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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,

Our celebration of Christmas and the Feast of the Holy Family all fall on the same weekend this year. Christmas Eve Masses are at 4:00 and 6:00 p.m., and Christmas Day Masses at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. We canceled the 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass for the Holy Family since it is on Christmas afternoon, but will hold our regular 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 Masses on Sunday, December 26.

In reflecting on the Christmas mystery, Father Richard Rohr, OFM, begins with a quote from the twentieth-century writer G.K. Chesterton: “When a person has found something which he prefers to life itself, he for the first time had begun to live.” Father Rohr continues, *We all have to ask for the grace to prefer something to our small life itself because we have been offered the shared Life, the One Life, the Eternal Life, God’s Life that became visible in this world in Jesus.*

When we say “Come, Lord Jesus” on this Christmas Day, we are preferring his Lordship to any other loyalty system or any other final frame of reference. If Jesus is Lord, then Caesar is not! If Jesus is Lord, then the economy and stock market are not! If Jesus is Lord, then my house and possessions, family and job are not! If Jesus is Lord, then I am not!

What we are all searching for is Someone to surrender to, something we can prefer to life itself. Well here is the wonderful surprise: God is the only one we can surrender to without losing ourselves. The irony is that we find ourselves...

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 27, for Christmas. I plan to take a few days of vacation this week so we will have Communion Services in place of the weekday Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, December 28, 29, and 30, 2021. I will be back in time for our regular 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, December 31.

New Year’s Day is the octave of Christmas, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and normally a holy day of obligation. However, the obligation is dispensed whenever it falls on a Saturday as is the case this year. So, we will have just one Mass at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 1, in celebration of the holy day. Masses for the Feast of the Epiphany on January 1 & 2 will follow our regular weekend schedule.

Our monthly 12-hour exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is **canceled** this month since the first Saturday is also New Year’s Day. However, we will have our regular Friday morning adoration on Friday, December 31, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Benediction.

Thanks to everyone for making Christmas such a wonderful celebration in our parish. It is easy to be grateful when surrounded by the care and generosity of others, and I thank all of you for your participation in our communal life at St. John the Baptist. I hope God fulfills many of your dreams and helps you to better appreciate the love of those around you.

In Christ,
Father Matt

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Congratulations to all of the 2nd Graders who completed the Sacrament of Reconciliation on December 14th!

No Classes for K-8 Students

December 13, 2021-
January 9, 2022
Classes resume on
January 10, 2022.

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of the Deceased Members of the Pitre, Miller, Richard & Glod Families.



Church Ministry

Many Thanks to Janice & Joel Hebert for the Bereavement Meals in December. Please contact Ruth Landry, 749-3101 to help serve in January.

Thanks to Carolyn Bourgeois and her crew for cleaning our Church throughout December; please call Mary Delapasse, 610-6531 if you can assist in January.

Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!
If you will tell the teachings of Christ to others, please contact Father Josh Johnson 225-336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations

Stewardship of Finances December 12, 2021

113 Identified:	\$6,602.00
Loose Collection:	+596.00
Total Collection:	\$7,198.00

Retirement Fund for the Religious: \$3,613.00

Our Church Community enjoyed the beautiful music at the Nativity Carol Christmas Concert held on December 12th. A Nativity Skit was performed by several of our religious education students.



Mother's Day Out
The Children of Mother's Day Out enjoyed petting and interacting with the animals of Noah's Ark on December 14th. Thanks for your help with this wonderful event!



Please join Fr. Greg Daigle at **St. John the Evangelist Church** in Plaquemine for music and songs from Broadway and the big band era on January 9th at 4:00pm. Please call the SJE Church Office (687-2402) to purchase a ticket for this event.

Knights of Columbus/Catholic Daughters

K.C. Coffee & Donuts after 7:30am Mass, January 2nd in the Activity Center

K.C./CDA Meeting, January 6th in the Activity Center
6:00pm K.C. Officers' Meeting
7:15pm K.C. Membership Meeting
7:00pm CDA Meeting

K.C. Pro-Life Rosary at 4:00pm on January 15th

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

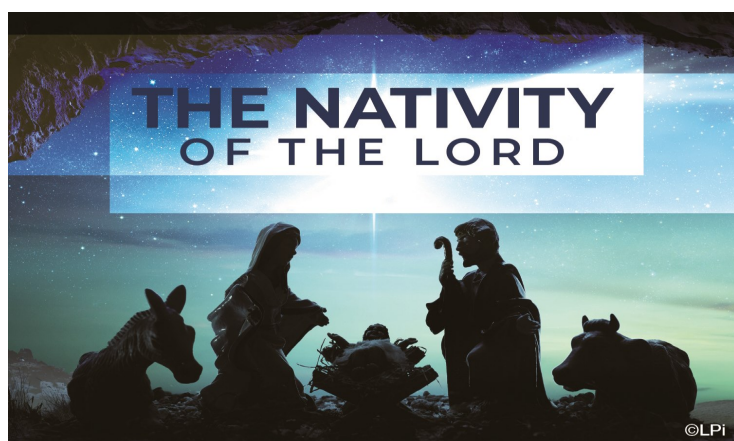
Mary Claire Meyer, Chairman

Joey Normand

Edana Robnett

Derek Scott, Vice-Chairman

Jewel Woods



Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

- Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
[cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
- Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/
Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/
Mt 2:13-18
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/
Lk 2:22-35
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/
Lk 2:36-40
- Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/
Jn 1:1-18
- Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/
Lk 2:16-21
- Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

