



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

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,

We are nearing the one-year anniversary of the temporary suspension of all public Masses in our Diocese in an effort to limit the spread of COVID 19. Bishop Duca announced on March 16, 2020 that all public celebrations of Sunday and daily Masses were to be suspended effective March 17, 2020. So, the Third Sunday of Lent in 2020 was the last time we were able to gather for Mass until the lifting of the suspension on May 16, 2020.

Priests still celebrated Mass daily, but in empty churches without the benefit of a congregation. Parishes closed their offices for several weeks, and Catholics as well as all citizens of the state were encouraged to stay at home as much as possible. Lenten Missions, Stations of the Cross, and fish dinners were all canceled, and Catholics lost the opportunity to gather for the beautiful Holy Week and Easter Services.

Living through this pandemic has given us a greater appreciation for the Eucharist and the ability to practice our faith in all of its wonderful expressions. Pope Francis' visit to Iraq this weekend reminds us that sickness is not the only threat to religious practice but also terrorism and discrimination against people for their religious beliefs. Christians living under totalitarian or communist rule are quite limited in their ability to worship and practice their faith. Many face insults and even threats of violence on a daily basis.

We pray for Pope Francis and the people of Iraq as he makes the first ever visit of a pope to their country. It will take an international effort to restore peace to a region that has been devastated by sectarian violence and war, but perhaps the Pope's visit can contribute to that effort. In addition to visiting the Christian communities, the Holy Father is scheduled to meet with Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, the 90-year-old spiritual leader of the country's Shiite Muslims.

Here at home, we pray for the successful completion of our own Lenten journey of faith. We pray for the grace to confront those feelings of prejudice and hatred which reside in our own hearts so that we can achieve greater peace of mind and greater solidarity with all of God's children. Our struggles unite us with Christ in his passion so that we might welcome new life at Easter.

This year's Lenten Mission is two weeks away and will be led by Father Jim Sichko, a native of Orange, Texas and a priest of the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky. The Mission will be held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 22, 23, and 24, beginning at 7:00 p.m. each night. Father Sichko will introduce the Mission by preaching at all of the weekend Masses on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend.

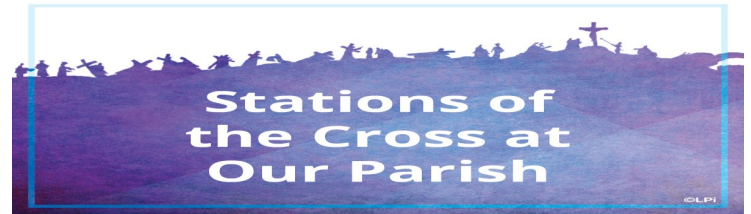
Daylight Saving Time starts next Sunday, March 14, so remember to move your clocks ahead by one hour before going to bed next Saturday night.

In Christ,
Father Matt





Christian Formation Mass for Kindergarten and 8th Grade Students
Tuesday, March 16th @ 5:30pm
 Parents and Students are welcome to sit together.
 There will be no Class on Monday, March 15th.



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



The Sanctuary Candle burns in Memory of Richard Landry

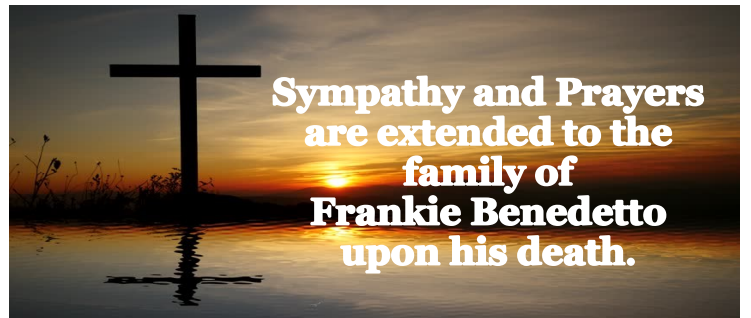


Baptism Seminar

March 10th @ 6:00pm

Please call the Church Office to Register.

Sacramental Preparation Classes for 1st Eucharist
Monday, March 8th or Tuesday, March 9th
5:30-6:30pm in the Activity Center
Carpool drop-off 5:15pm



Sympathy and Prayers are extended to the family of Frankie Benedetto upon his death.



LENTEN MISSION

March 22, 23 & 24

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



Do you seek a religious vocation as those before you did? Can you follow their example? If you think God is calling you for this purpose, please contact Father Josh Johnson 225-336-8778 or email him: jjohnson@diobr.org



THANKS to all of you for making Safe Haven Sunday a Success!
 We encourage you to continue to make your homes safe havens from online threats for our children. For more guidance, go to : www.covenanteyes.com

Stewardship of Finances

February 28, 2021

161 Identified:	\$10,746.00
Loose Collection:	266.00
Total:	\$11,012.00

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

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Derek Scott, Vice-Chairman

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

Readings for the week of March 7, 2021

- Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/
Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or
4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 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]/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
- 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: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

A Catholic Perspective on Immigrants in Louisiana Wednesday, March 10

9:30am-10:30am

To join Bishop Michael Duca and observe this virtual panel discussion, please register via email: stewardship@diobr.org