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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

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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Dear Parishioners,

Dorothy Day, born on November 8, 1897, and died on November 29, 1980, was a Catholic convert and advocate for social justice, and cofounder of the Catholic Worker Movement. Mother Theresa was a great admirer of Dorothy and wrote a letter to her on the occasion of her 75th birthday which included: “So much love—so much sacrifice—all for Him alone. You have been such a beautiful branch on the Vine, Jesus, and allowed His Father, the Vine dresser, to prune you so often and so much. You have accepted all with great love....”

Dorothy was a prolific writer and journalist, and left behind a tremendous volume of written material. I recently ran across a collection of her journal entries from the beginning of a new year. From 1936: “*Can you not watch with me one hour?* I shall remember this whenever I am tired and want to omit prayer, the extra prayers I shall set myself. Because after all I am going to try to pray the simplest, humblest way, with no spiritual ambition.”

Then in 1939, “Resolution this year. To pay no attention to health of body but only that of soul. To plan day on arising and evening examination of conscience. More spiritual reading. More charity.” In 1960, “This year I must strive for gentleness and listening—less talking, no passing judgments, no impatience. God help me...Resolutions: Less criticism. Never to complain to others.”

From 1975, “I get tired of offering my cloak too after my coat has been taken. But Fr. Hugo says, or quotes, *He who says he has done enough has already perished!!!* What a man! Will I ever reform? My New Year’s resolution—stop complaining!” Dorothy’s cause for canonization opened in 2000.

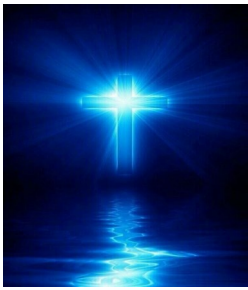
This Feast of the Baptism of the Lord also serves as the First Sunday in Ordinary Time, so we will be taking down the Christmas decorations after the 11:00 Mass this weekend. We have about five weeks of Ordinary Time this winter before Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17. We are following the Gospel of Mark this year with the exception of next Sunday which is taken from St. John’s gospel.

The priests of the Baton Rouge Diocese were scheduled to have our annual Spring Formation Days the week of January 18-22, 2021. Unfortunately, our continuing education was canceled this year due to the COVID-19 virus. Since the week was already blocked out on my calendar, I will take advantage of the opportunity to get away for a few days of vacation with three other priests.

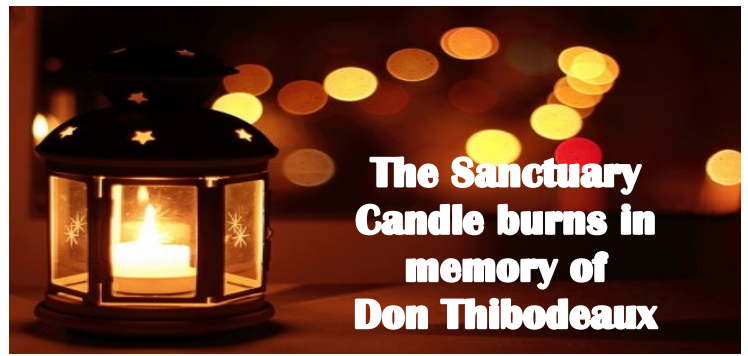
The four of us will be staying in two condos in Gatlinburg, Tennessee so we can maintain a measure of physical distancing. I plan to leave after Mass this coming Friday, January 15, and return on the following Friday evening, January 22. Father John Carville will celebrate the 4:30 Vigil and 7:30 a.m. Masses, and Father Joel LaBauve will celebrate the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses next weekend. We will have Communion Services in place of the 8:00 a.m. Masses on Tuesday – Friday, January 19-22, 2021.

In Christ,
Father Matt





Baptismal Seminar
Wednesday, January 13th
6:00pm
Please call the Church Office
to Register.



The Sanctuary
Candle burns in
memory of
Don Thibodeaux



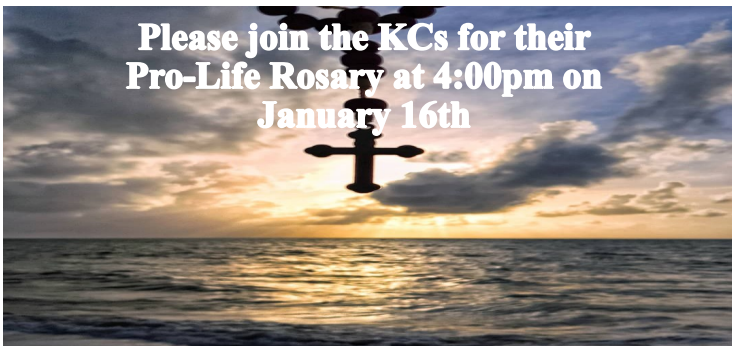
There will be no class on January 18th or 19th for
Kindergarten and 8th Grade Students.

The Church Office will be closed on January 18th.



7th Grade Circle of Grace Lesson
Wednesday, January 13th
5:30pm-6:5pm

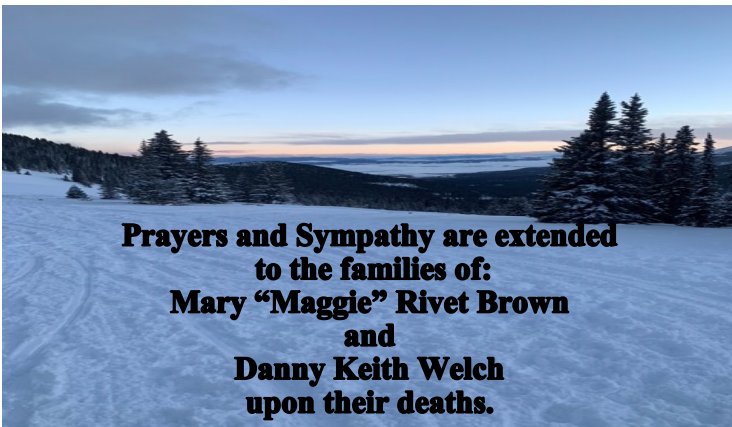
Carpool drop-off 5:20pm at the
Activity Center
Carpool pick-up 6:45pm at the
Activity Center



Please join the KCs for their
Pro-Life Rosary at 4:00pm on
January 16th



THANK YOU to John Toups and
the team of volunteers who
beautifully decorated our
Church and Activity Center
for Christmas!



Prayers and Sympathy are extended
to the families of:
Mary "Maggie" Rivet Brown
and
Danny Keith Welch
upon their deaths.



As John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River, the Holy
Spirit descended upon him like a dove. Will you be
baptized in faith and spread the word of Jesus? If God is
calling you to a Church vocation, please call Father Josh
Johnson 225-336-8778 or jjohnson@diobr.org

Stewardship of Finances

December 27, 2020

181 Identified: \$13,140.00
Loose Collection: 233.00
Total: \$13,373.00

January 3, 2021

192 Identified: \$17,633.00
Loose Collection: 194.00
Total: \$17,827.00

Special Parish Collection: \$845.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$1,077.00



Food Pantry distribution is
January 14th
These dry goods are needed:
granola bars, breakfast bars,
small boxes of cereal, 2lb.
bags of flour and sugar, and
small packs of red or white
beans. Thanks for your
generosity!

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

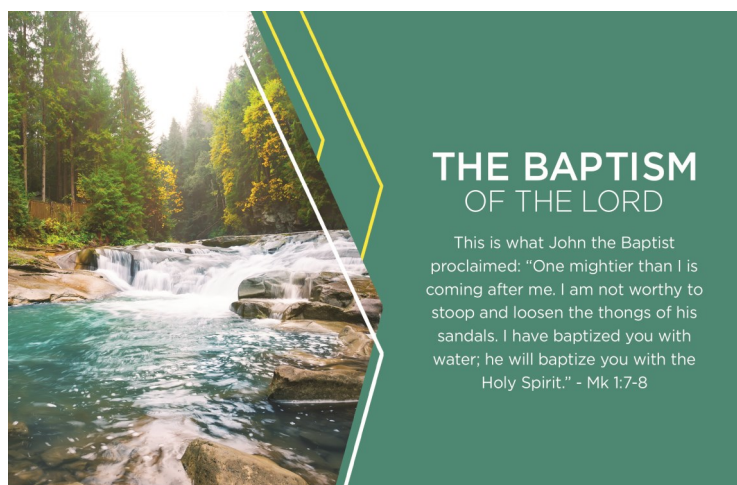
Mary Claire Meyer, Chairman

Joey Normand

Edana Robnett

Derek Scott, Vice-Chairman

Jewel Woods



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

Readings for the week of January 10, 2021

- Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
- Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

**The future
starts
today, not
tomorrow.**

St. John Paul II

