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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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# 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.  
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  
Pat Durbin..... Parish Secretary  
June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
Karen Lemoine ..... Christian Formation  
Celeste Veillon ..... Music Director  
Pedro Garcia ..... Maintenance  
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 and hospitals 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

*"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."* - Lk 6:38

Dear Parishioners,

The grace-filled season of Lent begins this Wednesday, March 6, so give some thought on how you wish to deepen your faith during this special time. Our Masses 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, and also to go to confession sometime during the Lenten season.

Priests are fortunate in that we have ample opportunities to celebrate Mass as part of our vocation and ministry. But we still benefit by taking on extra sacrifices for Lent and removing certain forms of temptation from our lives. I know plenty of priests who give up alcohol for Lent, and even one priest who gives up coffee. I usually give up television which has the added benefit of encouraging me to go to bed a little earlier than usual. Other friends give up social media or limit their time on the computer. Our goal is to make these 40 days different from the rest of the year so that we can become more thoughtful and considerate.

We are excited to offer a three-night Lenten Mission this year led by Father Whitney Miller, a priest of the Diocese of Lake Charles. The Mission will be held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 1, 2, and 3, beginning at 7:00 p.m. each night. Father Miller will introduce the Mission by preaching at all of the weekend Masses on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. We look forward to his visit to our parish and the opportunity to strengthen our faith and deepen our love for God.

The theme for this year's Mission is "Living the Theological Virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love." Monday night's gathering will center on "Right Faith;"

Tuesday night's session will focus on "Sure Hope;" Wednesday night's theme is "Perfect Charity." Father Miller will likely celebrate an 8:00 a.m. morning Mass on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings for the benefit of those who cannot attend the evening presentations.

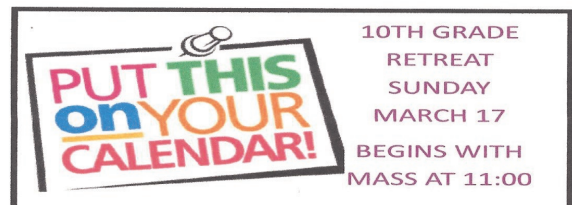
Our parish office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday of this week for Mardi Gras, and our morning Mass is also canceled on Tuesday, Mardi Gras Day. Have a safe and happy holiday and see you on Wednesday. Remember that Ash Wednesday, like Good Friday, is a day of both fast and abstinence, meaning that 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.

Daylight Saving Time starts next Sunday, March 10, so remember to move your clocks ahead by one hour before going to bed next Saturday night. Otherwise you may be late for Mass.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

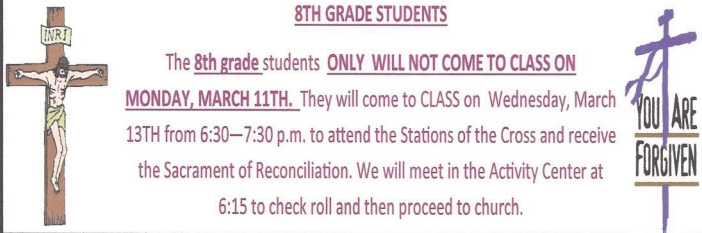


**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY & TUESDAY, MARCH 4 & 5 DUE TO MARDI GRAS HOLIDAYS. NO WEEKDAY MASS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5.**



**8TH GRADE STUDENTS**

The **8th grade students ONLY WILL NOT COME TO CLASS** **MONDAY, MARCH 11TH.** They will come to CLASS on Wednesday, March 13TH from 6:30—7:30 p.m. to attend the Stations of the Cross and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will meet in the Activity Center at 6:15 to check roll and then proceed to church.




**A VOCATION VIEW**

“The Lord called me before I was born.” Do you pray to know your vocation which was given to you before you were born? Could it be as a priest or brother? If God is calling you, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6**  
**MASSES WITH ASHES**  
8:00 am; 12:00 noon; 6:00 pm

**WEEKDAY SCHEDULE FOR LENT**

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays—8:00 am  
Wednesdays—Confessions—5:30 pm; Mass—6:00 pm  
*Way of the Cross—6:30 pm on Wednesdays*  
6:30—7:30 pm “The Light is on for You”



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
**PARISH LENTEN MISSION**  
April 1st, 2nd, & 3rd—7 pm each night  
Presented by Father Whitney Miller  
**SEE NEXT WEEKS' BULLETIN FOR MORE DETAILS**

**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

●●●In the Diocese of Baton Rouge, as in the rest of the Church in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound by a **grave obligation** to observe a **solemn fast** on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. Catholics between the ages of 14 and up are to **abstain from meat** on **Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday** as well. These norms have been established by the United States' **National Conference of Catholic Bishops** in accord with the norms of canons 1249-1253 in the revised **Code of Canon Law** of 1983.

●●●To **fast** means to consume only one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink “between meals” (excepting only water and medicine) is not permitted on fast days.

●●●To **abstain** from meat means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although not necessarily eggs, milk products, or condiments made from animal fat. The consumption of fish, shellfish, and reptiles is permitted if desired.

●●●In addition to the mandatory days listed above, abstinence from meat on every Friday throughout the year which is not a solemnity, and fasting on all Lenten weekdays (especially Wednesdays and Fridays) and on Holy Saturday, is strongly **recommended** to all the faithful. There always remains, of course, the grave obligation to participate at Holy Mass on all Sundays and days of obligation.

●●●Each in his or her own way, **every Christian is bound** to do **penance** by virtue of divine law. Only ill health or some similar situation of urgency excuses. During the Lenten Season, Christ Jesus' own challenges to “**prayer, fasting and almsgiving**” are paramount (see the Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday, Mt. 6:1-6,16-18). We seek ongoing forgiveness for sin (especially in the Sacrament of Penance) and come to appreciate ever more the great sufferings and sacrifice which Our Savior experienced for the sake of our salvation.

●●●Clergy (priests and deacons) and those religious priests who have legitimate residence and active ministry within the Diocese of Baton Rouge have been delegated the power to dispense the faithful of the diocese, in individual cases and for a just reason, from the obligation to observe a particular day of penance, or to commute some or all of its obligations to other pious works. Included in this is the faculty to dispense from the Lenten obligations to fast and abstain from meat. Yet the obligation to do some kind of penance remains a serious one, and will not be taken lightly by a good Catholic.

**WOMEN OF THE WELL LENTEN EVENING OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN**

*This Lent, let's come to the well together as women. Take an evening to slow down to “Quench the Thirst,” our theme for our Women of the Well Lenten Evening of Reflection on **Thursday, March 14**, 6:30—8:30 pm. Social begins at 6:30 pm with the program beginning at 7:30 pm, featuring speaker **Kate Anderson** and music by **Mary Rosenbloom**. Location: **St. John the Baptist, 402 South Kirkland Dr. (River Road), Brusly, LA**. All women are welcome. Please bring friends. Registration is free, but **RSVP is requested at: [womenofthewellbr.com/events](http://womenofthewellbr.com/events)**.*



*The following babies were baptized here last week. Congratulations to them and their families. **Jax Robert & Miles Roch Beatty**, twin sons of **Adam & Brittany Chatelain Beatty**; **Maddox Jude Borruano**, son of **Dylan & Megan Borruano**, & **Reid Edward Ramagos**, son of **David Ramagos & Kelly Blackledge**.  
**WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!***

**Readings for the week of March 3, 2019**

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16  
[cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [11a]/  
Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23  
[23b]/Mk 10:28-31

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 [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: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15  
[cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

**February 24, 2019**

REGULAR:

184 Identified- - - - - \$6,844.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 947.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$7,791.00

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018**

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**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY** are extended to  
*Judy Whitaker & family upon the death of  
her husband, Eddie and to Chris Lemoine &  
family upon the death of his father Oscar.  
Please keep them in your prayers.*

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS  
NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF  
MARSHALL VINCE**



RELAY FOR LIFE  
PRAYER BREAKFAST  
Sponsored by SJB K.C. Council #10744  
Saturday, March 23, 2019  
8:30 am—Activity Center  
Contact Elaine Pearce (413-7102) or  
[deauxlady1947@yahoo.com](mailto:deauxlady1947@yahoo.com) for reserva-  
tions for survivor & spouse/caregivers.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**  
**Be sure to set your clocks forward one  
hour before going to sleep on  
Saturday, March 2!**



Sr. Angela Ashbey will be celebrating 50 years of finalizing her vows into the sisterhood. She will be honored with a Mass on Sunday, March 31 at St. Rita's Church in New Orleans at 3:00 pm. The church is located directly behind Notre Dame Seminary, at 2729 Lowerline St., New Orleans, LA. A reception will follow immediately in Blessed Moreau Hall, 65 Fountainbleu Dr. , New Orleans, LA  
She wishes to invite everyone from St. John the Baptist to share in this blessed celebration with her. If you would like to respond, please give Sr. Angela a call at (504) 340-5931.