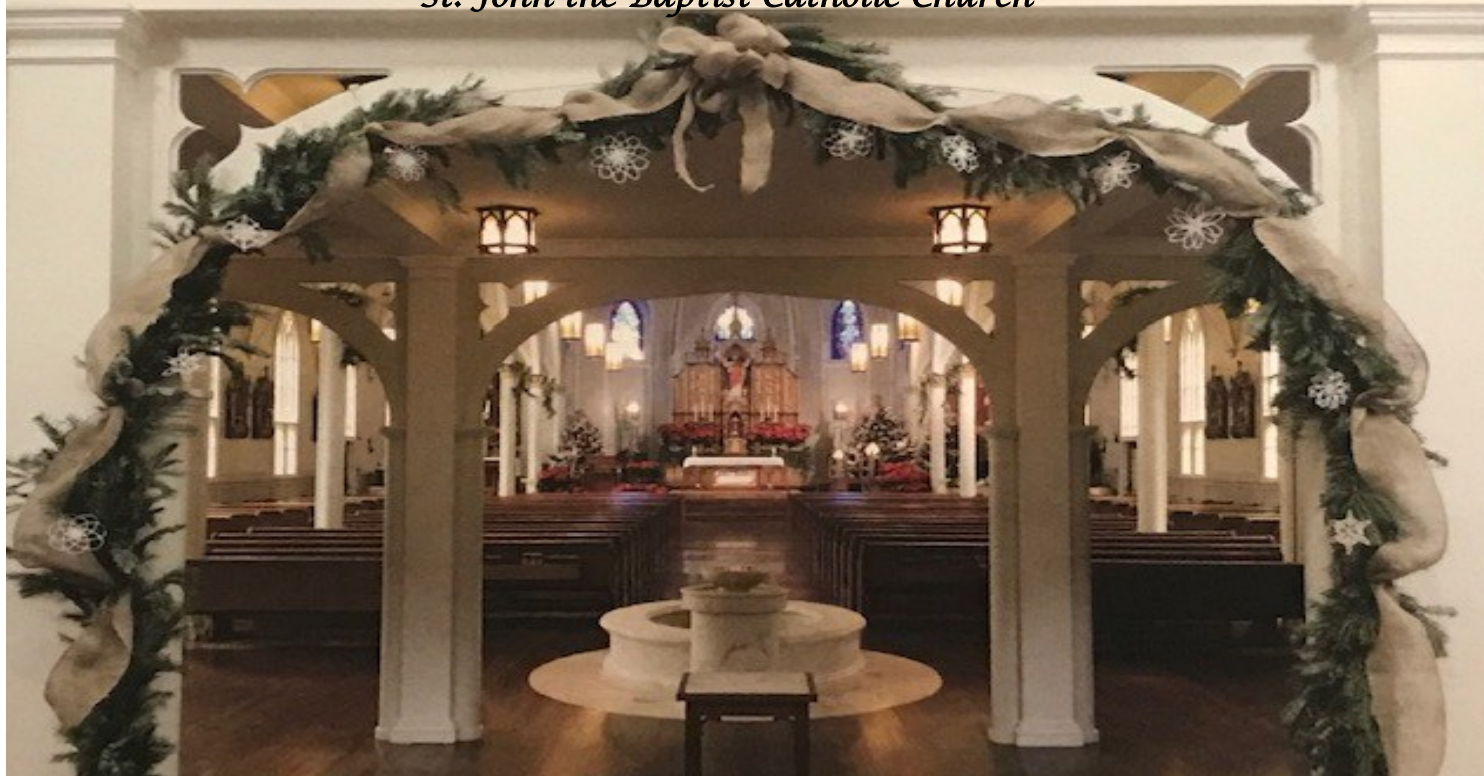


St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



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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
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Pedro Hernandez Custodian
Layne Mire Parish Secretary
Celeste Veillon Music Director
Katie Roettger 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 - 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,

We will be decorating our church for Christmas this Sunday, December 20, beginning at 1:00 p.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 light the trees and hang 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 three Masses on Christmas Eve and two Masses on Christmas morning. We will celebrate *two* Masses at 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve, one in the church with me, and one in the Activity Center with Father Jon Koehler, in order to accommodate as many as possible given the limited seating. We will then celebrate a third Vigil Mass at 6:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Our Masses on Christmas Day will be at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m..

Many people are wondering whether they should attend Mass on Christmas this year given the surge in COVID-19 cases. Even though Catholics remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass, that doesn't erase one's desire to celebrate our Savior's birth by gathering for Mass. Still, we know that the seating capacity of our church is very limited, so I encourage those who are undecided to celebrate Christmas at home. God will understand.

For those unable to attend Mass this year, you might light a candle and gather around the Christmas tree or crèche, and read aloud one of the Christmas Gospels, either Luke 2:1-14 or John 1:1-18. Then say a prayer for all of your loved ones and sing a couple of Christmas carols such as *Silent Night*, *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, *Away in a Manger*, or *What Child is This*. That way we will still be united spiritually even in the midst of our physical distancing.

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25, for Christmas. I plan to take a few days of vacation the week after Christmas so we will have Communion Services in place of the weekday Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, December 29 and 30, 2020.

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 to attend Mass on holy days and Sundays remains dispensed for Catholics in the Diocese of Baton Rouge. We will have a 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 31, and then a 9:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, January 1, in celebration of the solemnity.

At Christmas we celebrate the beautiful manifestation of God's love, his desire to be one with us so we might be one with Him. I pray that God answers all of our Christmas prayers for comfort, joy, and a lasting peace, a peace that this world cannot give. Be safe in your holiday gatherings and be assured of my prayers for all of you at Christmas.

In Christ,
Father Matt

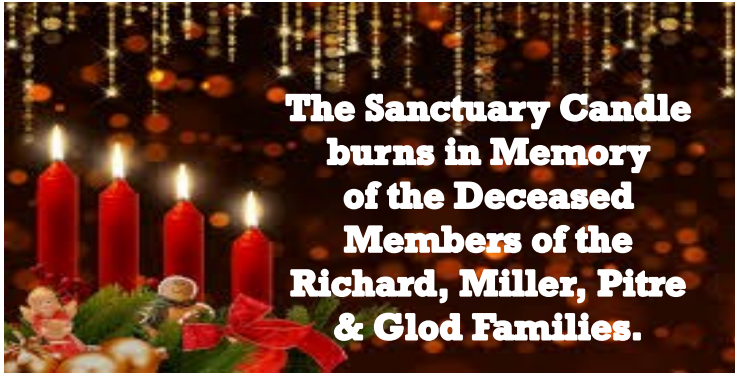




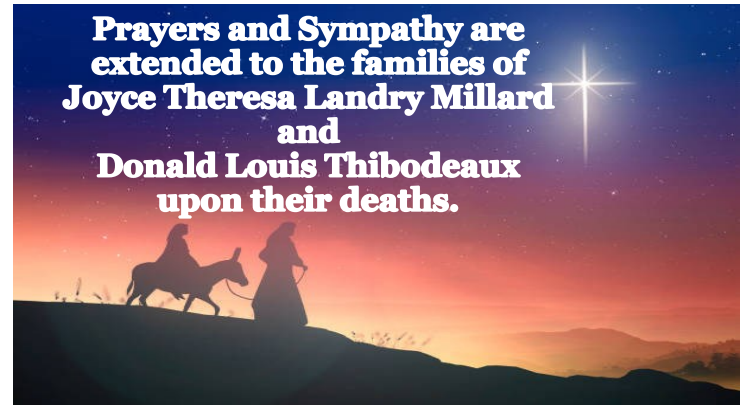
Welcome to our Faith Community!
Henry Neil Erwin,
 Son of Adrian & Jessica Erwin



Congratulations
Camryn Elizabeth Comeaux
 &
Edward Vincent Gauthreaux
 Who were married on December 4th



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



Prayers and Sympathy are
extended to the families of
Joyce Theresa Landry Millard
and
Donald Louis Thibodeaux
upon their deaths.



THANK YOU for your
generous donations to the
Food Pantry and making
it merry and bright for
those in need in our
Church Parish!



Do you seek Jesus as
 the Wise Men did?
 Will you bring Jesus to
 the world as a priest,
 brother or sister?
 If so, please call
 Father Josh Johnson
 225-336-8778
 or email him,
 jjohnson@diobr.org



We wish you a Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year!
The Church Office will be closed
December 24th & 25th
and
December 31st & January 1st
for the Holidays.



Living Faith Books for January
through March 2021 are
available in the Church Office.



Stewardship of Finances
December 6, 2020
197 Identified: \$17,115.00
Loose Collection: 250.00
Total: \$17,365.00



Please give generously to the
Special Collection on
December 25th (pink envelope)
that benefits the poor of
Our Church Parish.

St John the Baptist Parish Council Members

2020-2021

John Begue

Bob Bewick

Audy Bourgeois

Christie Chapman, Secretary

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 20, 2020

- Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
- Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/ Lk 1:46-56
- Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
- Thursday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
- Friday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. *Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/ Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. *Day:* Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
- Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
- Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

