



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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Ordinary Time  
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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



Dear Parishioners,

I am on vacation in Gatlinburg, Tennessee this week, and so I thank Father John Carville and Father Joel LaBauve for celebrating our Masses this weekend. We will have Communion Services in place of the 8:00 a.m. Masses this Tuesday – Friday, January 19-22, while I am away. I return this Friday evening in time for next weekend's Masses.

President-elect Joe Biden will be sworn in as the 46<sup>th</sup> president of the United States this Wednesday, January 20, 2021. The oath of office for president is quite brief, much shorter than the oath taken by the vice president or a member of the house or senate: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Biden becomes only the second Catholic to hold the office of president, the first being John F. Kennedy who served from 1961 until his assassination on November 22, 1963. On a related note, Catholics now make up the largest single religious group in Congress, having 24 senate and 134 house seats, equal to 29% of the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Despite having a stutter, president-elect Biden has a politician's ability to connect with ordinary people. However, he is very weak in defending the sanctity of the unborn. He has said that he accepts the Church's teaching that life begins at conception, but yet supports a woman's right to decide whether to end a pregnancy.

When the Republicans are in the majority, many pro-life efforts focus on legislative and judicial means to end abortion. When the Democrats are in the majority, perhaps we can work to reduce the number of abortions by focusing on the causes. This might provide an area of common ground between the incoming administration and our Catholic faith community. In either case, our best hope for promoting the sanctity of life is to evangelize society at large so that hearts continue to be transformed.

Prayer is essential in all things and Friday, January 22, is designated as a "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." Also, the Louisiana Life March is being replaced this year by "Stand for Life Louisiana!" This event will take place on Saturday, January 23, via social media and at various locations around the state, including outside of the Delta Clinic on Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge. Please visit <https://prolifelouisiana.org/standforlife> for more information.

Confirmation candidates have their final "Day of Reflection" next Sunday, January 24, in preparation for celebrating their Confirmation at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 28. Please pray for all of our 11<sup>th</sup> graders, their sponsors, and their families.

In Christ,  
Father Matt



Please welcome to our faith community  
all who were baptized on  
January 9th and 10th:

**Taylor Josie Stelly**  
Daughter of Joshua & Monica Stelly

**Damon John Reggio**  
Son of Ian & Kayla Reggio

**Oliver Dean Smith**  
Son of Lonnie & Carly Smith

**Amelia Rose Uhrbach**  
Daughter of Hunter Benoit Uhrbach

**Olivia Grace Uhrbach**  
Daughter of Hunter Benoit Uhrbach

BAPTISM



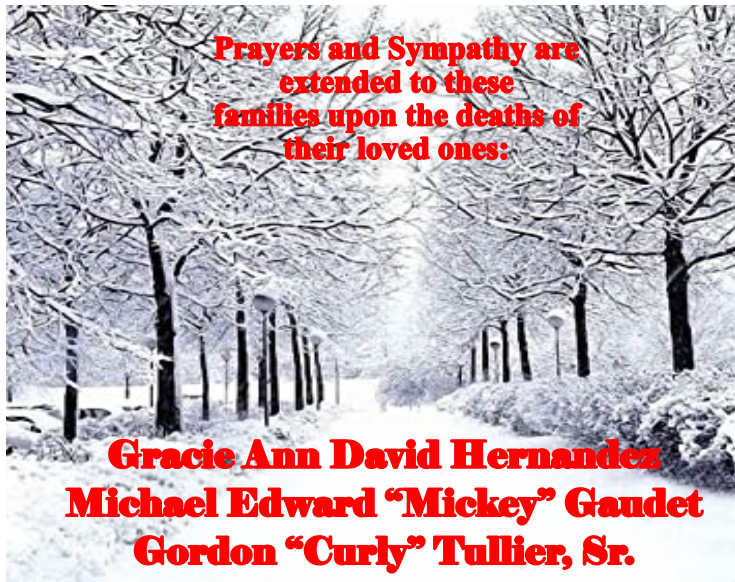
GOD SAVED US THROUGH THE WATER OF REBIRTH AND RENEWAL BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. TITUS 3:5  
**CONFIRMATION**



**CONFIRMATION**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 28TH @ 7:00pm**  
**Please call June 749-3387 for details.**



**Does a Church Vocation  
fit your life?**  
If you are being called as a  
Priest, Deacon, Brother or  
Sister, please contact  
**Father Josh Johnson**  
225-336-8778 or  
[jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org)



**Prayers and Sympathy are  
extended to these  
families upon the deaths of  
their loved ones:**

**Gracie Ann David Hernandez**  
**Michael Edward "Mickey" Gaudet**  
**Gordon "Curly" Tullier, Sr.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**No Religion Class for  
Kindergarten & 8th Grade  
Students on January  
18th & 19th.**

**The Church office is closed  
on January 18th.**



*Stewardship of Finances*  
*January 10, 2021*

121 Identified: \$9,186.00  
Loose Collection: 326.00  
Total: \$9,512.00  
*Thank you for your generosity!*



**STAND FOR LIFE LOUISIANA!!**  
January 22nd  
Pray for protection of the Unborn Children!

## St John the Baptist Parish Council Members

2020-2021

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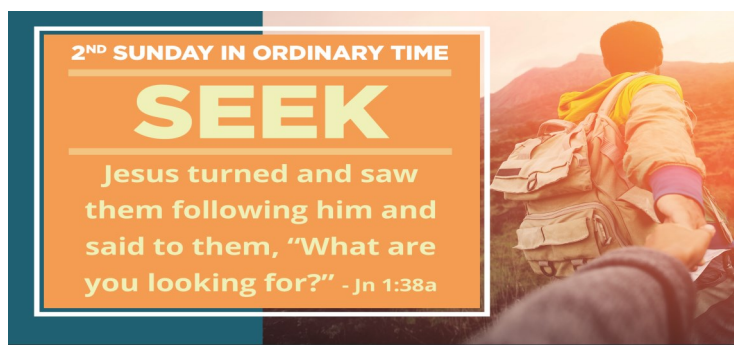
Mary Claire Meyer, Chairman

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Edana Robnett

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Jewel Woods



### Readings for the week of January 17, 2021

- 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
- Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21
- Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

