



*December 8, 2019  
Second 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 annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious is this weekend, December 7 & 8. 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.

December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and normally a holy day of obligation, except when it falls on the Second Sunday of Advent as it does this year. In this case, the feast is transferred to the following day, Monday, December 9, but without the obligation for Catholics to attend Mass. So, we will **not** celebrate a Mass on Monday, December 9, since I am usually off on Mondays.

The **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Nativity Carol**, an evening of Advent and Christmas song, will be held next 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.

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 Wednesday, December 11, at 6:30 p.m. We will have our penance service here at **St. John the Baptist** the following week on **Tuesday, December 17, at 6:30 p.m.** Our second graders will celebrate their 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation at this same service, so let us support them by our good example.

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.)

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.

Congratulations to the Brusly High School football team on their outstanding season. The Panthers made it to the quarterfinals of the playoffs before losing to the undefeated and number one ranked team from St. James. You made our entire community proud and we look forward to another great season next year.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

**With Joyful Hearts, We Welcome Our Newly Baptized:**  
**BARRETT LANE CARLOCK, son of Chase & Kailey Carlock**  
**ELLIE RAE EASLEY, daughter of John & Thea Easley**  
**ETHAN ROBERT EASLEY, son of John & Thea Easley**  
**JAMESON MICHAEL HEBERT, son of Michael Hebert & Mattie Cutrer**  
**BAYLOR GRACE SIMMERS, daughter of Aaron & Ashlyn Simmers**  
**AMELIA JAMES SOILEAU, daughter of Zachary & Stephanie Soileau**

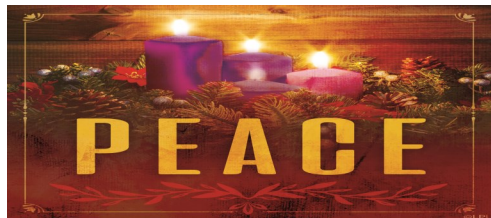
***JOHN THE BAPTIST was called to prepare the way of the LORD. Is God calling you to be a priest, brother or sister to do the same? If you can answer God's call, please contact Father Andrew Merrick at 225-336-8778 or [amerrick@diobr.org](mailto:amerrick@diobr.org)***





**FIRST RECONCILIATION**

THERE WILL BE A SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION SESSION FOR ALL SECOND GRADERS ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH OR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH AT THEIR REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASS TIMES. STUDENTS IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WILL CHOOSE TO COME ON ONE OF THESE DAYS. FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT FOR ALL SECOND GRADERS AND THEIR PARENTS WILL BE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH FROM 9 A.M.—12 P.M. IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER. PLEASE COMPLETE CHAPTERS 5 AND 6 IN THEIR RECONCILIATION BOOKS AND BRING THEM TO THE RETREAT. FIRST RECONCILIATION WILL BE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH AT 6:30 P.M. IN CHURCH ALONG WITH THE PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE



**Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the families of Patsy Chiasson, Annette Kelley Johnson and Myrtle White LaBauve upon their deaths.**

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES:**

November 24, 2019

172 Identified- - - - - \$ 6,062.00  
 Loose Collection- - - - - 847.00  
 TOTAL- - - - - \$ 6,909.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$622.00  
 Thanksgiving Collection: \$1,175.85

December 1, 2019

292 Identified- - - - - \$17,898.50  
 Loose Collection- - - - - 698.00  
 TOTAL- - - - - \$18,596.50



**GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!  
 GIVE BLOOD!  
 DECEMBER 8TH  
 7:00AM-1:00PM**



**The Nativity Christmas Carol Concert will be held on Sunday, December 15th at 5:00pm in our Church. A Christmas Cookie Reception will follow the Concert in the Activity Center. Please come and enjoy the Spirit of Christmas!**

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning in Memory of Tom Joffrion**



**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

**Members needed for Christmas Concert Cookie Reception December 15th**

**Members needed on December 18th for Basket Assembly**

**Contact Opie Vidrine to help 776-5582**



**Christmas Social in the Activity Center on December 18th**

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

John Begue, Chairman  
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Joey Normand  
Edana Robnett  
Derek Scott  
Jewel Woods

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL  
APPEAL**

**Your gift will enhance the  
lives of your fellow  
parishioners. Please give  
generously.**



John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. - Mt 3:4-6

**Readings for the week of December 8, 2019**

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12  
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38  
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14  
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30  
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25  
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19  
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/ Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
Next 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