



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST
 catholic church

*March 21, 2021
 Fifth Sunday of Lent
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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

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 – Please 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 as soon as 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

Please call the Parish Office.

Dear Parishioners,

Bishop Duca recently issued a decree allowing weddings to take place on Saturday evenings in the Diocese of Baton Rouge. However, the decision to schedule Saturday evening weddings is left to the discretion of each pastor.

I have decided to leave our current policy for weddings unchanged for the immediate future, or in other words, to *not* allow weddings at St. John the Baptist on Saturday evenings. The weekend Mass schedule is already taxing enough on me and our musicians, plus I am concerned about the wear and tear on our church by scheduling that many services so close together.

Some might ask what is the difference between a wedding on Saturday afternoon versus one on Saturday evening. The difference is that we have more time to prepare the church for a Saturday afternoon wedding as compared with Saturday evening given the Vigil Mass. Therefore, we will continue to recommend Fridays for those who wish an evening service, and Saturday mornings or afternoons for those who prefer a weekend service.

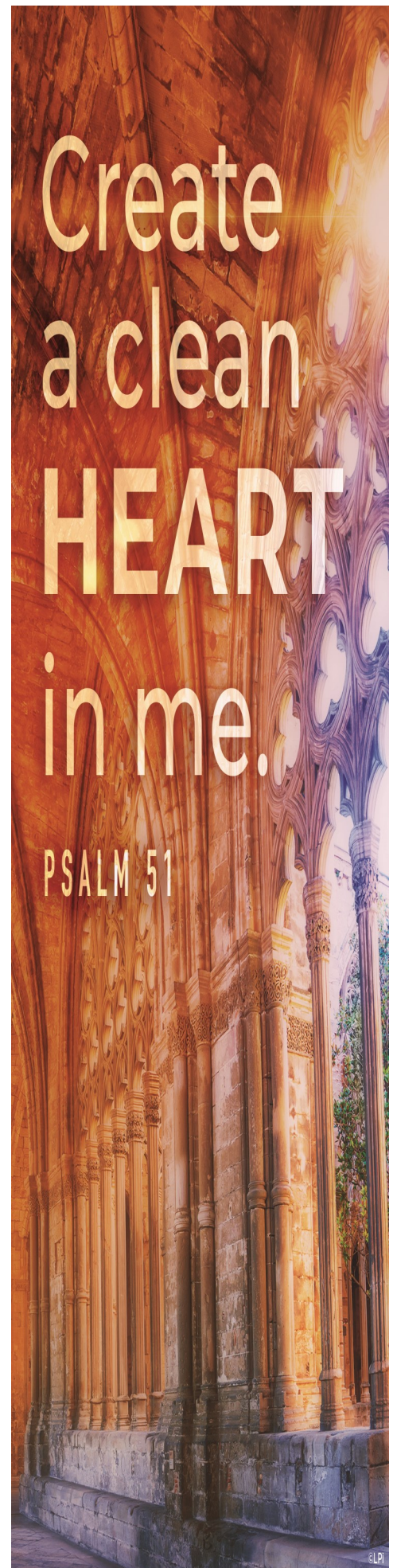
I mentioned in last week's bulletin that we received a generous \$10,000 donation from the Zippers Thrift Shop. I intend to use this money to refurbish our classrooms in preparation for the return of our Christian Formation students this fall. Several of the rooms are in need of a fresh coat of paint along with new air-conditioners and whiteboards, and this generous donation will allow us to provide a more welcoming environment for our children to grow in their faith.

Also, as mentioned last week, we need to scale back the operation of our Thrift Shop ministry somewhat. Effective immediately, please limit your donations to clothing, toys, and kitchen items, and reroute your larger items such as furniture, mattresses, or televisions to one of the charitable organizations in Baton Rouge. Thank you for your understanding.

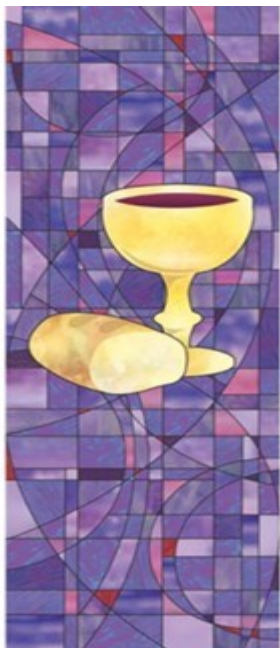
Our Lenten Mission is this Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 22, 23, and 24, beginning at 7:00 p.m. each night. Our retreat director is Father Jim Sichko, a native of Orange, Texas and a priest of the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky. All Christian Formation classes are cancelled this week in favor of the Mission, so I hope you will be able to join us for one or more nights of the Mission.

I will be out on Thursday evening through Friday morning this week, so we will have a Communion Service in place of Mass on Friday. For those who participated in Operation Rice Bowl during Lent, you may start returning your monies to church next weekend. Lastly, Catholic Life Television just completed a new video featuring Stations of the Cross from around our Diocese, including the 3rd Station from our own church. It may be viewed on YouTube by searching for CatholicLifeTV – *The Story Behind the Stations*.

In Christ,
Father Matt



CHRISTIAN FORMATION



First Holy Communion
Sacramental
Preparation Class
Monday, March 29th OR
Tuesday, March 30th
5:30-6:30pm
Activity Center
Carpool drop-off @
5:15pm at the Activity
Center

**NO CHRISTIAN
FORMATION CLASSES
on March 22nd or 23rd
for Kindergarten or
8th Grade due to
Lenten Parish Mission.**



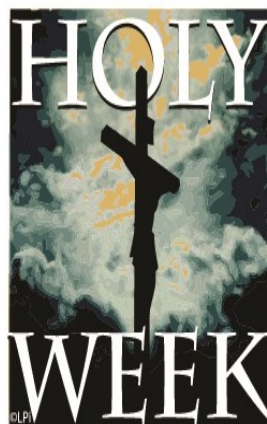
LENTEN WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Mass every Wednesday at 6:00pm
Way of the Cross every Wednesday at 6:30pm
Confession every Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm



LENTEN MISSION MARCH 22, 23 & 24

Please join Father Jim Sichko each night
at 7:00pm in this Lenten journey of faith.



Holy Thursday, April 1st
Mass @ 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 2nd
Way of the Cross @ 12:00pm
Passion of the Lord @ 3:00pm

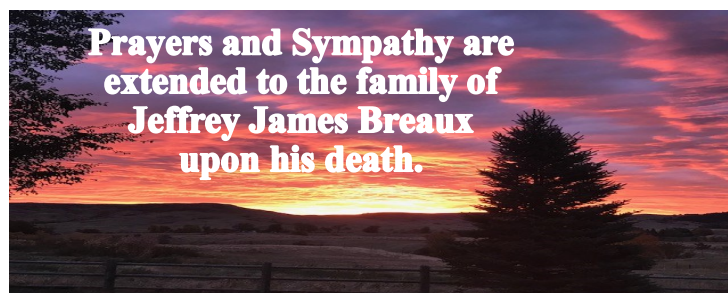
Easter Vigil, April 3rd
Mass @ 8:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 4th
Mass @ 7:30am, 9:00am &
11:00am

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT #2079 SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the Annual \$500
Scholarship from SJB C.D.A. to a
graduating, confirmed Catholic, female
parishioner are being taken through
April 10, 2021.

You may acquire an application form from
Laura Mayeux: lmyu408@gmail.com or
by contacting June Hebert 749-3387.

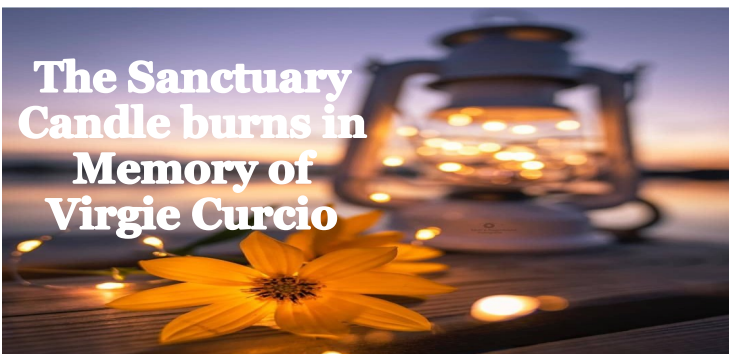


Prayers and Sympathy are
extended to the family of
Jeffrey James Breaux
upon his death.

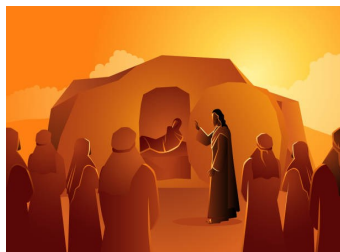
*Congratulations to
Lorraine Ann Lemoine
Couvillion
and
Richard John Gremillion
who were married on
March 13, 2021!*



The Sanctuary
Candle burns in
Memory of
Virgie Curcio



As Jesus called to Lazarus to
leave the tomb, will you
answer his call to religious
life? Please contact Father
Josh Johnson
225-336-8778 or visit:
www.diobr.org/vocations



Stewardship of Finances March 14, 2021

179 Identified:	\$15,725.33
Loose Collection:	244.00
Total:	\$15,969.33

Catholic Relief Services: \$595.00

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

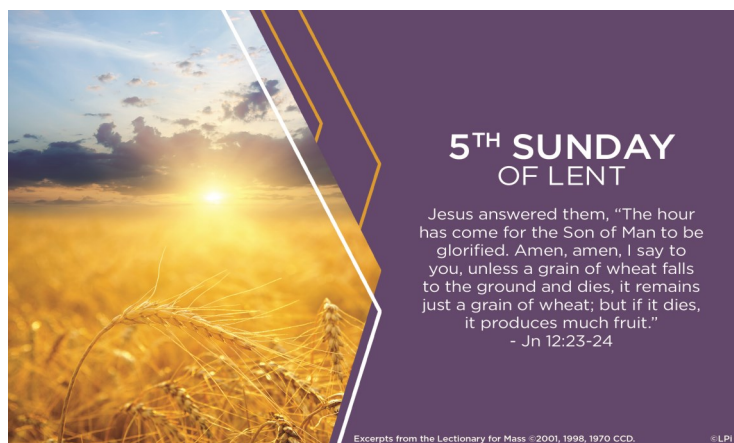
Mary Claire Meyer, Chairman

Joey Normand

Edana Robnett

Derek Scott, Vice-Chairman

Jewel Woods



Readings for the week of March 21, 2021

- Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/
Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/
Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/
Jn 11:45-56
- Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9,
17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

