



**ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST**  
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 and Joseph  
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 The Epiphany of the Lord  
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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,

This is a two-week bulletin due to the holiday schedule so you may wish to hold on to it. New Year's Day is the octave of Christmas, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and a holy day of obligation. We will have a 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Tuesday, December 31, and then a 9:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, January 1, in celebration of the holy day.

Sign-up sheets are available in the rear of church for anyone wishing to participate in the monthly all-night adoration of the Blessed Sacrament sponsored by our Catholic Daughters and K.C.s. Adoration begins at 8:00 p.m. on the evening of Friday, January 3, and concludes with 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, January 4, 2020. Why not start the new year right by spending an hour of silent prayer with our Savior in the familiar surroundings of our beloved church?

Next Sunday, January 5, is the eleventh day of Christmas and the day on which we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany this year. Many countries engage in gift giving on the Epiphany rather than on Christmas in remembrance of the gifts presented to Jesus by the Magi. Our liturgical celebration of Christmas extends for one more week and concludes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, January 12.

The priests of the Baton Rouge Diocese have their annual Spring Formation Days January 13-17, 2020, so I will be away from the parish that whole week. Our theme this year is "Do Not Lose Heart: Sustaining our Priestly Mission." The first presenter is Father Alex McCullough, a priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, who will offer three sessions on "Pastoring Amazing Parishes." The second presenter is Father Sean Kilcawley, a priest of the Diocese of Lincoln, who will offer four sessions on the "Theology of the Body" and "Freedom from Pornography."

Since the Study Days are mandatory for all priests, we will not be able to have daily Mass on Tuesday – Friday of that week. We will have Communion Services in place of the Masses on those days. Bishop Duca typically publishes a letter in the *Catholic Commentator* asking that funerals be scheduled after the study days are over if possible, or that one of our deacons celebrate the funeral without a Mass.

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 fulfilled many of your dreams and helped you to better appreciate the love of those around you.

Have a blessed and happy New Year!

In Christ,  
Father Matt



**Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gift of SELF is far more precious.**

**If GOD is calling you to His priesthood or religious life, please call Father Andrew Merrick at 225-336-8778 or email him: [amerrick@diobr.org](mailto:amerrick@diobr.org)**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE STAFF OF  
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST!  
OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST.**

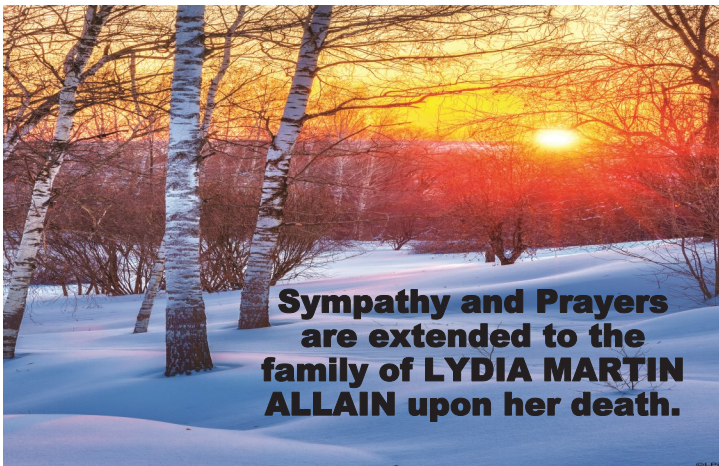
**ZIPPER'S WILL BE CLOSED JANUARY  
2ND AND RE-OPEN ON JANUARY 3RD  
AT 8:00 AM**



# O, COME ALL YE FAITHFUL



**NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES FOR K-10TH GRADE FROM DECEMBER 16TH-JANUARY 6TH**  
 Classes will resume beginning:  
 Tuesday, January 7th for 10th Grade  
 Monday, January 13th for K-8th Grade  
 Tuesday, January 14th for K-4th Grade  
 Wednesday, January 15th for 5th & 6th Grade



**Sympathy and Prayers are extended to the family of LYDIA MARTIN ALLAIN upon her death.**

When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. - Mt 2:19-21

### Readings for the week of December 29, 2019

- Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
- Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
- Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34
- Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42
- 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



**CUB SCOUTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
 Sunday, January 12th  
 6:00am-1:00pm  
 Come join us in the Activity Center!

**K.C.'S COFFEE & DONUTS**  
 Sunday, January 5th  
 after 7:30am Mass  
 in the Activity Center.  
 All are welcome!



**K.C.'S BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**  
 January 11th-19th  
 Please get a baby bottle as you leave Church and return it with your donation. These proceeds benefit the Family Life Foundation. Thank You for your support!

**Please call the Church Office 749-2189 for your 2019 Tax Donation Report**



### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES:

December 15, 2019

230 Identified- - - - - \$11,894.83

Loose Collection- - - - - 923.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$12,817.83

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2019-2020**

John Begue, Chairman  
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**Baptismal Seminar**  
**January 8th**  
**6:00pm**

**Classroom 5**  
**Please call**  
**the Church**  
**Office to**  
**register**



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.  
Mt 2:10-11

**Readings for the week of January 5, 2020**

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  
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt  
4:12-17, 23-25  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk  
6:34-44  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk  
6:45-52  
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf.  
11]/Lk 4:14-22a  
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/  
Lk 5:12-16  
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b  
[cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30  
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/  
Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17