



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

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,

In the introduction to her book, “Not by Bread Alone 2021,” writer Mary DeTurrís Poust writes “Today we take the first steps on a path through the desert of Lent. Maybe we’ve been here many times before; maybe this is an entirely new experience for us. It doesn’t really matter, because the best way to approach this journey is as if for the first time every time. Be prepared to be surprised and amazed, confounded and comforted.”

Poust writes elsewhere that we might aim for “subtle interior transformation” rather than “total spiritual makeover” this Lent. Our lives are not perfect now and neither will they be perfect at the end of our 40-day journey, but we trust that the Holy Spirit will reshape our hearts if we give God the opportunity this Lent.

Daily Mass during Lent remains at the normal time of 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, but moves to 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday. On the **Wednesdays of Lent**, confessions are at 5:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m. and then the Way of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. I will also hear confessions from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday as part of the “Light is On for You” program.

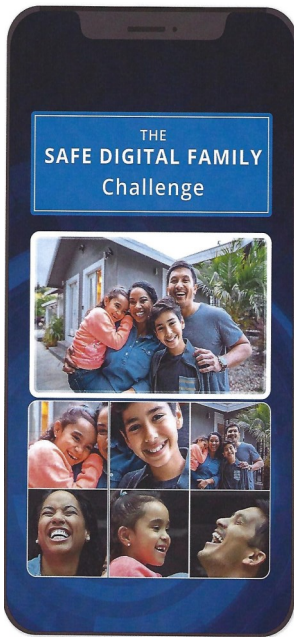
With the exception of Kindergarten and 8th grade, most of the children of our parish have been studying their Christian Formation lessons at home this year. However, now that Lent is upon us, we would like to invite all of our 9th and 10th grade students to church this Tuesday evening, February 23, beginning at 7:00 p.m. for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for confession. Our 8th graders will attend church on Wednesday night this week for the Way of the Cross and the opportunity for confession.

Father Josh Johnson, Director of Vocations for the Baton Rouge Diocese, has developed an e-book entitled “Come Follow Me,” in which he encourages all Catholics to fast and pray the rosary for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life. The e-book is easy to use and profiles a different saint for each of the forty days of Lent. It’s posted on the diocesan website at: <https://www.diobr.org/documents/2021/1/ComeFollowMe-compressed-4.pdf>

Bishop Michael Duca has asked that we observe next Sunday, the 2nd Sunday of Lent, as “Safe Haven Sunday – Year 2.” “Safe Haven Sunday” is a national program designed to help families safeguard their homes from pornography and other online threats. The parent book for Year 2 is entitled “Confident - Helping Parents Navigate Online Exposure,” and can be downloaded by texting CONFIDENT to 66866. Please pray for the success of this effort so that all of our homes can truly become “safe havens.”

We are excited to offer a three-night Lenten Mission this year led by Father Jim Sichko, a priest of the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky. The Mission will be held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 22, 23, and 24, beginning at 7:00 p.m. each night. Father Sichko will introduce the Mission by preaching at all of the weekend Masses on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. We look forward to his visit to our parish and the opportunity to strengthen our faith and deepen our love for God.

In Christ,
Father Matt



SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY

February 28th
 Let's keep our children safe and protect them from Internet dangers.
 Text SECURE to 66866 to begin this challenge.
 Have the critical conversation with your child regarding personal online and offline choices.
 Be aware of the internet and social media influences.

For more help, go to:
www.covenanteyes.com

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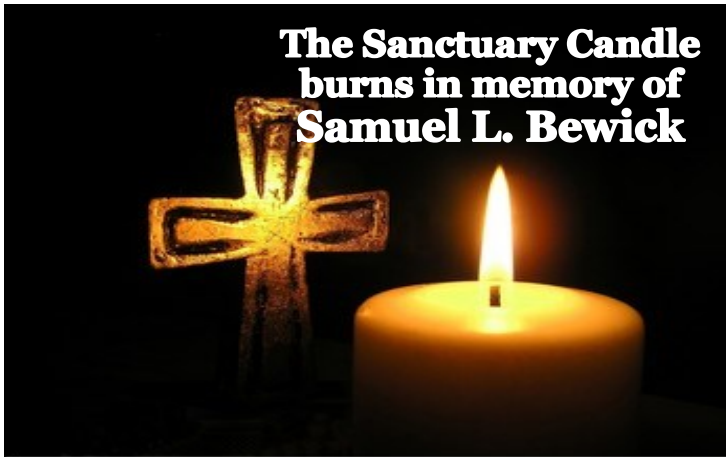
8th Grade Stations of the Cross
Wednesday, February 24th

8th Grade Students report to the Activity Center at 6:15pm and proceed to Church for the Stations & Reconciliation 6:30-7:30pm.
NO CLASS on February 22nd.



10th Grade Retreat,
Sunday, February 28th

All 10th graders must attend Mass at 11:00am & sit in the reserved seating at the front of Church. After Mass, please report to the Activity Center for lunch and the Retreat until 5:00pm.



LENTEN WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Mass every Wednesday at 6:00pm
 Way of the Cross every Wednesday at 6:30pm
 Confession every Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm



LENT.... A NEW COVENANT WITH GOD
 Have you developed new signs of a relationship with God? If you think God is calling you to a Church Vocation, please contact Father Josh Johnson 225-336-8778 or email him jjohnson@diobr.org or visit www.diobr.org/vocations



The Diocese of BR is searching for a **part-time Catholic Chaplain** to serve at LA Correctional Institute for Women. More information can be found at:
<https://diobr.org/employment-opportunities>



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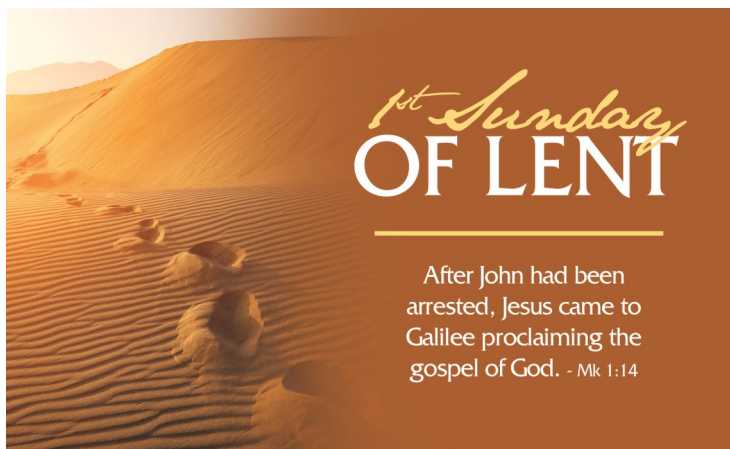
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Readings for the week of February 21, 2021

- Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3: 18-22/Mk 1:12-15
- Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/ Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
- Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

