



# 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

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  
Lil Stutes ..... 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.  
For Cemetery information, please call Jerry Deshotel 281-0333.

### PRAYER LINE

Please call the Church Parish Office.

Dear Parishioners,

I hope the season of Lent has been fruitful for you so far. The changes we make to our daily schedule during Lent do not have to be large in order for us to experience an extra measure of God's grace. The simplicity of the season coupled with the fast arrival of spring is a natural balm for our souls.

Please include prayers for vocations with your Lenten prayers and activities. We try to pray for vocations year-round, but this is an especially fertile period to implore God's assistance in providing ministers for our Church. Father Josh Johnson continues preparations for two vocation retreats planned for the end of April and the beginning of June, and I hope some of our young parishioners will attend.

Two priests have announced their retirement from full-time parish ministry this summer. Father Miles Walsh will be retiring as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, and Father Phil Spano will be retiring as pastor of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish. Both priests will continue to serve the Church by filling in on weekends where needed, and helping with retreats and confessions.

The Diocese of Baton Rouge has designated this 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent as the third annual "Safe Haven Sunday." As you may remember, "Safe Haven Sunday" finds its inspiration in the U.S. Bishops' document "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."

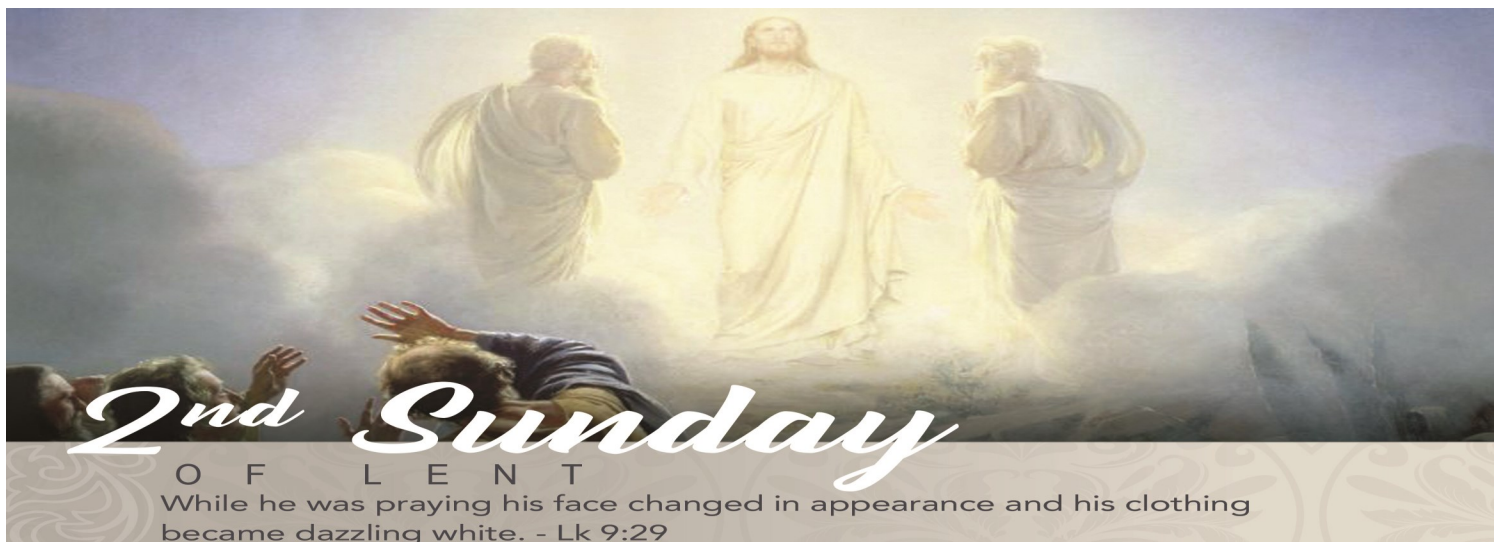
The parent book for Year 3 is entitled "Connected – How Strong Family Relationships Lead to Internet-Safe Kids," and can be downloaded by texting SECURE to 66866. A few hard copies are also available in church, plus the Diocese has set up a website with a wealth of additional resources for parents and those struggling with this addiction. Please visit <https://cleanheart.online/diocese-baton-rouge-0> for more information.

We will celebrate another Mass for our Christian Formation students in grades K thru 8 this Tuesday, March 15, at approximately 5:30 p.m. Parents are of course welcome to attend the Mass together with the students and teachers.

This Saturday, March 19, is the *Solemnity of St. Joseph* and the 187<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our church parish. The act of incorporation was signed on this date in 1835. (Saturday, March 19, is also the day our parish has adopted to offer prayer and peaceful witness from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm outside of the Delta Clinic on Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge.) Next month, on Sunday, April 10, 2022, we will celebrate 11 years since the rededication of our church after the major restoration.

Be assured of my prayers for all of you throughout this season of Lent.

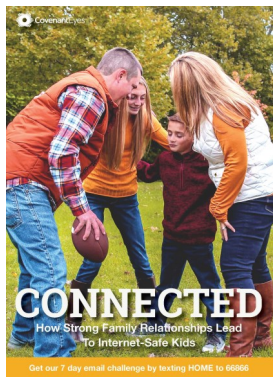
In Christ,  
Father Matt



# Celebration of Marriage

**Marriage Blessings are extended to:**  
**Hannah Michel Turner**  
 &  
**Michael Shane Lopez, Jr.**  
**Upon their wedding of March 4th**

*The Sanctuary  
 Candle burns in  
 memory of  
 Rita Babin.*



## Safe Haven Sunday March 13th

**Safe guard your child from online pornography and internet threats through Covenant Eyes. To sign up, text SECURE to 66866. Stay Connected and get a copy of this book in the back of Church.**



**Please pray for Religious Vocations.**

**If you believe you are experiencing a call from God as a priest, brother, sister or deacon, please contact Father Josh Johnson, 225-336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations**

## Christian Formation

**10th Grade Retreat:**  
 All 10th graders **MUST** attend 11:00am Mass on March 13th and the Retreat after Mass in the Activity Center until 5:00pm.

**Mass for K-6 and 8th Grade:**  
 Tuesday, March 15th @ 5:30pm  
 Please drop off your child in Church at 5:15pm and pick up your child from Church. There will be **NO** classes on March 14th or 16th for these students.

**7th Grade Students ONLY:**  
 These students **MUST** attend the Stations of the Cross and Reconciliation from 6:30-7:00pm on Wednesday, March 16th. Please meet in the Activity Center at 6:15pm and proceed to Church. These students do not need to attend Mass on March 15th.

**5th & 6th Grade:**  
 These students **MUST** attend the Stations of the Cross and Reconciliation from 6:30-7:00pm on Wednesday, April 6th. Please meet in the Activity Center at 6:15pm and proceed to Church. These students **DO NOT** have class on March 30th.

**First Eucharist Sacramental Prep:**  
 All 2nd Grade Students from Religion Classes & Catholic Schools **MUST** attend Sacramental Prep Classes on April 11th or 12th from 5:30-6:30pm in the Activity Center.



## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE BATON ROUGE

40 Days for Life is a worldwide pro-life campaign that consists of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil for an end to abortion. The Spring 40 Days for Life will be held outside of Delta abortion facility at 756 Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge between 7AM and 7PM on each of the 40 days beginning March 2 through April 10, 2022. **St. John the Baptist Church** has adopted the Feast Day of St. Joseph, the Patron of the Unborn, Saturday, March 19th from 7am-7pm.

## Lenten Schedule

**Lenten Mass Schedule  
 For Wednesdays:**

**5:30pm Confession  
 6:00pm Mass  
 6:30pm Way of the Cross  
 6:30-7:30pm Confession "Light is On for You"**

**K.C. Council #10744 would like to thank everyone who helped to make their spaghetti dinner fundraiser a huge success! Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.**

### Stewardship of Finances February 27, 2022

157 Identified:	\$7,772.00
Loose Collection:	+768.25
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$8,540.25</b>

### March 6, 2022

226 Identified:	\$20,254.00
Loose Collection:	+774.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$21,028.00</b>

**Easter Flowers: \$1,595.00**

## St John the Baptist Parish Council Members

2020-2021

**Bob Bewick**

**Audy Bourgeois**

**Christie Chapman, Secretary**

**Justin Clouatre**

**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 13, 2022

- Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/  
Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
- Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/  
Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
- Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17,  
18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday: 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
- Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11  
[8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9



**St. Joseph Altar**

**Sunday, March 20th**

**12:00 noon—1:30pm**

**Knights of Columbus Home**

**58715 Price Street, Plaquemine**

**Blessing & viewing of the Altar after 4:00pm**

**Mass on Saturday, March 19th**

**Serving from the Altar after 11:00am Mass,**

**Sunday, March 20th. All are welcome!**