



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,

The Catholic writer and editor Elizabeth Scalia observed: “Some years we approach our Lenten disciplines with a sense of enthusiasm; we’re ready for the challenges of the desert; we know we will emerge stronger for our time spent thirsting, climbing, and stepping forward in faith. In other years, we may look at Lent with wary eyes, all too familiar with the weight of our faults, and daunted by the bright empty heat into which we must carry them, until we find Jesus, to whom they may be surrendered.”

I can relate to both sentiments - enthusiasm and wariness - as we enter into this grace-filled season of Lent. I am attracted to the possibility of spiritual and personal growth through the paring down of so many unnecessary distractions and practices which creep into my life. I look forward to the simplicity of the desert, and more time spent with Christ and friends. At the same time, I realize the effort involved in naming my faults and surrendering them to Christ.

Daily Mass during Lent remains at the normal time of 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, but moves to 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday. On the **Wednesdays of Lent**, confessions are at 5:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m. and then the Way of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. I will also hear confessions from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday as part of the “Light is On for You” program.

All of our **9th and 10th grade** students are invited to church this Tuesday evening, March 8, beginning at 7:00 p.m. for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for confession. Our **8th graders** will join us in church on Wednesday night this week, March 9, for the Way of the Cross and the opportunity for confession.

Bishop Michael Duca has designated next Sunday, March 13, as “Safe Haven Sunday – Year 3.” “Safe Haven Sunday” is a national program designed to help families safeguard their homes from pornography and other online threats. 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. Please pray for the success of this effort so that all of our homes can become “safe havens.”

In addition to their fall pro-life campaign, “40 Days for Life” also sponsors a spring campaign which runs from March 2 through April 10, 2022. Our parish has adopted Saturday, March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to offer prayer and peaceful witness outside of the Delta Clinic on Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge. No sign up is required.

The K.C.’s have their annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser this Sunday, March 6, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., so please give them your support.

Daylight Saving Time starts next Sunday, March 13, so remember to move your clocks ahead by one hour before going to bed next Saturday night.

In Christ,
Father Matt



Congratulations and Marriage Blessings are extended to:

Morgan Elise Robnett

&

Walter Gordon Gauthreaux

upon their marriage on February 18th.



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"



Will you be led by the Holy Spirit to follow Jesus in a religious life? If God is calling you as a priest, brother, sister or deacon, please contact Father Josh Johnson, 225-336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations

Stay Informed.....

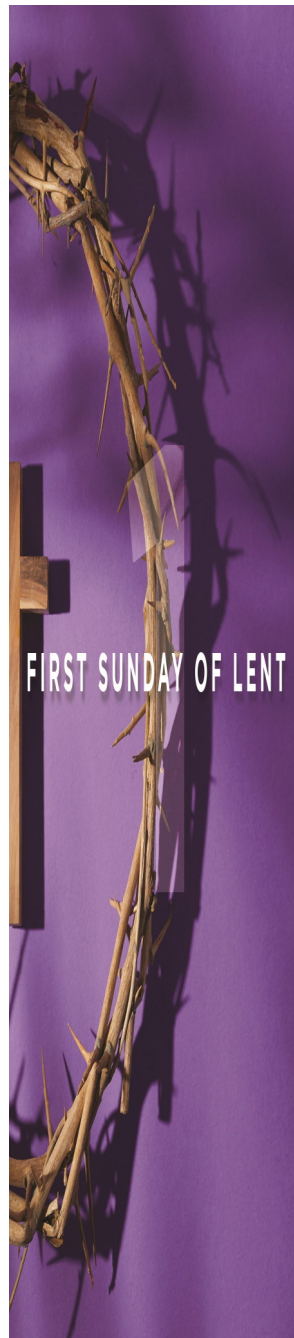
Operation Rice Bowl: Please take a Rice Bowl from the back of Church to assist the work of Catholic Relief Services around the world: crsricebowl.org This campaign ends on April 17th.

Retrouvaille Weekend Program: March 11-13 This program will help you heal and restore your marriage and acquire a better relationship. Please contact Bill and Missie Curth @ 985-232-5963, or visit: HelpOurMarriage.org

Formed.org: Want a free subscription?? Please go to this website to create an account to learn about Lent, view movies, enjoy ebooks or listen to inspiring talks. Simply "click sign up", select "I belong to a Parish or Organization", find your Parish by name or zip code, enter your email and you're in! All age groups are welcome!

Baptism Seminar: March 9th @ 6:00pm Please call the Church Office to register.

CHRISTIAN FOMATION



8th Grade Students ONLY: No Class on Monday, March 7th. These students MUST attend Stations of the Cross and Reconciliation from 6:30-7:00pm on Wednesday, March 9th. Please meet in the Activity Center @ 6:15pm and then proceed to Church.

First Eucharist

Sacramental Prep:

All 2nd Grade Students from Religion Classes & Catholic Schools MUST attend Sacramental Prep classes from 5:30-6:30pm on March 7th or 8th in the Activity Center.

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.

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Richard Landry.



Stewardship of Finances February 20, 2022

163 Identified:	\$9,420.33
Loose Collection:	+793.00
Total Collection:	\$10,213.33

Please give generously to the Black & Indian Mission Collection on March 13th.

St John the Baptist Parish Council Members

2020-2021

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Readings for the week of March 6, 2022

- Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
[cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/
Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3,
7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/
Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
- Next 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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Please join us all Wednesdays in Lent | 6:30

MARCH 9 | MARCH 16
MARCH 23 | MARCH 30
APRIL 6

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