

Saint John Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica San Juan

September 8, 2019 – Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8 de septiembre de 2019 – Vigésimo Tercer Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all
his possessions cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:33

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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

SEPTEMBER 7, 2019

4:30 PM

Reconciliation

5:30 PM

Mass health of Bill Goldbach

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

9:00 AM

Mass souls of Andrea & Carmela Young

10:00 AM

Rosary

12:15 PM

Misa por Feliciano Puluc

THERE ARE NO DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

4:30 PM

Reconciliation

5:30 PM

Mass soul of Manuel Insua

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

9:00 AM

Mass for blessed new school year

10:00 AM

Rosary

12:15 PM

Misa parroquianos San Juan, San Pedro y San Patricio

ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON



Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

Readings for the week of September 8, 2019

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 [1]/

Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/

Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab [9]/

Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/

Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf.

5]/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38

[cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

Lk 15:18]/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

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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 **SEPTEMBER TOILET TISSUE**

En el mes de **SEPTIEMBRE** necesitamos **Papel Higiénico**

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**.

September 1 & 2, 2019

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Pastor Message

I would like to draw your attention to the second reading today, in particular, to the revolutionary idea being espoused in it regarding slavery.

Slavery, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, is a "sin against the dignity of persons and their fundamental rights to reduce them by violence to their productive value or to a source of profit." #2414.

Unfortunately, slavery has been around since human beings have been around. We in the United States identify primarily with the enslavement of Africans in the first centuries of our nation's founding. But slavery has existed for thousands of years. Many peoples have been enslaved at different points in history. We hear often in our scriptures about the enslavement of the Jewish people by the Egyptians. In fact, there is a whole race of people whose name is derived from the word slave, the Slav's, who inhabited Eastern Europe and were enslaved by Muslims in Spain. Slavery is a wicked and terrible scourge on the history of mankind. We look now with horror that humans would force and subject other humans to chattel property. Thanks be to God that the mindset that generally accepted slavery as 'ok' for thousands of years has been largely eradicated. That said, it should be noted that slavery still exists today, especially in war torn areas such as Libya, and even closer to our own home as women are often subjected to slavery by human trafficking cartels.

To the extent that slavery has come to be understood as evil by most societies is due to the spread of Christianity. Christianity has an absolutely revolutionary idea that changed the way people treat other people and the value that people assign to other people. For most of human history, those of royal blood lineage, those with money or those with power were generally considered more valuable than those who were poor. The life of a king was more valuable than the life of a peasant. In fact, it wasn't even close - kings, queens, lords of manors, chiefs, and those of the ruling class were considered to have far more human dignity/human worth than the poor. Because this mindset was so prevalent, it was easy for people to justify in their mind that enslaving those of lesser worth wasn't a big deal...and so slavery was common for most of human history.

St Paul teaches in the second reading today the revolutionary idea that slavery is wrong. We take for granted the idea that all people have worth because they are made in the image and likeness of God. But Paul is introducing this idea for one of the first times in this letter. He meets a guy Onesimus in prison, and when Onesimus is finally released, St Paul tells them to take Onesimus in and treat him as a brother, not a slave. This was radical!!! St. Paul says welcome him as you would welcome me. This was crazy at the time!!! With this statement, St. Paul is destroying the class division between slave and free person. The effects of his words and the ensuing theology advocated by the Catholic religion for the subsequent two thousand years cannot be overstated. Fr Rossi

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. If interested in helping please contact me Neilann Brown 804-244-6523 (cell) or 804-932-3211 or brown220rb@gmail.com.

use your imagination



STAY WITH US

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2019

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 15, 2019. The 2019 theme is "**Stay With Us.**" Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. They are: **Janice Mayer, Katherine Rolon, Nina Roland, Lisa Murillo, Gladys Rivera, Julie Hinman, Cristina Ibanez, Jon Bangs, Nina Roland, Sharon Lucas, Rocio Carrillo, Scott Seal, Neilann Brown, Maria Garcia, Mary Miskimon, Dan Mages, Ed Gillikin, Rodolfo Velazquez, Emiliano Velazquez, Zoila Arteaga and Deacon Ramon Rivera.** Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT - I wanted to inform you of something very unfortunate that happened in one of our parishes. While cleaning the church, we found a host laying on the floor in the pews. It is likely that it was a consecrated host that someone walked back to their pew with and threw on the floor. This is a sacrilege and if done willingly is grounds for excommunication from the Church. Desecration of the Blessed Sacrament is one of the worst offences that can be committed because it is an offence against the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. I pray it was simply an accident and maybe a child who did not know what they were doing. A couple things: **PARENTS** need to watch their children to be sure they are consuming the host and that they do not try to receive Holy Communion unless they have had their First Holy Communion. **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** - if you are privileged enough to be able to help with the distribution of Holy Communion, then you need to observe every single person who comes up for Communion to be sure they consume the Host in front of you. No one is ever permitted to walk off with the Host. If they do, you need to stop them and ask them to either return the Host to you or consume it in front of you. I do this regularly and you need to as well if you want to have the honored responsibility of distributing Holy Communion. **ALL PARISHIONERS** - if you see someone walking away with a Host or someone in the pew with a Host then you need to say something to them. Do not be ashamed. Or walk up to the priest at that moment (not at the end of Mass) and tell the priest so he can deal with it. We must take it extremely seriously to care for and protect the Blessed Sacrament and it is everyone's responsibility. Thank you - Fr Rossi