



# 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.  
Monday, 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.  
Monday, Wednesday thru Friday ..... 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

### PARISH STAFF

Rev. Arun John, IMS ..... Pastor  
Dana Babin ..... Bookkeeper  
Candice Breaux ..... Youth Group Minister  
June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
Jayne Jason ..... Child Protection  
Layne Mire ..... Parish Secretary  
Lil Stutes ..... Mother’s Day Out  
Celeste Veillon ..... Music Director

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
Office closed for lunch 12:00–1:00 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,

The Lenten season is a period of time from Ash Wednesday to Easter. It's a time when we are invited to prepare ourselves to celebrate the Pascal mystery of God's acts of salvation: the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. It's also a time to participate in the saving grace of God's mercy and compassion. Many people associate Lent with fasting, abstinence, penance, mortification and the like; but these are not the core issues of Lent.

Primarily, Lent is as follows:

Firstly, **it is a time for looking at God and his saving grace.** The Word of God, which we read during this period, speaks to us about a God who is love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness.

Secondly, **it is a time for looking at ourselves and our lives.** The Word of God during this season keeps reminding us of our mortality and sinfulness, as part and parcel of our lives. The Word of God also shows us how sin creates a distance between us and our loving God, and yet how merciful and forgiving God is.

Thirdly, **it is a time for looking beyond ourselves,** and to look at our family, neighbors, relatives and friends. In other words, it's a time to look at our relationship with others.

Fourthly, **it is a time to reestablish our broken relationships and to build a healthy relationship.** It is a time to share God's mercy and forgiveness.

Lastly, **it's a time for sharing and participating in the life of Jesus:** sharing in his suffering, pain, passion and death, so that we may share also his resurrection. It's in this context that fasting, praying, penance and abstinence make sense. Doing things just for the sake of observing rituals or rules, or just because the Church insists upon it, has no meaning.

To kickstart our Lenten preparation, we have scheduled a Parish Mission for all of you, which will take place at 6:00pm from February 27th to March 1st. Father Miles Walsh, with the help of Fr. Mark Beard, has agreed to lead the Mission for us. Father Miles has provided the following information regarding the Mission: Beginning with Masses for the first Sunday of Lent (Sat.-Sun., Feb. 25-26), Fr. Miles Walsh will preach a parish Lenten Mission of Reconciliation and Healing, Mercy and Peace. Father Walsh's message at Masses on the first weekend of Lent will focus on the three temptations of Christ: temptations of pleasure, possessions and power; and he will demonstrate how they relate to the spiritual struggles we ourselves must undergo in the course of our earthly lives. On Monday, Feb. 27th, Fr. Walsh will celebrate Mass at 6:00pm and will preach on the message of Our Lady of Fatima, given in 1917, with its urgent call for repentance and prayer in our world today. At the 6:00pm Mass on Tuesday, Feb. 28th, Father Walsh will introduce the message of Divine Mercy which Jesus imparted to the world through his chosen Apostle, St. Faustina Kowalska, from 1931-38. And on the final night of the mission, Wednesday, March 1st, at 6:00pm, while there will not be a Mass, Father Walsh's second talk on Divine Mercy will lead to an opportunity for participants to make a worthy confession for the season of Lent.

Fr. Walsh is no stranger to our parish, having been raised at Holy Family Church in Port Allen, where he was ordained a priest in 1980. Father Miles has served as pastor of four parishes in our diocese: St. Mary's of False River, St. Alphonsus in Greenwell Springs, and Our Lady of Mercy and Sacred Heart of Jesus in Baton Rouge. He has also served as director of Pastoral Formation at the North American College in Rome, and completed his doctoral studies at the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family in Washington, DC. Currently, he is working full-time as a retreat director at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Center in Chatawa, Mississippi.

Let us take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and prepare ourselves for this coming Holy Week and the Easter Celebrations. May God bless you all!

Father John

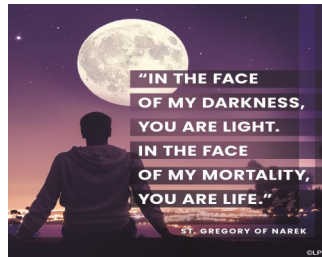
## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**NO Religion Classes** on February 27th, 28th or March 1st due to the Church Mission.

**Religion Mass** for K-8 students will be at 5:30pm on March 13th.

Please drop off your child at 5:15pm in Church and pick up your child at 6:20pm from Church. All family members are welcome to attend! There will be NO religion classes for K-8 students on March 14th or 15th.

*The Sanctuary  
Candle burns  
in memory of  
Marshall Vince and  
Elise & Ray Parsons.*



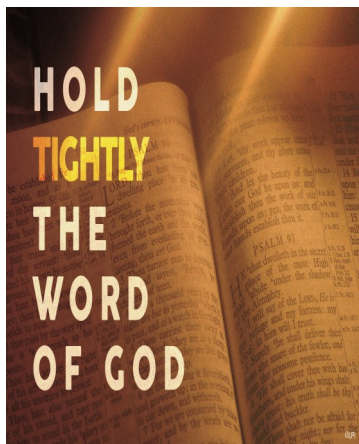
**Our next Baptism Seminar** will be at 6:00pm on Wednesday, March 8th. Please call the Church Office to register.



**Many thanks** to Carolyn Bourgeois and her team for cleaning the Church in February. Please contact her, 776-3325, if you can help in March.

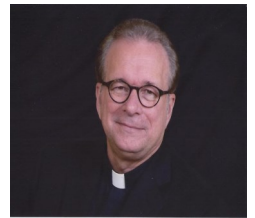
**Many thanks** to Geri & Bill Schneider for the bereavement meals in February. Please contact Ella Dean & Scrap Thibodeaux, 937-1998 if you can assist them in March.

Stewardship of Finances  
February 15, 2023  
Building Fund for February, 2023: \$4,680.00



**Vocations**  
Jesus prayed and fasted for 40 days and nights. Can you pray for an increase in Church vocations?  
If you think God is calling you as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, please contact  
**Father Josh Johnson,**  
225-336-8778,  
jjohnson@diobr.org  
or visit:  
[www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations)

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The Lenten Mission schedule is as follows: Monday, February 27th, Mass at 6:00pm, he will deliver a message of Our Lady of Fatima; Tuesday, February 28th, Mass at 6:00pm, he will introduce the message of Divine Mercy through St. Faustina Kowalska; and on Wednesday, March 1st at 6:00pm, he will conclude with his second talk on Divine Mercy and allow participants to make a confession.

**Please Note:** Mass Changes For February 27th & March 1st are as follows:

There will be NO Morning Mass at 8:00am on Monday, February 27th due to the Mission Mass that same night. On Wednesday, March 1st, we will have Mass at 8:00am and Confession after the Mission at 6:00pm.

## Happy Anniversary

*Happy Anniversary to all of these couples who celebrate 50 years of Marriage and attended the Diocesan Anniversary Mass on February 19th at St. Aloysius!*

*Karen & Charles Ardoin  
Kitty & David Blanchard  
Iris & Andrew Bonanno, Jr.  
Cheryl & Harvey Cavaliere  
Sheila & Eugene Rills*



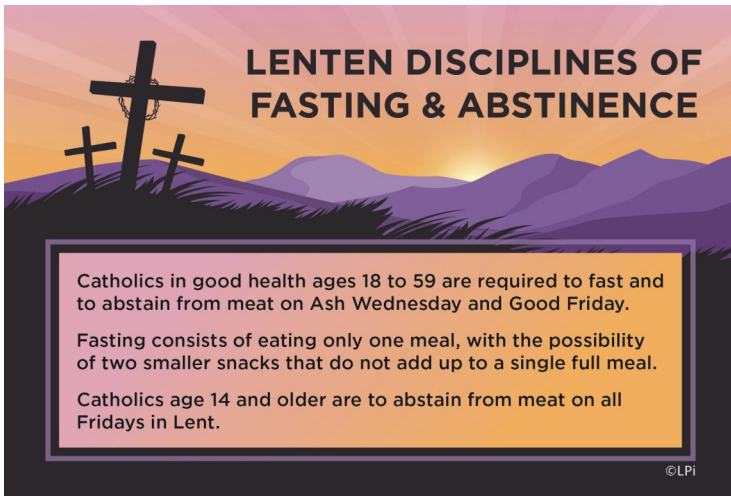
**HOLY LAND OLIVEWOOD SALE**  
Blessed Olive Wood Creations will be selling olive wood carvings, crosses, nativity sets and much more after all Masses on the weekend of March 11/12. These proceeds benefit the Christian families who live in the Holy Land.

### LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

Every Wednesday beginning  
March 8th  
5:30pm Confession  
6:00pm Mass  
6:30pm Way of the Cross  
6:30-7:30pm Confession- "Light is On for You"



**All Night Eucharistic Adoration**  
Friday, March 3rd at 8:00pm through Saturday, March 4th at 8:00am. Sign-up sheets are in the back of Church. Please call Julie Millard, 776-4646 or Mary Benoit, 324-5289 for more information.



## LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

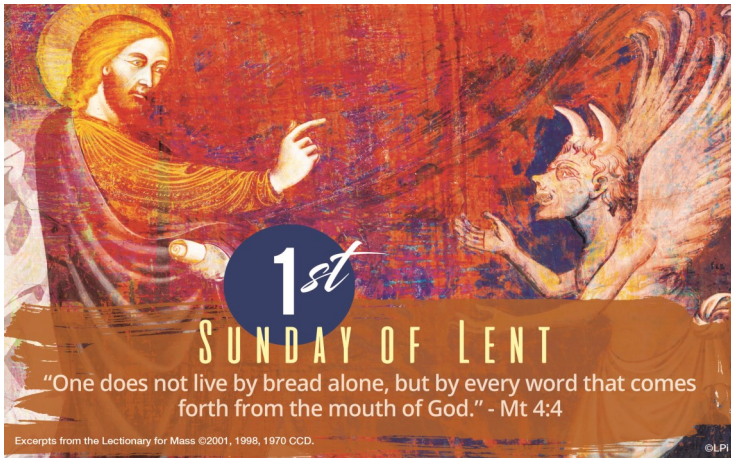
Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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### Readings for the week of February 26, 2023

- Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17  
(see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/  
Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3,  
7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/  
Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
- Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/  
2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9



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## SUNDAY OF LENT

"One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." - Mt 4:4

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**ZIPPER SALES AT 7:30AM**  
**March 9 & 23**  
**April 13 & 27**

Please note: The Zippers will be closed from April 1-9.  
**NO DONATIONS** will be accepted during this time. Thank you!

**KC's Spaghetti Dinner**  
**This Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 5th from 11:00am-1:00pm in the Activity Center. Tickets are \$10 each and are available for purchase after all Masses on the weekend of February 25th and 26th.**

