



*December 15, 2019
Third Sunday of Advent
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ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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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

Very Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain Pastor
Donna Badon..... Christian Formation
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Pedro Hernandez..... Custodian
Layne Mire Parish Secretary
Celeste Veillon Music Director
Katie Roettger..... Mothers’s 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 – 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 immediately, if 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.

PRAYER LINE

Call the Parish Office

Dear Parishioners,

The parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish in Scotlandville have just completed a major renovation of their parish church, similar to the renovation that was completed at St. Margaret Parish in Albany last month, and here in Brusly just over eight years ago. I plan to attend their Mass of rededication which is set for 2:00 p.m. today, Sunday, December 15, 2019.

Immaculate Conception Parish began as a mission of St. Francis Xavier Parish in 1946. Masses were initially celebrated at the Cook Theatre until the completion of their church in 1953. Immaculate Conception then became a separate parish in 1958 to serve the predominately African-American community of north Baton Rouge.

The parish was faithfully served by Josephite priests for many years until it was handed over to the Jesuit priests in 1983. The renovated church has been expanded with the addition of a new foyer, and the interior has been brightened with new flooring and new marble behind the altar. Congratulations to Father Tom Clark, S.J., and the Immaculate Conception Parish community.

The **5th Annual Nativity Carol**, an evening of Advent and Christmas song, is also today, Sunday, December 15, 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 Advent Penance Service is scheduled for this **Tuesday, December 17, at 6:30 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, Chris Decker, Jon Koehler, 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.

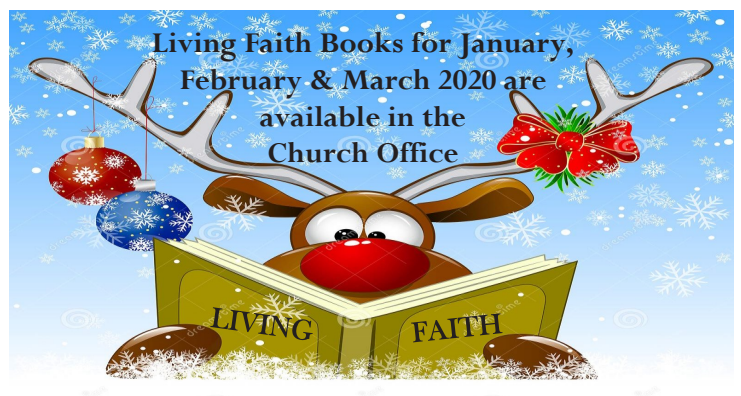
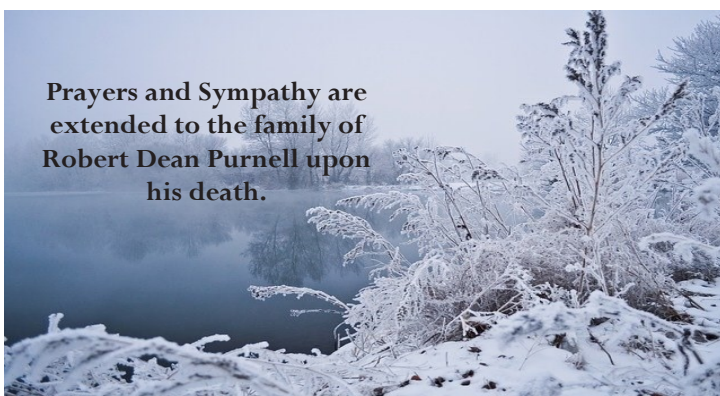
We will be decorating our church for Christmas on Monday, December 23, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We need plenty of volunteers so the work can be completed smartly and efficiently. Service hours are available for students, and volunteers are needed to put the trees in the stands and the garland on the columns. 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.. (We do not have a midnight Mass but there is one right next door at St. John the Evangelist in Plaquemine.)

Congratulations to the LSU Tigers for winning the SEC championship and being selected No. 1 by the College Football Playoff selection committee. They will now play No. 4 Oklahoma in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl on December 28 for a chance to advance to the championship game.

In Christ,

Father Matt



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

NO Christian Formation Classes for K-10th Grade from December 16, 2019- January 6, 2020

CLASSES will resume as follows:

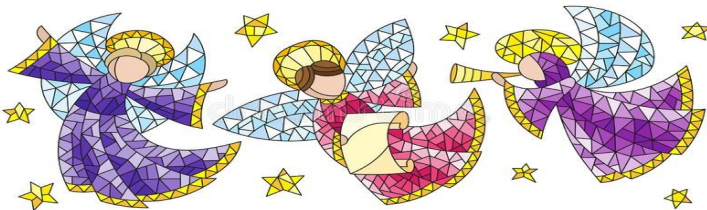
Tuesday, January 7th for 10th Grade
 Monday, January 13th for K-8th Grade
 Tuesday, January 14th for K-8th Grade
 Wednesday, January 15th for 5th & 6th Grade



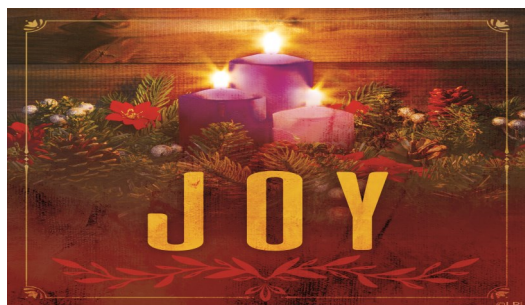
WELCOME

FIRST RECONCILIATION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH AT 6:30 P.M.
 IN CHURCH ALONG WITH THE
 PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE



SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS! Jesus calls men and women to be Messengers of His Good News. If God is calling you to a Church Vocation, please call Father Andrew Merrick at 225-336-8778 or email: amerrick@diobr.org



STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES:

December 8, 2019

177 Identified- - - - - \$7,668.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 773.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$8,441.00

Retirement Fund for Religious \$2,654.00
 Immaculate Conception: \$1,234.00



**ZIPPER'S
 HOLIDAY SALE
 MONDAY,
 DECEMBER 23
 8:00AM-10:30AM
 CLOSED: DECEMBER
 26TH & JANUARY
 2ND
 NEW YEAR SALE
 JANUARY 3RD
 8:00AM-10:30AM**

We will decorate the Church beginning 9:00am on Monday, December 23rd. All Volunteers are **WELCOME!**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 PRO-LIFE ROSARY
 December 21st at 4:00pm
 Join us in Prayer.**



KC NOVEMBER CALENDAR WINNERS

Gary LaBauve; Mr. & Mrs. Mark Shelley; Clark Naquin, Jr.; Ashley Logan; Nancy Ritzmann; Jacob Cordell; Lacey Vitteri; Cayla & Chad Richard; Jeanine Allen; Dal Parker; Kaitlynn White; Emma Orgeron; Linzie Nguyen; Janet Hebert; Donald Cavalier; Dolores Crochet; Brynley Simon; Colette Gravois; Bobby Palermo; Kenneth Ferachi; Koral Bourgeois; James Bertrand; Fr. Jamin David; Perry Bourgeois; Stephen Betters; Wayne McManus; Prentiss Passantino; Jessica Landry; Mike Cazes; Dawson Fontenot



ETIPHANY CONCERT

January 5, 2020 4:00pm-5:30pm


St. John the Evangelist Church, Plaquemine

For Tickets, Please call 687-2402

Enjoy the Musical Selections of Fr. Greg Daigle

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2019-2020

John Begue, Chairman
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Wayne Delapasse
Janice Hebert
Fr. Matt Lorrain
Mary Claire Meyer, Secretary
Jason Murphey
Joey Normand
Edana Robnett
Derek Scott
Jewel Woods




SANCTUS

*WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE:
A MARIAN REFLECTION*

DECEMBER 17, 2019
6 p.m. - Marian Reflection led by Amelia Gallagher
6:15 p.m. - Adoration and Benediction
7:15 p.m. - Transition to The Chimes

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH
11 W Fraternity Ln, Baton Rouge, LA 70803



“This is the one about whom it is written:
Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way before you.
Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there
has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the
least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.” -
Mt 11:10-11

Readings for the week of December 15, 2019

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/
Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9
[4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/
Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt
1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf.
8]/Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and
10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-
21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom
1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24