

Saint John Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica San Juan

August 25, 2019 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 de agosto de 2019 – Vigésimo Primer Domingo en tiempo Ordinario



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

Domingo.....12:15 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 AUGUST 24, 2019
 4:30 PM Reconciliation
 5:30 PM Mass St. John, St. Peter & St. Patrick

SUNDAY AUGUST 25, 2019
 9:00 AM Mass for soul of Frank DiPerna
 10:00 AM Rosary
 12:15 PM Misa por el alma de Jose Ramirez

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 28, 2019
 12 Noon Mass

THURSDAY AUGUST 29, 2019
 8:30 AM Mass

FRIDAY AUGUST 30, 2019
 12:00 Noon Mass

SATURDAY AUGUST 31, 2019
 4:30 PM Reconciliation
 5:30 PM Mass for souls of Lea & Vicenta Flores

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2019
 9:00 AM Mass for sick of the parish
 10:00 AM Rosary
 12:15 PM Misa por Feliciana Puluc

ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/ RECUERDE EN SUS

ORACIONES: Keith Pinney, Rudy Calo'oy, John Kolakoski, Ron Price, Jr., Red & Nancy Goodman, Richard Painter, Maxine DiMarino, Melanie Patterson, Lillian Arthur, Mary Helen Sohaski, Sherry Wright, Otts Miskimon, Dan Mages, Martha Livingston, Austin Okoli, Jr., Georgina Gerhardt, Elena Chavez, Doris Bartlett, Lynn Miskimon, Suzanne DiMarino, Ruth & Donald Barock, Jeff Konschak, Virginia Saunders, Gerry Biartel, Fred Brown, Ewing Family, Jones Family, Beverly Burrow, Marie Ellett, Evelyn Clatterback, Dick Wassel, Bobby & Christie Osterloh, Nathaniel Young, Chris Nolte, Hallet Harrison, Maria Teresa Casas, Carole & Bob Trent, Francis Martin, Angelina Paravati and John Smith.

The item being collected for **FISH** for August cereal
 En el mes de **agosto** necesitamos Cereal



"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." - Lk 13:29-30

Readings for the week of August 25, 2019

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 [1]/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mk 6:17-29

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 [cf. 11b]/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

10 Liturgical Publications, Inc.

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

August 17 & 18, 2019

	WEEKLY	YEAR TO DATE
Actual	\$4,426.00	Actual \$26,873.61
Budget	<u>\$4,827.00</u>	Budget <u>\$33,789.00</u>
Difference	(\$401.00)	Difference (\$6,915.39)

MASS ATTENDANCE

5:30	9:00	12:15
76	145	225

Pastor Message-

The Bible says God knows your thoughts (first reading). Let me be sure you understand this. God knows all your thoughts. God knows ALL your thoughts.

Ouch.

Every single thought you think, God knows about. It is as if you said every thought out loud on a roof top, that is how clearly God hears even the quickest of thoughts.

This is scary because everyone has awful thoughts. Everyone. Even priests...except your pastor of course...

Everyone from pauper to pope, has awful thoughts.

There are a few things to understand regarding thoughts. First, it is not a sin to have an evil thought, it is only a sin to entertain an evil thought. If you have a thought of anger or jealousy or arrogance or lust or judgmentalism, it is not a sin until you sort of keep it going by continuing to be convinced of it. But if you at that moment pray and desire to put that evil thought out of your mind, it will go away (eventually) and you can escape without being poisoned by the evil thought.

That is what God wants us to do. He knows we do not have control over thoughts. In fact, the Church teaches that the most common way temptation confronts us is through the introduction of evil thoughts. So it is part of the Christians battle. And God wants to see that we are fighting it.

Saints used to do all kind of things to change their evil thoughts, like snap a rubber band on their wrist, jump in a thorn bush, or walk with an uncooked bean in their shoe; little tricks to control thoughts.

The best way to control thoughts and push away evil thoughts is to, as much as possible, have a heart that is open to God and directed toward Him at every moment. This can be accomplished through simple interior prayer that you continue throughout your day. When you let the good in, the Holy Spirit, He pushes out the bad.

Don't get discouraged! Even though the battle is not complete until you take your last breath, it gives great meaning to every moment of your day. Realize that it is important for you, every moment of your life, to strive to accomplish holiness by letting God fill your thoughts - ALL your thoughts always. There is no room for boredom or meaninglessness in the mind and heart of a person who realizes the importance of every single thought of their life. Fr Rossi

Shower Outreach Program at St. Peter

I am pleased to announce we are currently in the process of organizing our shower outreach program. The effort will be co-led by Robert Peters from St. Patrick's and Lorraine Hewitt from St. Joseph's. We plan to do a pilot of the program on October 1st. Afterwards, any improvements needed will be incorporated before opening on a regular schedule in November. Showers will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Volunteer roles and responsibilities are being defined and training will be held beginning in mid-October. If you are interested in volunteering for this worthwhile program, please email your name, phone number and email address to: stpetershowers@gmail.com.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

Congratulations to our Pastoral Associate and Director of Religious Education, Paulita Matheny for being appointed as one of the members of the Diocesan Pastoral Council. The appointment is for three years and the Council serves as a consultative body to the Bishop and will provide feedback on matters that pertain to our Diocesan structures and initiatives.

Religions Education 2019-2020 FIRST DAY OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES SEPTEMBER 8th

Classes are Sundays from 10:15 to 11:45 AM.

BBQ BLAST

Saturday September 28, 2019

As you all know it's **BBQ BLAST** time again!!!! For St. John's to be successful we need you...From Set up to Take down and everything in between. **Join me after the 9:00am Mass on Aug. 25** if interested in helping. This year I would like for each organization and parishioners of the St. John's to think about putting together and donating a Silent Auction Theme Basket. Would be a nice family project or get together with friends to make a basket. Some examples of a Theme Basket would be : Fishing, Soap, Food , Christmas , Children Basket, etc. **use your imagination** . Contact Neilann Brown 804-244-6523 (cell) or 804-932-3211 or brown220rb@gmail.com.

St John Annual Raffle

It will take everyone's participation for it to be a success. We would appreciate and thank you in advance that each family buy or sell at least two books; 20 tickets, worth \$20.00.

All Baked goods are needed for our BBQ Blast

SJP August winners are Catherine Outland, Carolyn Nicholas, Cary Outland, Stephanie Rouse, Evelyn Jameson, Allison Outland, Barbara Firich and Trudy West. The next drawing is September 19.

40 DAYS OF LIFE

From September 25 through November 3, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and to pray peacefully during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Planned Parenthood at 201 N. Hamilton Street, Richmond, VA, 23221, for one or more hours during the 40-day prayer vigil, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Olga Lucia Mages, 804-328-1602. All are welcome! To learn more visit www.40daysforlife.com/Richmond.