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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.
First Saturday of the month only 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30–4:15 p.m.
Tuesday thru Friday 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain Pastor
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Pedro Hernandez Custodian
Layne Mire Parish Secretary
Celeste Veillon Music Director
Lil Stutes Mothers' Day Out

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Office closed for lunch 12:30–1:30 p.m.

BAPTISM

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00 am Mass. Also celebrated during Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and Easter Sunday. Parents should call the office to enroll in our baptismal preparation program, preferably early in pregnancy. Parents are encouraged to register in the parish and actively practice their faith.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Inquiries – Please call the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. Preparation program is required. Couples should be actively practicing their faith.

CARE OF THE SICK

Emergency calls answered as soon as possible. Communion calls to homebound weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Family should contact the Pastor to begin funeral arrangements.
For Cemetery information, please call Jerry Deshotel 281-0333.

PRAYER LINE

Please call the Church Parish Office.

Dear Parishioners,

The annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious is this weekend, December 11 & 12. This is our chance to help provide for our consecrated religious who have given so much to the Church over the years. Since this is also the weekend for our monthly Building Fund collection, I ask that you place your envelopes marked "Retirement Fund for Religious" in the first collection.

The **7th Annual Nativity Carol**, an evening of Advent and Christmas song, is this Sunday, December 12, at 5:00 p.m. in the church. We receive many compliments on the singing of our choir and this concert gives us a chance to enjoy their beautiful singing outside of Mass. Admission is free but you are invited to bring a canned good for our food bank. A Christmas Cookie reception will follow in the Parish Activity Center.

Our Advent Penance Service is scheduled for this **Tuesday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m.** Our second graders will celebrate their 1st Reconciliation at this same service, so we need to support them by our good example. Fathers David Allen, Arun John, Ryan Hallford, and Amrit Raj will be here to assist in this celebration of God's mercy. Four priests will be stationed in the main body of the church, and one priest will be located in the annex for your convenience.

Friday, December 17, is Pope Francis's birthday, so please say a prayer for the continued health and well-being of our Holy Father. He turns 85 this year and remains in very good health despite a demanding schedule. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, who retired in 2013 at the age of 85, is now 94 years old.

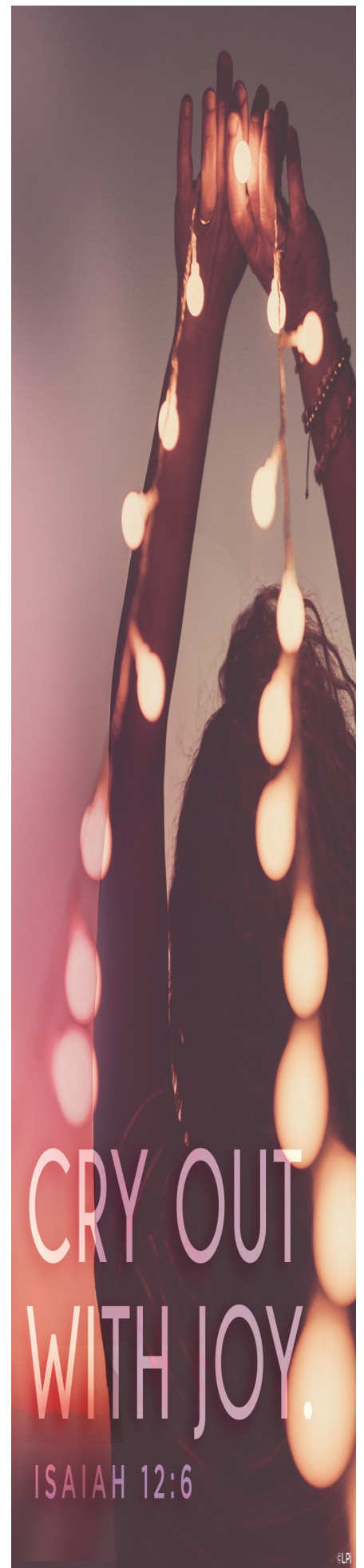
We will be decorating our church for Christmas next Saturday, December 18, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We need plenty of volunteers so the work can be completed smartly and efficiently. Service hours are available for students, and volunteers are needed to light the trees and hang the garland on the columns. John Toups is once again coordinating our decorations so please call or text him at 405-0826 if you have any questions.

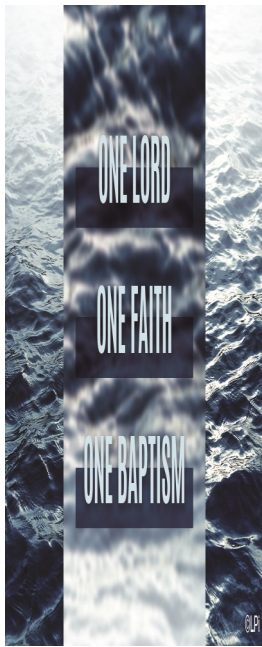
Our schedule of services for Christmas includes two Masses on Christmas Eve and two Masses on Christmas morning. The celebration begins on Christmas Eve with a choir concert at 3:15 p.m. followed by a 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, and then a second Vigil Mass at 6:00 p.m. Masses on Christmas Day are at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. (Please note that with Christmas falling on a Saturday this year, we will not have our regular 4:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon Mass.)

Our Bereavement Committee will resume hosting post-funeral meals in our activity center on January 1, 2022. We suspended this beautiful ministry in March 2020 in order to help arrest the spread of this deadly virus. The virus is still around but enough progress has been made with vaccinations to allow us to cautiously restart this expression of support.

Congratulations to the LSU Tigers on the hiring of Brian Kelly as their new football coach. It was a surprising choice but he has made a good first impression.

In Christ,
Father Matt





With joyful hearts we welcome our newly Baptized to our faith community:

Jackson Robert Frioux,
son of Robert & Morgan Frioux

Ellie Taylor Richard,
daughter of Taylor & Morgan Richard

Adalynn Mae Riley,
daughter of Porter Riley & Kaitlin Boudreaux

William James Tucker,
son of Timothy & Kharisa Tucker



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

1st Reconciliation Service
Tuesday, December 14th
6:00pm in Church

NO CLASSES for K-8 students
December 13, 2021-January 9, 2022



Marriage Blessings are extended to
Blakely Ann McCoy and
Stephen Jeffrey Grzmillion, II
who were married on November 27th.
Congratulations to the happy couple!



*The Sanctuary
Candle burns in
memory of
Carlys Sibille.*



A Vocation for you?
Are you being called to announce the good news as John the Baptist did? If God is calling you as a priest, deacon, brother or sister please contact
Father Josh Johnson
225-336-8778,
jjohnson@diobr.org
or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations

Stewardship of Finances December 5, 2021

209 Identified:	\$17,153.00
Loose Collection:	+ 606.00
Total:	\$17,759.00

Thanksgiving Collection: \$1,066.00



We will decorate the Church on Saturday, December 18th beginning at 9:00am. We welcome all volunteers!

K.C. Calendar Winners for November 2021
Allison Gravois, Paige Ousse, Chris Kershaw, Koral Bourgeois, M/M Thomas Hue, Katherine Balcuns, Laura & Chester Simoneaux, Stephanie Hebert, Guy Ruggiero, Lee Moreau, Elaine Pierce, Gaetano Passantino, Glenn Landry, Patsy Dupuy, John Stelly, Thomas Whittington, Sr., Mickey Wilbert, Steve Lemoine, Jennifer Leonard, Brent Rachal, Henry Melancon, M/M Michel Wall, Cole Bourgeois, Miriam Simms, Sabrina Ruggiero, Elaine Pierce, Alex Vince, Paul Levert, Janet Bankston, Melanie Roubique

K. C. Members will be selling 2022 Calendars for \$20 after all Masses on December 11th & 12th.



The ZIPPERS will be closed from December 20, 2021-January 1, 2022 for the holidays. PLEASE do not leave any donations outside their door during this time.



THANK YOU to all of the **blood donors who gave blood to save a life on December 5th!**

St John the Baptist Parish Council Members

2020-2021

Bob Bewick

Audy Bourgeois

Christie Chapman, Secretary

Justin Clouatre

Wayne Delapasse

Paige Fitzgerald

Janice Hebert

Fr. Matt Lorrain

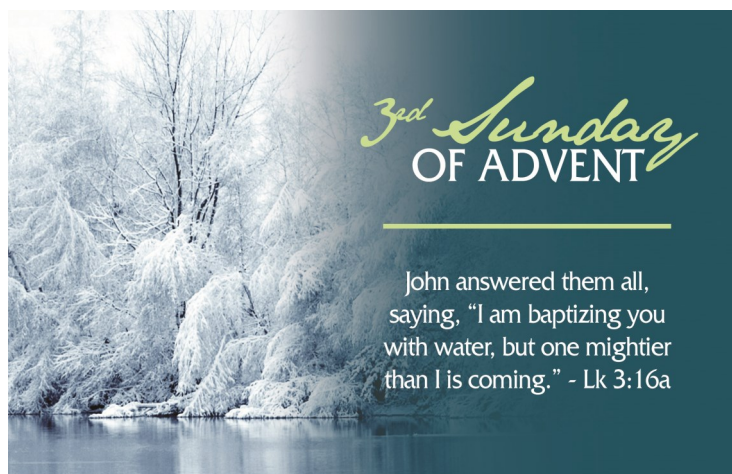
Mary Claire Meyer, Chairman

Joey Normand

Edana Robnett

Derek Scott, Vice-Chairman

Jewel Woods



Readings for the week of December 12, 2021

- Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/
Lk 3:10-18
- Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc,
8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23
[7a]/Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,
13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b
[2a]/Lk 7:24-30
- Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/
Mt 1:1-17
- Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/
Mt 1:18-25
- Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/
Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Keep "Christ" in Christmas!

