

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**

**23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.” - Mt 18:15

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Newcomers to the parish are asked to register with the office as soon as possible. We would like to meet you and give you a welcome packet!

BAPTISM

Classes are scheduled by appointment through the Church Office.

***Baptism packet/registration must be picked up in advance, please stop by the Church Office.***

MARRIAGE

Contact the church office at least six months in advance.



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, September 7th  
**(CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY)**  
9:00am—+Anne Willis

Tuesday, September 8th  
9:00am—(SI) Shannon Ott

Wednesday, September 9th  
12:10pm—+Mary Dixon

6:00pm—+Ursula Werner

Thursday, September 10th  
9:00am—+Sr. Justine Ostini

7:00pm (San José Mission)

Friday, September 11th  
9:00am—+Fr. Jerry McCarthy

Saturday, September 12th  
5:00pm—+John Salek

Sunday, September 13th  
7:30am —+Robert Hargett

9:30am (SI) Susan Hartnett

12:00pm —+Sue Hamel

2:00pm (Spanish)  
People of the Parish

CONFESSION:  
Wednesday 5:00—5:30pm  
Saturday 4:00—4:45pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:  
Wednesday / 4:00-5:40pm  
First Friday 9:30—11:00am

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

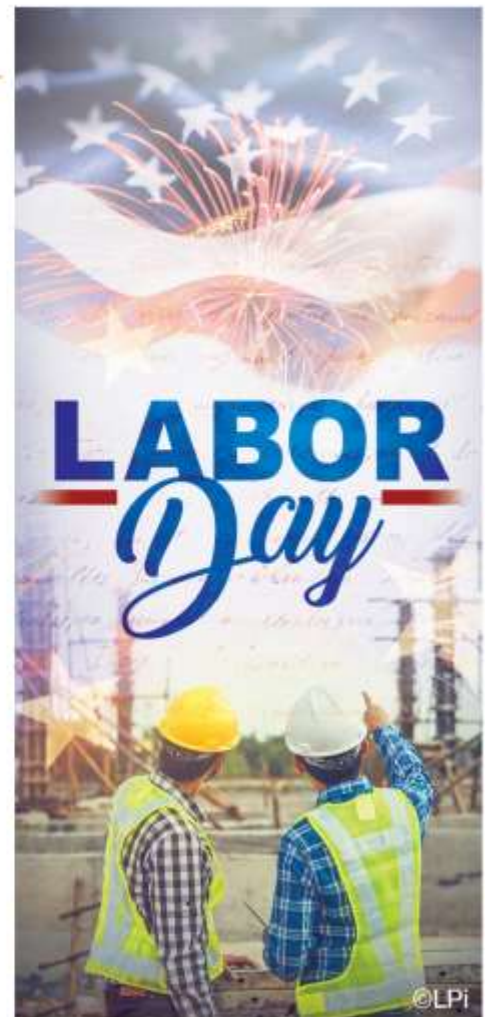
<b>SUN 9/6</b>	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
<b>MON 9/7</b>	1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11
<b>TUE 9/8</b>	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
<b>WED 9/9</b>	1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26
<b>THR 9/10</b>	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38
<b>FRI 9/11</b>	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]/Lk 6:39-42
<b>SAT 9/12</b>	1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Lk 6:43-49
<b>SUN 9/13</b>	Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

<b>Sunday:</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Monday:</b>	Labor Day
<b>Tuesday:</b>	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Peter Claver, Priest
<b>Friday:</b>	Patriot Day
<b>Saturday:</b>	The Most Holy Name of Mary
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

It is not easy to confront someone who has wronged or hurt us. But it is absolutely necessary to do so in order for reconciliation to occur. We are taught to mind our own business and keep our thoughts to ourselves. When we have been hurt or wronged and we do not acknowledge and give voice to it, those feelings of hurt remain in our hearts and can eventually turn into anger. Verbalizing our feelings can diffuse them, and communicating how we actually feel brings honesty to our relationships. This is the only way that the path of love can remain open and that integrity and mutual respect can be maintained. It is no wonder that Jesus absolutely insisted upon healthy and compassionate confrontation. People don't always realize that they are doing harm. Bringing this to light is not only good for the one who is hurt but for the one who caused the pain. The new insight and revelation may prevent the action from being repeated again.



*Harden  
not your  
hearts.*

— PSALM 95 —

# JOINED BY FAITH; CALLED TO SHARE

## OFFERTORY Week of August 23rd

Offertory	\$ 7,901.68
Online	\$ 2,955.00
Parish Missions	\$ 755.00
Online	\$ 60.00

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Offertory may also be mailed to the parish or dropped in our secure lock box near the front door of the office.



## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish Target: \$76,802.00  
**Total Given: \$62,285.06** (as of 8/27/20)  
Percent of target: **81.10%**  
Parishioner Participation: 21.41%  
Number of donors: 152

Please consider a donation to the ACA if you have not already done so: <https://diosav.org/baa>

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR YOUTH

Religious Ed LATE registration for Youth will take place until *September 10th*. This will be the last opportunity to enroll in classes this year. Registration is available online or in the office. It was wonderful to welcome everyone back last Sunday. Next class meets September 13th.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Susan Kramer at 244-2430, ext. 211 or [skramer@stjohn evang.org](mailto:skramer@stjohn evang.org)



### HELP NEEDED...

In order to continue praying the rosary before the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday evening, we need a couple of more volunteers to lead the rosary. It is a simple process. We start at 4:35 and finish about 4:55 just before Mass begins. To keep scheduling simple we do a monthly rotation of leaders.

To volunteer please call Mike Young at 229- 242-6088.

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## INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

RCIA is the process used to allow adults who are interested in becoming Catholic to receive instruction in the Catholic faith and complete the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. On September 13 (10:45-11:45 AM in the Parish Center Conference Room) we will begin to delve more deeply into the teachings of the church in the catechumenate sessions. There will be no session on September 6 due to the Labor Day Holiday. These sessions are open to everyone (even those who are already Catholic). It is requested that masks be worn. For more information contact Deacon Paul at 229-263-5659 or e-mail [deaconpaul@stjohnnevang.org](mailto:deaconpaul@stjohnnevang.org)

September 6 – No Session

Topic for Sept. 13 – Canonicity of the Bible

Topic for Sept. 22 – Forgiveness of Others, Sacrament of Penance



Men of the parish, we have a program that is meant for you! *That Man is You!* is an interactive program for men that combines the latest findings of modern science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. Join us for food, fellowship and faith on Friday, September 11th at 6:15am. All men are welcome.

Learn more at [tmy.org](http://tmy.org) or contact Ben Davis at 229-412-5680 for more information.



Join us for a Virtual Retreat of healing and hope for Catholics who have suffered the pain and isolation of Divorce or Separation. The Retreat is the evening of Sept 11 and afternoon of Sept 12 with a suggested donation of \$20.00. For more information and to register: [newbeginningsevents.org](http://newbeginningsevents.org)

Retiro Virtual para católicos separados o divorciados ofrecido por la Diócesis de san Francisco. Inicia a las 8:30 pm el 11 de septiembre y continua el sábado 12. El retiro incluirá adoración y misa de sanación. Donación sugerida \$20. El sitio de registro esta solo en inglés, pero el evento se ofrece en español e inglés Regístrate aquí : [newbeginningsevents.org](http://newbeginningsevents.org)

## Prayer intentions

### For our sick

*Together let us pray for our loved ones...*

#### Parishioners

Marian Burns, Irene Gallagher, Margaret Dorneden, Beatriz Agudelo, Peter Portz, Ann Wagner, Mickey Kelly, Ladonna English, Julie Nickeson, Jeannine Becton, Ray Hamel, Charles McFarland, Christine Stewart, Mary Padgett, Doug Henderson, Jerry Kozuch, Frances Godwin, Larry Chaput, Bob Consolini, John Fleming, Sonia Knowles

#### Family and Friends of Parishioners

Cathy Chamberlain, Linda Haymen, Linda Barrett, Joseph C. Wink, Jr., Dan Chase, Sandy Darden, Mike Eddington, Jerry Stophel, Andrew Meissner, Debbie Lorence, Susan Markwell, Janet Starling, Joe Sheer, John Gutermuth, Lucy Davis

### For Those Who Have Died

*Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:*

Richard Uhlir

Rose Nowell

Ursula Werner

Lowell Hammock, brother-in-law of Rusty Wetherington

Elham Hardan, mother of Celine Gladwin

Anne Ellison

Lisa England, daughter June Chandronet



# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

If you warn the wicked,  
trying to turn him from his way,  
and he refuses to turn from his way,  
he shall die for his guilt,  
but you shall save yourself. (Ez 33:9)



## PSALM

If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)



## SECOND READING

Whatever other commandment there may be,  
are summed up in this saying, namely,  
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."  
(Rom 13:9a)



## GOSPEL

"If two of you agree on earth  
about anything for which they are to pray,  
it shall be granted to them by my  
heavenly Father." (Mt 18:19)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed.



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“Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

- Mt 18:19-20

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# LITURGICAL LIFE

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture**

**First Reading**

The prophet Ezekiel is presented as the Lord's "sentinel," announcing both God's salvation and judgment. How would you react to such a divine command?

**Second Reading**

Paul argues that "love is the fulfillment of the Law." What does this mean to you as a Christian?

**Gospel Reading**

Jesus challenges his disciples to confront sin directly, even when it occurs with those closest to you. Why do you think Jesus encouraged this approach?



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