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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,

The Diocese of Baton Rouge has designated this Sunday, March 8, 2020, as “Safe Haven Sunday” in order to give focused time and resources to address the harmfulness of pornography and other online threats to marriages, family life, and culture.

The title for this weekend comes from a letter of the U.S. Bishops entitled “Create in Me a Clean Heart,” a pastoral response to pornography. They write: “The use of pornography by anyone in the home deprives the home of its role as a **safe haven** and has negative effects throughout a family’s life and across generations.”

The Bishops observe: “Many people struggle with pornography use, including faithful Catholics, people of faith, people of no faith, married and single people, fathers and mothers, the young and the old, clergy and those in consecrated life. Some people have seen pornography a handful of times, perhaps unintentionally; some view it occasionally; while others find themselves compulsively viewing pornography, perhaps despite their best intention to resist.”

“Parents today face increasing challenges in protecting their children’s innocence. Pornography can enter the home through a variety of doors. The most obvious is media and technology, which includes not only computers, tablets, and mobile phones but also video games connected to the internet. Many parents feel ill-equipped to understand the various devices their children use, let alone monitor them or install parent controls or filters.”

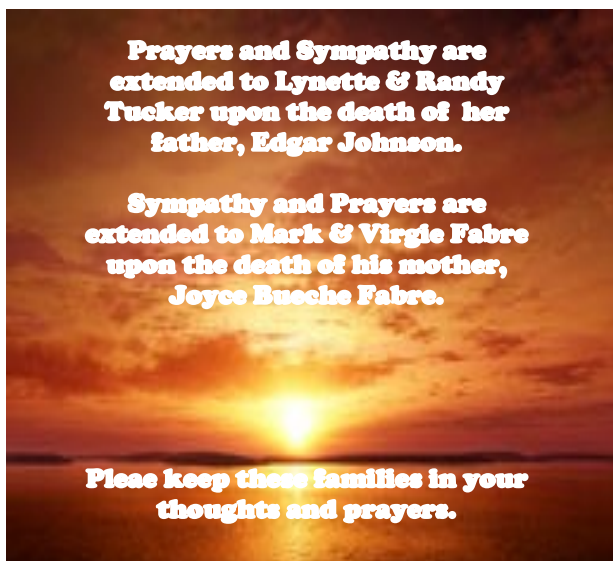
Studies show that the average age of a child’s first exposure to pornography is eleven years old. Being exposed to pornography steals their innocence and can result in a distorted view of sexuality and relationships, and lead to unhealthy behavior. So as concerned Catholics we need to take appropriate action to protect ourselves and our families.

After Mass, each family will be given Covenant Eyes’ book, “Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture.” This book includes a unique seven-day text-to-opt-in program: *The Equipped 7-Day Challenge*. This Challenge provides practical tips any caring adult can take to create safer digital environments for themselves and our young people.

The Diocese has also set up a website with a wealth of additional resources for parents and those struggling with this addiction. Please visit <https://cleanheart.online/diocese-baton-rouge-0> for more information.

The Bishops close their letter by assuring “all who are struggling with the sin of pornography and striving to cultivate chastity that you are not alone in your struggle. Jesus is with you, and the Church offers you love and support.”

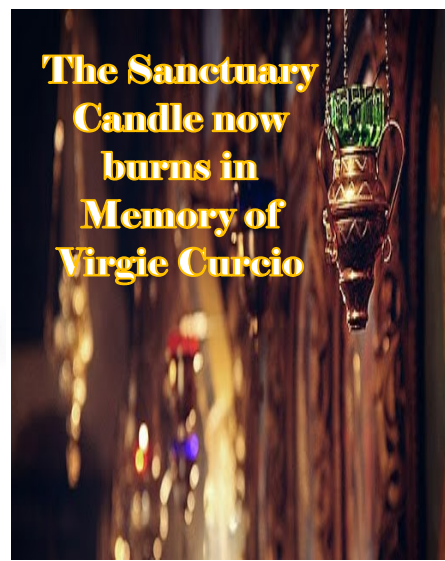
In Christ,
Father Matt



Please join the Catholic Daughters on THURSDAYS during Lent at 5:00pm near the Grotto for Mary’s Way of the Cross & Rosary.



Please join Our Lady’s Fighting Tigers on March 11th at 9:30am for their Spring Day of Prayer. RSVP www.CTKLSU.org/OLFT





CONGRATULATIONS to
Madelyn Mae Albarado &
Holden Alexander Tassin
who were married on February 21st

CONGRATULATIONS TO
Michelle Marie Neumann
& Andre Earl Landry
who were married on February 29th

WELCOME
COHEN THOMAS
DOUCET
to our faith community!
Congratulations to his
parents,
Joel & Melissa Doucet!

WELCOME WILLIAM SCOTT
MURTAGH
who was baptized March 1st
Congratulations to his parents, Bradford
& Maureen Alford Murtagh!



BAPTISMAL SEMINAR
MARCH 11TH
6:00 PM
CLASSROOM 5
Please call the
Church Office to
Register

KCs/CDA MEETING
March 18th in the Activity Center

KCs Officers' Meeting at 5:30pm
KCs Members' Meeting at 7:00pm

CDA Meeting at 7:00pm

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

7TH GRADE STUDENTS
NO CLASS on March 9th.
 All 7th graders **MUST** attend the
 Stations of the Cross on
 Wednesday, March 11th from
 6:30-7:30pm and receive the
 Sacrament of Reconciliation.
 Please meet in the Activity Center at
 6:15 to check in and then
 proceed to the Church.

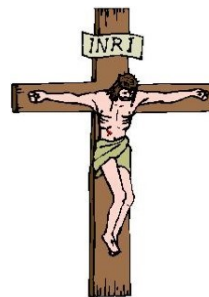


10TH GRADE RETREAT
SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH
BEGINS WITH
MASS AT 11:00AM



MASS FOR K-8
CHRISTIAN
FORMATION
STUDENTS
Tuesday
MARCH 17th

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



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.

CRS OPERATION RICE BOWL
Please be generous to this Lenten effort to alleviate
hunger and poverty in our area and abroad. You
can find the Rice Bowls in the back of Church.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

February 23, 2020	
183 Identified:	\$6,954.00
Loose Collection:	<u>786.00</u>
Total:	\$7,740.00
March 1, 2020	
303 identified:	\$20,754.50
Loose Collection:	<u>994.00</u>
Total:	\$21,748.50

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2019-2020

John Begue, Chairman
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Jason Murphey
Joey Normand
Edana Robnett
Derek Scott
Jewel Woods

**Jesus prayed and fasted for 40 days &
nights.**

**Can you follow His example of religious life?
If God is calling you, please contact Father Andrew
Merrick 225-336-9778 or amerrick@diobr.org**



Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:4-5

Readings for the week of March 8, 2020

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2 Tm
1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. Ps
103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
[23b]/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt
20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk
16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-
19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
[8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: 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

KC FEBRUARY CALENDAR WINNERS

**Angelle Soniat, James Vidrine, Karen Lemoine, James Vidrine,
Joseph White, Jacob Wilbert, Jennifer Leonard, Charlie Felder,
Dafydd Hoffman, Caleb Shreffler, Gene Bertrand, Janna
Kershaw, Annette & Steve Patrick, Kelly Pendole, Ethel
Thibodeaux, Mary Vince, Karla Landry, Yvonne Sharon, Kevin
Logan, Luke Galvan, Bonna Michelli, Charlene McCreight,
Jessica Landry, Sean Eagan, Dan Alexander, Michele Sarradet,
Conrad Tempanaro, Virgis Breaux, Chelsea Crilly**