



*March 15, 2020
Third Sunday of Lent
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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,

This Thursday, March 19, 2020, is the *Solemnity of St. Joseph* and the 185th anniversary of the founding of our church parish. The act of incorporation was signed on this date in 1835. Some of our early pastors were Father Francis Beauprez (1835-1839), Father J. Evrard (1839-1841), and Father Paul Jordan (1841-1846). The two priests buried in our priest's tomb arrived later in the century: Father Emmanuel Lossouarn in 1875 and Father Francois Lesaichere in 1898.

St. Joseph is venerated as the husband of Mary and the legal father of Jesus. He is characterized as a just or righteous man, and was a carpenter by trade. It is interesting that the Gospels do not record a single word spoken by St. Joseph. We learn of his virtue through his silent thoughts and actions. He practiced a humble obedience to God's will in a manner similar to St. Mary. St. Joseph is the patron saint of our cathedral and Diocese.

Our two-night Lenten Mission will be led this year by Father Donald Blanchard, a well-known priest of our Diocese who has led many missions and retreats throughout the Baton Rouge Diocese and beyond. The Mission will be held Monday and Tuesday, March 30 and 31, beginning at 7:00 p.m. each night.

The theme on Monday night will be "The True Meaning of Lent," while Tuesday night's talk will focus on "The Resurrection." We look forward to his visit to our parish and the opportunity to strengthen our faith and deepen our love for God.

Our neighbors at Holy Family Parish and School have their annual "Bear Fair" on Friday & Saturday, March 20 & 21, 2020. The fair opens at 5:00 p.m. on Friday and will include food, rides, and musical entertainment beginning at 6:30 p.m. The silent auction opens Friday and ends at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, and is followed by a live auction beginning at 4:00 p.m. Saturday. Lastly, barbecue chicken plates will be sold on Sunday from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Please help support this important fundraiser and community builder for the school.

I thank God for the success of "Safe Haven Sunday" and I thank all of you for your support of this campaign to raise awareness of the danger of pornography. Just because Safe Haven Sunday is over for this year, it doesn't mean our efforts to make our homes safe havens is over. Stay informed and learn more about how to protect and guide your family and friends by visiting <https://cleanheart.online/diocese-baton-rouge-0>.

I encourage everyone to go to confession sometime during Lent and before the start of Holy Week. I am available for confession on Saturday afternoons and every Wednesday evening from 5:30 – 5:50 p.m. just prior to the 6:00 p.m. Mass, and then for a whole hour from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. during the Way of the Cross. Our 7th, 9th, and 10th grade students went to confession earlier this Lent, and our 6th, 5th, and 8th grade students are scheduled to receive the sacrament in the next three weeks.

In Christ,
Father Matt



WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

Confession at 5:30pm

Mass at 6:00pm

Way of the Cross at 6:30pm

Light Is On For You

Confessions 6:30-7:30pm



**Adoremus! The Eucharist: Source
& Summit of our Christian Life**

Lenten Reflection Series

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Each Wednesday at 6:30pm

March 4 through April 8

Contact their Church Office

383-4127 for more information.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION MASS

Tuesday, March 17th

K-8 Students



Drop off in the Activity Center at 5:15pm
Pick Up in the Church at 6:30pm
NO CLASS on March 16th or March 18th

forgive
US OUR TRESPASSES
forgive
THOSE WHO TRESPASS
AGAINST US

6TH GRADE STUDENTS

Wednesday, March 18th 6:30-7:30pm

Stations of the Cross & Sacrament
of Reconciliation

Meet in the Activity Center at 6:15pm
& then proceed to Church.

NO MASS on Tuesday, March 17th.

2ND GRADE STUDENTS

Sacramental Prep

Sessions for

First Eucharist

Monday, March 23rd &

Tuesday, March 24th

during Class. Students

in Catholic Schools

must choose one of

these days.

Sacramental



Preparation

5TH GRADE STUDENTS

Wednesday, March 25th

6:30-7:30pm

Stations of the Cross &

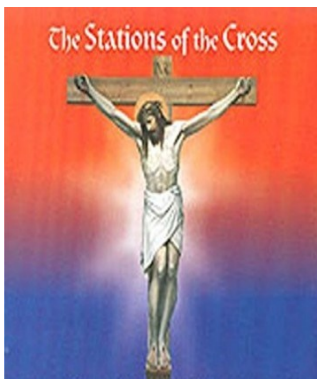
Sacrament of

Reconciliation

Meet in the Activity Center

at 6:15pm & proceed to

Church



OPERATION RICE BOWL

Help End Hunger and Poverty Everywhere!

Please donate to this mission by getting a Rice Bowl
in the back of Church. You may return it to the
Church Office or put in the Collection Basket.



Join the KCs
Saturday, March 21st at
4:00pm for the
Pro-Life Rosary before Mass

**Congratulations to Presley Corrinne Benoit
and her parents, Amanda & Buddy Benoit,
on her Baptism into our faith community.**

**Congratulations to George Hubert Owens
and his parents, Annalane & Patrick Owens,
on his Baptism into our faith community.**



CANCER SURVIVORS' BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 21st

Activity Center 8:30am

Contact Nikki Tanner

315-7800 to attend



*Join Mary's Way of the
Cross & Rosary with the
Catholic Daughters at
5:00pm on Thursday during
Lent near the Grotto.*

St. Joseph Altar
St. Ann Catholic Church
Morganza, Louisiana
Sunday, March 15th
10:00am Mass & Meal
Contact their Church Office
to attend 225-694-3781



STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

March 8, 2020

168 Identified: \$9,960.00

Loose Collection: 640.00

Total: \$10,600.00

Black & Indian Mission: \$847.00

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2019-2020

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WILL YOU FOLLOW GOD'S CALL? Can you open yourself to Jesus to be a priest, brother or sister? If so, please call Father Andrew Merrick 225-336-8778 or amerrick@diobr.org



The Samaritan woman said to him, “How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?” Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” - Jn 4:9a, 10

Readings for the week of March 15, 2020

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. Ps 42:3]/ Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/ Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38