTRATIONS SUBMITTED AFTER AUGUST
19, WILL INCUR A \$30 LATE FEE.**

Remember we are here to help you in your children's faith formation. **Pease take a moment to register for the new school year. Registration forms are available on the counter in the commons.** Please feel free to call 737-8028 or e-mail pmathny@stjohnscatholicchurch.org with any questions you may have. With regards Paulita Matheny

BBQ BLAST

Saturday September 22 2018

WE NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!

Please sign up to be a volunteer; there are many tasks. Sign-up sheets are available in the commons. If you are unable to volunteer, please come and eat or pick up your food to carry out. Also, please help spread the word; we will get most of our patrons from word of mouth so please tell your family, friends, coworkers, and anyone else you meet. We need you and together we will make this event a success!!! We look forward **WITH YOUR HELP** to celebrating an amazing **BBQ BLAST**.

St John Annual Raffle

Once again, this year we will have our "St John Annual Raffle" We ask that each family buy or sell at least two books; 20 tickets, worth \$20.00. You do not have to be present to win! There will be 3 drawings: **\$500.00, \$300.00 and \$200.00**. Please pick up your tickets after mass in the commons area. The drawing will be held at the end of the BBQ Blast.

School supply Wish List

St. John's Religious Education Program is issuing our annual school supply Wish List. We are in need of the following items **large glue stick only, crayons, markers, children scissors, colored paper 8 1/2 x 11, chalk, board erasers, Kleenex, Clorox wipes and hand sanitizer**. Next week there will be a container in the commons area for your convenience. Thank you for your continuous support with this project.

CARITAS IS SEPTEMBER 29—OCTOBER 6

More information in the coming weeks.