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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.

THE
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great things.

PSALM 126

Dear Parishioners,

Our Thanksgiving Day Mass was very well attended and I was edified by the amount of canned goods and monetary donations received to benefit our food pantry. Our faith teaches us to show compassion and concern for the poor, and this is one concrete way of fulfilling that responsibility. Thank you also to all of you who volunteer your time or donate money in support of our food pantry ministry.

Wednesday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and a holy day of obligation. Our Masses on the feast day will be at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. We honor the Blessed Virgin Mary as patroness of the United States of America under the title of the Immaculate Conception.

As always, I encourage you to go to confession this Advent in preparation for Christmas. Holy Family Church in Port Allen has its penance service this Thursday, December 9, at 6:30 p.m. We will have our penance service here at **St. John the Baptist** the following week on **Tuesday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m.** Our second graders will celebrate their 1st Reconciliation at this same service, so let us support them by our good example.

The annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious is next 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. Extra envelopes for this appeal are available in the rear of church, so please be generous.

The **7th Annual Nativity Carol**, an evening of Advent and Christmas song, will be held on Sunday, December 12, at 5:00 p.m. in the church. We receive many complements 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 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.

In Christ,
Father Matt



PEACE

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

1st Reconciliation Retreat

December 11th, 9:00am-10:45am

Activity Center

One Parent must attend with their child.

1st Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, December 14th

6:00pm in Church

NO CLASSES for K-8 students

December 13, 2021-January 9, 2022



Please help the Food Pantry this holiday by bringing any of the following items to the Church Office:

Hot Chocolate Mix, Pudding Mix, Cake Mix, Frosting Mix, Marshmallows, Jellied Cranberry Sauce, small bags of Flour or Sugar, Rice (1lb, 2lb or 5lb bags), Gravy Mix (turkey or brown), Canned potatoes, carrots or beets, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Grits, Oatmeal, Chocolate Bars, Pancake Mix & Syrup



Congratulations to Blake Manola & Taylor Toups who were married on November 19th!



The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Amanda Hix.



Our Nativity Carol Christmas Concert is scheduled for 5:00pm on December 12th. Please plan to attend!



Lectors, please pick up your Workbooks from the Sacristy in the Church.

From the Diocese of Baton Rouge.....

Business Manager position at Christ the King: Full time management and administrative job with finance, human resource, and facilities responsibilities; Please submit your resume to Alison Dazzio: adazzio@ctklsu.org

Maintenance Coordinator position at Christ the King: Part Time (25 hours) role that oversees the maintenance for the entire facility of the Church & Rectory; Please submit your resume to Alison Dazzio: adazzio@ctklsu.org

Show your thanks by giving generously to the **Retirement Fund for the Religious** which helps provide them with care, medicine and more.

Remember to contact CCDBR to help with counseling of seasonal struggles of depression and anxiety by calling **Catholic Charities 225-376-6895**.

Please give generously to the **Bishop's Annual Appeal** which benefits the needy of our Diocese.

Stewardship of Finances

November 21, 2021

145 Identified: \$8,397.00
Loose Collection: +431.00
Total: \$8,828.00

Human Development Campaign: \$740.00

November 28, 2021

120 Identified: \$6,469.00
Loose Collection: +616.00
Total: \$7,085.00



Can you follow Christ and serve as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If you choose to open this door, please contact Father Josh Johnson 225-336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations

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

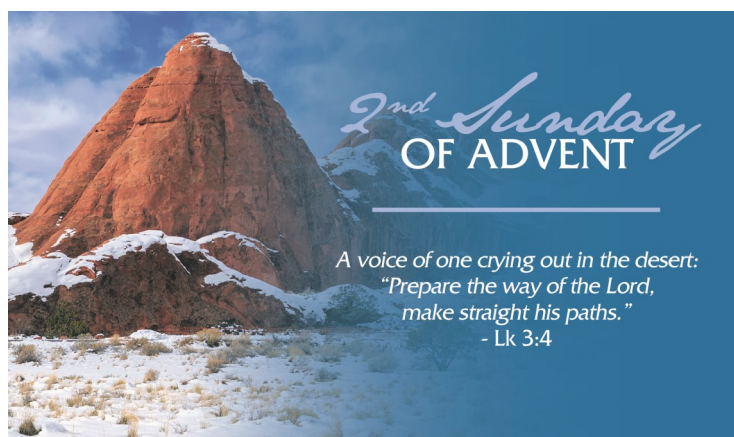
Mary Claire Meyer, Chairman

Joey Normand

Edana Robnett

Derek Scott, Vice-Chairman

Jewel Woods



Readings for the week of December 5, 2021

- Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
- Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
- Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

