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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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,

Ash Wednesday is one of the most important days of the year for Catholics even though it is not a holy day of obligation. God touches our hearts in a special way as we enter into the grace-filled season of Lent, so please try to attend Mass either here or elsewhere this Wednesday. Masses here on **Ash Wednesday** 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.

The K.C.’s have their annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser next Sunday, March 1, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., and are selling tickets after all of our Masses this weekend. Please give them your support.

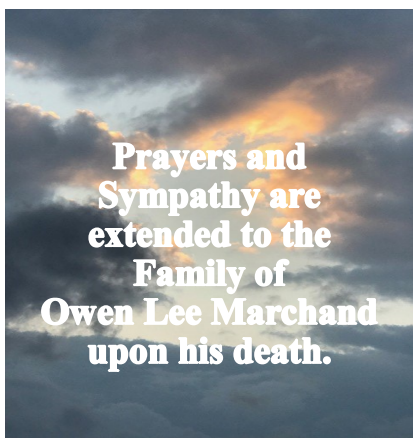
Bishop Michael Duca has designated March 8, 2020, the 2nd Sunday of Lent, as “Safe Haven Sunday” in the Diocese of Baton Rouge. “Safe Haven Sunday” is a national program designed to help families safeguard their homes from pornography and other online threats. The inappropriate use of technology poses a very serious threat to the sanctity of marriages and families in today’s world. Please pray for the success of this effort so that all of our homes can truly become “safe havens.”

We are looking for a dedicated parishioner to chair this year’s *Feast on the Levee*. Natalie Palermo volunteered to chair the *Feast* these past two years and did an outstanding job. However now she needs to step away and focus on other priorities. So we need an individual or married couple or a pair of close friends who can get things organized and attend to some of the early tasks. Please think about it and consider helping your parish in this important role.

Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux, a native of Plaquemine and a priest of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, died earlier this month at the age of 89. Father Earl as he was known to family and friends, was ordained on June 9, 1956, and had faithfully served the Church as a priest for over 63 years. His Diocese of Baton Rouge classmates were Msgr. Gerald LeFebvre, Fr. Hubert Brou, Fr. Leo Guillot, Fr. Bob Marcell, and Fr. John McDonald. May he rest in peace.

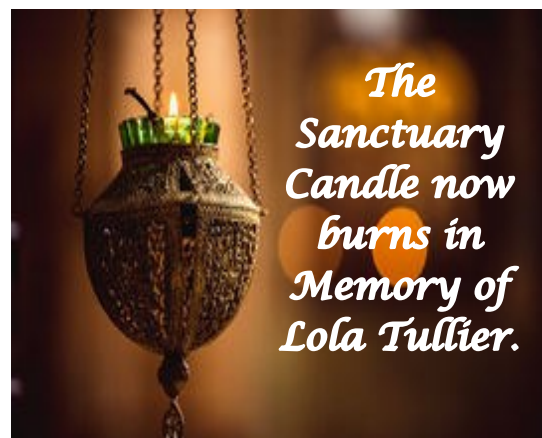
Our parish office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday of this week for Mardi Gras, and our morning Mass is also canceled on Tuesday, Mardi Gras Day. Have a safe and happy holiday and see you on Wednesday. Remember that Ash Wednesday, like Good Friday, is a day of both fast and abstinence, meaning that we limit ourselves to one full meal (and two light snacks), and abstain from eating meat. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

In Christ,
Father Matt



Masses for Ash Wednesday

8:00am
12:00pm
6:00pm



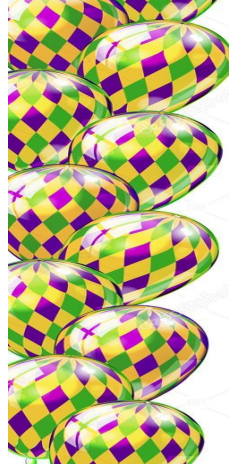


**8TH GRADE STUDENTS
STATIONS OF THE CROSS &
RECONCILIATION**
Wednesday, April 1st
6:30-7:30pm
Meet In Activity Center at
6:15pm
NO CLASS on March 2nd for
8th Grade ONLY.

**2nd Graders & Students preparing for
First Eucharist:**
Sessions are March 9th & 10th during
regular Class.
YOU must complete Chapters 1-4!!
Catholic School Students must choose
one of these Sessions.



**MANY THANKS to
Carolyn Bourgeois and
her team for cleaning
our Church in February.**
Please call Marla
Bertrand 776-0052 if
you can help in March.



**Congratulations to Our
Parishioners who were honored on
February 23rd at the Wedding
Anniversary Mass with
Bishop Michael Duca
at St. Thomas More Church**

**Joyce & Albert Bordelon- 50 years
Sheryl & Mat LaBauve- 50 years
Lorraine & Gary Landry- 25 years
Brenda & Jimmy Rills- 50 years**

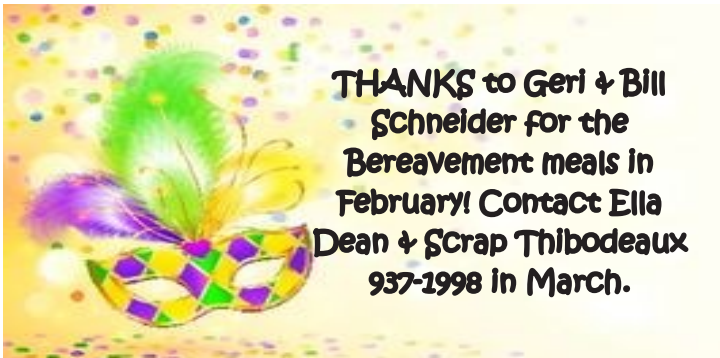
**NO CHRISTIAN
FORMATION CLASSES
February 24th, 25th or
26th.**

**Church Office will be
closed February 24th
and 25th.**



**REGISTRATION
FEBRUARY 27TH
9:00AM-1:00PM
ACTIVITY
CENTER**

**Mother's Day Out is open
Tuesday-Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm
September through May
1, 2 and 3 year olds are welcome!
Registration Forms can be found on
Facebook and turned in at the
Church Office.
Call Katie 955-2748 for more information.**



**THANKS to Geri & Bill
Schneider for the
Bereavement meals in
February! Contact Ella
Dean & Scrap Thibodeaux
937-1998 in March.**



**Join the KCs after
7:30am Mass on
March 1st for
Coffee and Donuts in the
Activity Center**

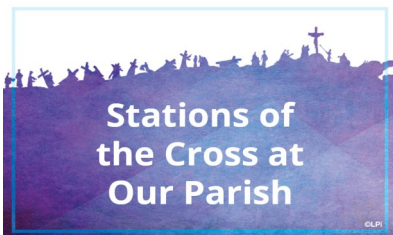


**THANK YOU for your generosity
and donations made to the
ZIPPERERS! All of your
merchandise make this
ministry a huge SUCCESS!**

**KCs Spaghetti Dinner
March 1st in the Activity Center
11:00am-1:00pm
Call Gene Bertrand for tickets
687-6743**

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2019-2020

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**Follow the
Way of the Cross
during Lent
WEDNESDAYS
at 6:30pm**



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS
The Lord is with You!
If you are being called as a
priest, sister or brother,
please call
Father Andrew Merrick
225-336-9778
or email him,
amerrick@diobr.org

“You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father.” - Mt 5:43-45a

Readings for the week of February 23, 2020

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 [23a]/ Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11