

What do the Saints Say?**John 1:19-23**

CHRYSOSTOM. (in Joan. Hom. xvi. [xv.].) Such confidence had they in John, that they were ready to believe him on his own words: witness how it is said, *To ask him, Who art thou?*

AUGUSTINE. (Tr. 4. c. 3.) They would not have sent, unless they had been impressed by his lofty exercise of authority, in daring to baptize.

GREGORY. (Hom. vii. in Evang. c. 1) He denied directly being what he was not, but he did not deny what he was: thus, by his speaking truth, becoming a true member of Him Whose name he had not dishonestly usurped.

CHRYSOSTOM. (Hom. xvi. [xv.] 1, 2.) Or take this explanation: The Jews were influenced by a kind of human sympathy for John, whom they were reluctant to see made subordinate to Christ, on account of the many marks of greatness about him; his illustrious descent in the first place, he being the son of a chief priest; in the next, his hard training, and his contempt of the world. Whereas in Christ the contrary were apparent; a humble birth, for which they reproach Him; *Is not this the carpenter's son?* (Mat. 13:55) an ordinary way of living; a dress such as every one else wore. As John then was constantly sending to Christ, they send to him, with the view of having him for their master, and thinking to induce him, by blandishments, to confess himself Christ. They do not therefore send inferior persons to him, ministers and Herodians, as they did to Christ, but Priests and Levites; and not of these an indiscriminate party, but those of Jerusalem, i. e. the more honourable ones; but they send them with this question, to ask, *Who art thou?* not from a wish to be informed, but in order to induce him to do what I have said. John replies then to their intention, not to their interrogation: *And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.* And observe the wisdom of the Evangelist: he repeats the same thing three times, to shew John's virtue, and the malice and madness of the Jews. For it is the character of a devoted servant, not only to forbear taking to himself his lord's glory, but even, when numbers offer it to him, to reject it. The multitude indeed believed from ignorance that John was the Christ, but in these it was malice; and in this spirit they put the question to him, thinking, by their blandishments to bring him over to their wishes. For unless this had been their design, when he replied, *I am not the Christ*, they would have said, *We did not suspect this; we did not come to ask this.* When caught, however, and discovered in their purpose, they proceed to another question: *And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias?*

AUGUSTINE. (in Joan. Tr. iv. c. 4.) For they knew that Elias was to preach Christ; the name of Christ not being unknown to any among the Jews; but they did not think that *He* our Lord was the Christ: and yet did not altogether imagine that there was no Christ about to come. In this way, while looking forward to the future, they mistook at the present.

And he said, I am not.

GREGORY. (Hom. vii. c. 1) These words gave rise to a very different question. In another place, our Lord, when asked by His disciples concerning the coming of Elias, replied, *If ye will receive it, this is Elias.* (Mat. 11:14) But John says, *I am not Elias.* How is he then a preacher of the truth, if he agrees not with what that very Truth declares?

GREGORY. (Hom. vii. in Evang. c. 1) But if we examine the truth accurately, that which sounds inconsistent, will be found not really so. The Angel told Zacharias concerning John, *He shall go before Him in the spirit and power of Elias.* (Luke 1:17) As Elias then will preach the second advent of our Lord, so John preached His first; as the former will come as the precursor of the Judge, so the latter was made the precursor of the Redeemer. John was Elias in spirit, not in person: and what our Lord affirms of the spirit, John denies of the Person: there being a kind of propriety in this; viz. that our Lord to His disciples should speak spiritually of John, and that John, in answering the carnal multitude, should speak of his body, not of his spirit.

AUGUSTINE. (in Joan. Tr. iv. c. 8.) Or because John was more than a prophet: for that the prophets announced Him afar off, but John pointed Him out actually present.

Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?

CHRYSOSTOM. (Hom. xvi. [xv.] 2.) You see them here pressing him still more strongly with their questions, while he on the other hand quietly puts down their suspicions, where they are untrue, and establishes the truth in their place: saying, *I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness.*

AUGUSTINE. (Tr. iv. c. 7.) So spoke Esaias: the prophecy was fulfilled in John the Baptist.

GREGORY. (Hom. vii. c. 2) Ye know that the only-begotten Son is called the Word of the Father. Now we know, in the case of our own utterance, the voice first sounds, and then the word is heard. Thus John declares himself to be the voice, i. e. because he precedes the Word, and, through his ministry, the Word of the Father is heard by man.

GREGORY. (Hom. vii. in Ev. c. 2) John crieth *in the wilderness*, because it is to forsaken and destitute Judæa that he bears the consolatory tidings of a Redeemer.

GREGORY. (Hom. vii. in Evang. c. 2) The way of the Lord is made straight to the heart, when the word of truth is heard with humility; the way of the Lord is made straight to the heart, when the life is formed upon the precept.

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Schedule of Events:

Monday, December 14th

6:30 a.m. Confessions
7:00 a.m. Daily Mass

Tuesday, December 15th

6:30 a.m. Confessions
7:00 a.m. Daily Mass
6:30 p.m. Advent Mission

Wednesday, December 16th

6:30 p.m. Confessions
7:00 a.m. Daily Mass
6:00–8:00 p.m. “The Light is on for you”(confession)

Thursday, December 17th

6:30 Confessions
7a.m. Daily Mass

Friday, December 18th

NO MASS

Saturday, December 19th

BLOOD DRIVE

3p.m. Confessions
4 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 20th

7:30 a.m. Confessions
8 a.m. Mass
9:30 a.m. Confessions
6 p.m. Confessions
6:30 p.m. Mass



MASS INTENTIONS



For the Week of December 14th-20th

7:00 A.M.-Monday, December 14th

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Parishioners of St. Ann, Helena Bourg
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7:00 A.M.-Tuesday, December 15th

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7:00 A.M.-Thursday, December 17th

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4:00 P.M.- Saturday, December 19th

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Margie & Elton Thibodaux, Paul Jackson, Angela Authement, Meva Blanchard, Tel Meeker,
Pamela Falgout, Terry & Lois Chaisson, Wiley & Irene Portier,
Carroll Hebert, Cynthia Charpentier, Sam Olivier, Patrick McGaw*

8:00 A.M.-Sunday, December 20th

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:

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10:00 A.M.- Sunday, December 20th

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6:30 P.M. Sunday, December 20th

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Memorials for the week of December 14, 2020

The Sanctuary Light burns this week in memory of Kerry & Lee Lapeyrouse requested by Stacey, Heidi, Louis, & Tyler.

The Altar Candles are in memory of Muriel Fabre requested by Kirby Fabre.

The Altar Bread is in memory of Clarice & Bobby LeBlanc requested by Stacey, Heidi, Louis, & Tyler.

The Altar Wine is in memory of Thelma & Alvin Ledet requested by Stacey, Heidi, Louis, & Tyler.

The missals are in memory of Kevin Dugas family requested by the Bourg Lioness Club.

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December 5 & 6: Envelopes: \$+ Loose: \$+ \$ online giving

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