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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,

This Sunday, January 3, is the tenth day of Christmas and the day on which we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany this year. Many countries engage in gift giving on the Epiphany rather than on Christmas in remembrance of the gifts presented to Jesus by the Magi. Our liturgical celebration of the Christmas season extends for one more week and concludes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, January 10, 2021.

I mentioned in last week's bulletin that Pope Francis has declared 2021 to be a year dedicated to St. Joseph. This has particular significance to us for a couple of reasons. First, our cathedral and therefore our entire diocese is under the patronage of St. Joseph. Second, our parish was officially founded on March 19, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, in 1835. So we have a special connection to this beloved saint as the universal Church celebrates his deep faith and implores his protection and care during this coming year.

I also noted that the Vatican has recognized five 19th century Louisiana priests as *Servants of God*, the first step towards canonization. Fathers Jean Pierre, Isidore Quémerais, Jean-Marie Biler, Louis Gergaud, and François Le Vézouët, were all natives of Brittany, France, and were recruited to come to Louisiana by Bishop Auguste Marie Martin, the founding bishop of the Diocese of Natchitoches, which later became the Dioceses of Alexandria and Shreveport.

All five of the priests died while caring for the sick during the 1873 yellow fever epidemic. The first died on September 15, and the fifth died just three weeks later on October 8, 1873. The youngest was 26 and the oldest was 41 years of age at the time of their deaths. You can read more about their heroic witness by visiting the website <https://shreveportmartyrs.org/>.

Louisiana experienced its first outbreak of yellow fever in 1796, and its last in 1905. Outbreaks occurred just about every summer during that period with the worst epidemic years appearing in the 1850's. The greatest number of deaths occurred in 1853 when more than 8,000 people died. Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos died 14 years later on October 4, 1867, six years prior to the deaths of the five north Louisiana priests.

I am writing this letter a couple of days before Christmas, and the current number of deaths attributed to COVID-19 in Louisiana stands at around 7,000. A vaccine has recently been approved but it will take several months before it is produced and distributed in sufficient quantities for everyone to receive it. Our U.S. Bishops have encouraged us to do so, and the Vatican has also issued a statement reassuring Catholics that it is morally acceptable to receive the vaccine, especially given the very serious danger posed by this virus.

We are celebrating another Mass for our Christian Formation students in grades K and 8 this Tuesday, January 5, at approximately 5:45 p.m. Parents are of course welcome to attend the Mass together with the students and teachers.

In Christ,
Father Matt



CHRISTIAN FORMATION



**Christian Formation
Mass
For Kindergarten &
8th Grade Students
Tuesday, January 5th
Please go directly into
Church at 5:20pm.
There will be no
class on Monday,
January 4th.**



**6th Grade Circle of Grace Lesson
in the Activity Center
Wednesday, January 6th
5:30pm-6:45pm**

**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**



THANK YOU to everyone that cleaned the Church in December! Please contact Mary Delapasse 610-6531 if you can help in January.

THANK YOU to Janice Hebert and her team for Bereavement meals in December! Please contact Ruth Landry 749-3101 to assist in January.

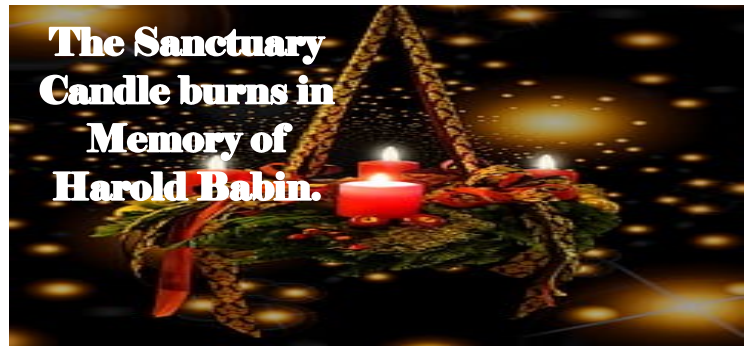
Thank you for the donations to the Zippers! Please call the Church Office if you can help them with organizing and sorting all these wonderful items! Service hours are available to Students.



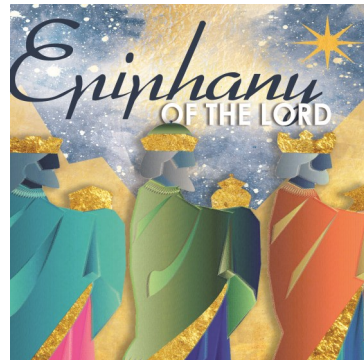
**Prayers and Sympathy
are extended to
the family of
Larry Martinez, Sr.
upon his death.**



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



**The Sanctuary
Candle burns in
Memory of
Harold Babin.**



The Wisemen told what they had learned of the Christ Child. If you want to share this news with others as a priest or consecrated religious, please call Father Josh Johnson 225-886-8778 or jjohnson@diobr.org



**Stewardship of Finances
December 20, 2020**

154 Identified:	\$10,182.33
Loose Collection:	435.00
Total:	\$10,617.33

Happy New Year!

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

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Edana Robnett

Derek Scott, Vice-Chairman

Jewel Woods

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MAGI

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem. - Mt 2:1



Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

- Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6: 34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/ Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
- Next 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

