



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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CHRISTIAN FORMATION: 225-749-3387

### 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
Lil Stutes .....	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 – Please 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 as soon as 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.  
For Cemetery information, please call Jerry Deshotel 281-0333.

### PRAYER LINE

Please call the Church Parish Office.

Dear Parishioners,

Our diocese started the year with 9 seminarians: 5 studying at Notre Dame Seminary and 4 studying at St. Joseph Seminary College. It is always our hope that about 60% of those who enter the seminary will eventually be ordained priests. We have no one scheduled for ordination this year but two scheduled for next year – Mr. Albert Blount and Mr. Joseph Bresowar. (Joseph is the grandson of Don and Judy LaBauve.)

Priests in our diocese are eligible to retire at the age of 68. Most work past that age and we currently have 7 priests over the age of 68 who are still serving as pastors. (The oldest is Father Mike Moroney, pastor of St. Alphonsus Church in Greenwell Springs, who is 77 years old.) We also have 19 priests who are retired, of which 9 are still healthy enough to assist with Masses around the Diocese. I have not yet heard how many priests will be retiring this year.

We offer prayers and congratulations to Bishop Shelton Fabre, native of New Roads and Bishop of Houma-Thibodeaux, who was named the new Archbishop of Louisville, Kentucky. The Archdiocese of Louisville has 200,000 Catholics as compared with Baton Rouge with 212,000 Catholics, and Houma-Thibodeaux with 90,000 Catholics. Archbishop Fabre's installation is set for March 30, 2022.

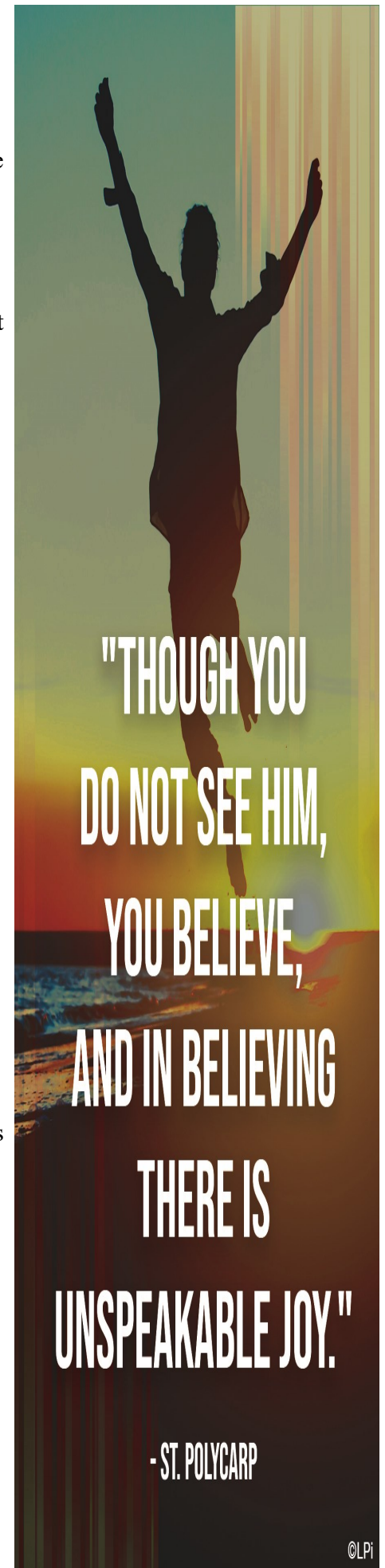
Lent is just over one week away so please take note of our Mass and confession schedule for Lent. Our Masses on **Ash Wednesday**, March 2, 2022, will be at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 6:00 p.m. Daily Mass remains at the normal time of 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, but moves to 6:00 p.m. on the Wednesdays of Lent. Benediction and Adoration remains at 8:30 a.m. on Friday mornings or immediately following the Friday morning Mass.

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 be in the confessional from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday as part of the "Light is On for You" program. I encourage everyone to try to attend at least one daily Mass each week as part of your Lenten devotions.

Bishop Michael Duca has asked that we observe the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent, March 13, 2022, as "Safe Haven Sunday" for a third year. "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 3 is entitled "Connected – How Strong Family Relationships Lead to Internet-Safe Kids," and can be downloaded by texting SECURE to 66866. Please pray for the success of this effort so that all of our homes can truly become "safe havens."

On Thursday, February 24, at 6:30 p.m., I am meeting with our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and their parents in the church to walk through the Mass. We will look at the vestments, furnishings, and all of the sacred vessels we use to celebrate the Mass, and then talk about their significance as part of their preparation for First Communion on May 1, 2022.

In Christ,  
Father Matt



# Just Married

**Congratulations to  
Beatriz María García and  
Boston Robert Hock  
who were married on February 11th.**

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™ BATON ROUGE

40 Days for Life is a worldwide pro-life campaign that consists of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil for an end to abortion. The Spring 40 Days for Life will be held outside of Delta abortion facility at 756 Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge between 7AM and 7PM on each of the 40 days beginning March 2 through April 10, 2022. **St. John the Baptist Church** has adopted the Feast Day of St. Joseph, the Patron of the Unborn, **Saturday, March 19th from 7am-7pm.**

Please consider joining us for one or more hours and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. No sign up required, just come!! For more information, call Julie at 776-4646 or Mary 324-5289 or visit the website [www.40daysforlifebr.com](http://www.40daysforlifebr.com)



*The Sanctuary Candle  
burns in memory of  
Leonard Gauthreaux  
and  
Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux*



## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**1st Eucharist Meeting:  
Thursday, February 24th @  
6:30pm in Church. A Parent and  
Child must attend this meeting.**

**Mardi Gras Holiday:  
There will be no classes on  
February 28, March 1 or March 2  
for K-8 students.**

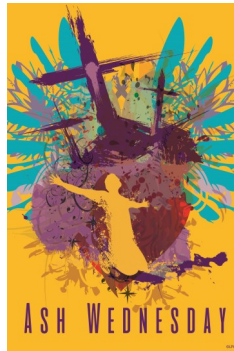


**Will you follow Jesus as the  
Disciples did? If you think you are  
being called as a priest, brother,  
sister or deacon,  
please contact  
Father Josh Johnson,  
225-336-8778,  
[jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org)  
or visit: [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations)**

### Lenten Mass Schedule

**Ash Wednesday, March 2:  
8:00am, 12:00pm, & 6:00pm**

**Wednesdays during Lent:  
5:30pm Confession  
6:00pm Mass  
6:30pm Way of the Cross**



### Stewardship of Finances February 13, 2022

180 Identified:	\$11,843.00
Loose Collection:	+774.00
Total Collection:	\$12,617.00

Collection for the Church in Eastern Europe: \$654.00

**Please call the Church Office to request your  
2021 Tax Contributions.**

### Knights of Columbus/Catholic Daughters

**Catholic Daughters: Meeting @ 7:00pm on March  
3rd in the Activity Center**

**K. C. Meeting: March 3rd in the Activity Center  
6:00pm Officers' Meeting  
7:15pm Membership Meeting**

**K.C. Spaghetti Dinner: March 6th in the Activity  
Center from 11:00am-1:00pm**

**K.C. Coffee & Donuts: after 7:30am Mass, March  
13th in the Activity Center**

**K.C. Pro-Life Rosary: March 19th @ 4:00pm**

**The Baby Bottle Campaign raised \$3,433.26 for the  
Family Life Foundation Problem Pregnancy  
Center. Thank you for your generosity!**

## St John the Baptist Parish Council Members

2020-2021

**Bob Bewick**

**Audy Bourgeois**

**Christie Chapman, Secretary**

**Justin Clouatre**

**Wayne Delapasse**

**Paige Fitzgerald**

**Janice Hebert**

**Fr. Matt Lorrain**

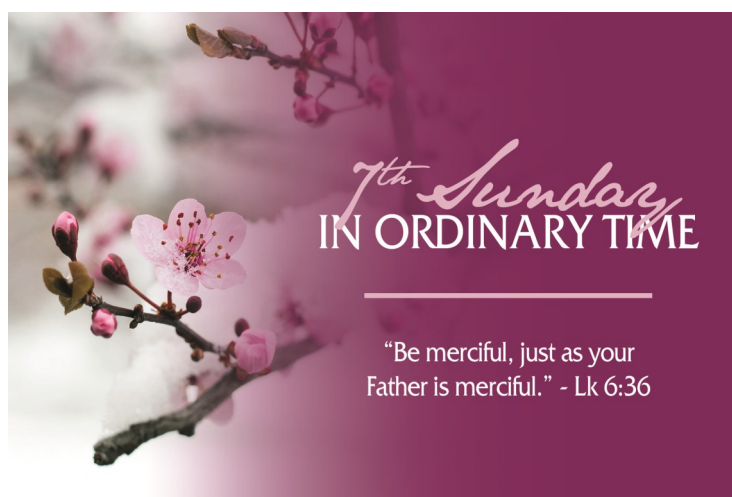
**Mary Claire Meyer, Chairman**

**Joey Normand**

**Edana Robnett**

**Derek Scott, Vice-Chairman**

**Jewel Woods**



### Readings for the week of February 20, 2022

- Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/  
Lk 6:27-38
- Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
- Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/  
Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18,  
19-20/Mk 9:41-50
- Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/  
Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/  
Mk 10:13-16
- Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/  
1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

