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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
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,

Pope Francis recently issued a decree declaring 2021 to be a year dedicated to St. Joseph. This dedication is in honor of the 150th anniversary of the proclamation declaring St. Joseph to be Patron of the Universal Church. Pope Francis wrote that the global pandemic has served to remind us that “our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked,” people like nurses, supermarket workers, and cleaning personnel. He invites us to rediscover St. Joseph, “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble.”

In other news, Bishop Francis Malone of the Diocese of Shreveport, announced that the Vatican has recognized five priests, who sacrificed their lives caring for the sick during the 1873 yellow fever epidemic, as *Servants of God*, the first step towards canonization. The five priests, Fathers Jean Pierre, Isidore Quémerais, Jean-Marie Biler, Louis Gergaud, and François Le Vézouët, were all natives of Brittany, France, and were recruited to come to Louisiana by Bishop Auguste Marie Martin, the founding bishop of the Diocese of Natchitoches, which later became the Dioceses of Alexandria and Shreveport. You can read more about their heroic witness by visiting the website <https://shreveportmartys.org/>.

I plan to take off Sunday afternoon through Wednesday this week, so we will have Communion Services in place of the weekday Masses on Tuesday & Wednesday, December 29 & 30, 2020.

New Year’s Day is the octave of Christmas, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and normally a holy day of obligation. However, the obligation to attend Mass on holy days and Sundays remains dispensed for Catholics in the Diocese of Baton Rouge. We will have a 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 31, and then a 9:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, January 1, in celebration of the feast.

The monthly all-night adoration of the Blessed Sacrament sponsored by our Catholic Daughters and K.C.’s is **cancelled** this month. However, we will still celebrate our regular first Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 2, 2021.

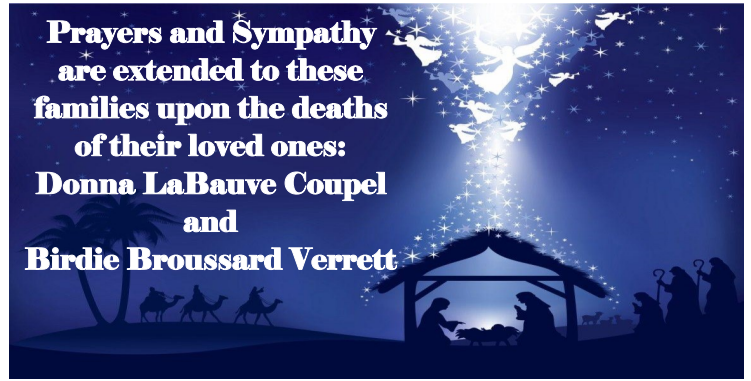
Next Sunday, January 3, is the tenth day of Christmas and the day on which we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany this year. Many countries engage in gift giving on the Epiphany rather than on Christmas in remembrance of the gifts presented to Jesus by the Magi. Our liturgical celebration of the Christmas season extends for one more week and concludes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, January 10, 2021.

Thanks to everyone for making Christmas such a wonderful celebration in our parish. It is easy to be grateful when surrounded by the care and generosity of others, and I thank all of you for your participation in our communal life at St. John the Baptist. I hope God fulfilled many of your dreams and helped you to better appreciate the love of those around you. Have a blessed and happy New Year!

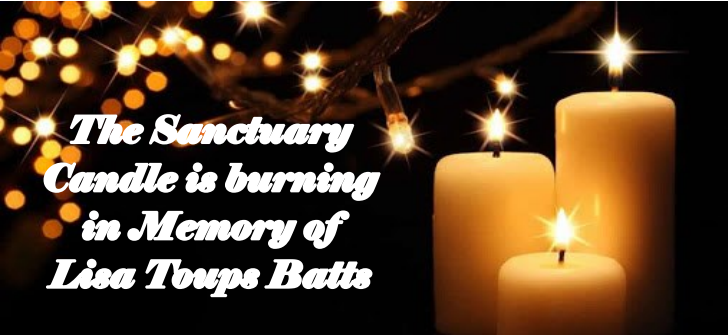
In Christ,
Father Matt



**Congratulations
to all of the
Children who
received the
Sacrament of First
Reconciliation on
December 15th**



**Prayers and Sympathy
are extended to these
families upon the deaths
of their loved ones:
Donna LaBauve Coupel
and
Birdie Broussard Verrett**



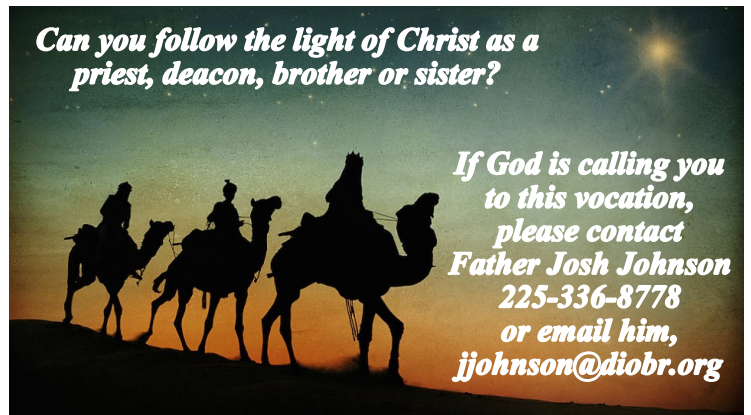
***The Sanctuary
Candle is burning
in Memory of
Lisa Toups Batts***



**CONGRATULATIONS to
Katelon Elizabeth Daigle &
Kodie Cheyenne Guillory
who were married on
December 11th**



**Christian Formation Mass
For Kindergarten & 8th Grade Students
Tuesday, January 5th
Please go directly into Church at 5:20pm.
There will be no class on Monday, January 4th**



***Can you follow the light of Christ as a
priest, deacon, brother or sister?***

***If God is calling you
to this vocation,
please contact
Father Josh Johnson
225-336-8778
or email him,
jjohnson@diobr.org***



**6th Grade Circle of Grace Lesson
in the Activity Center
Wednesday, January 6th
5:30pm-6:45pm
Carpool drop-off 5:20pm at the
Activity Center
Carpool pick-up 6:45pm at the
Activity Center**



**Baptismal Seminar
January 13th
6:00pm
Please call the Church
Office to Register.**

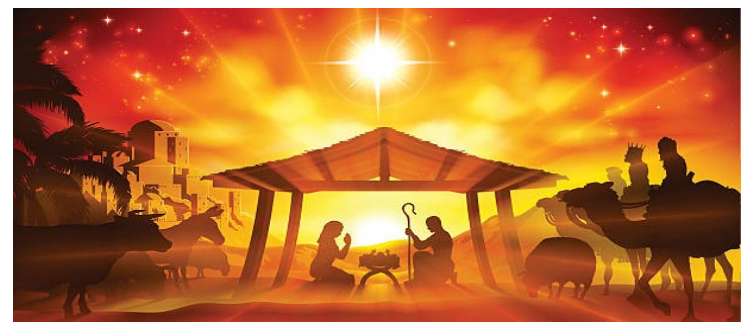
K.C. December 2020 Calendar Winners
Larry Barker, Lee Howard, Larry Vicari, Sr.,
Tynia Blanchard, Christi Dellucci, Randy Mouch,
Beau Mancuso, Mike Chustz, Deana Vicari, Patrick
Bourgeois, J.D. & Shelly Pellerin, Gary (Flap)
Legendre, Blackie Medlen, L.J. & Annette
Zeringue, Sandra Francois, Stacie Hotard, Carol
Davis, Lucius Boudreaux, Tricia Lemoine, Kristi
Parnell, Joyce Chustz, Wayne Gomez, David &
Claire Robinson, Dal Parker, Hugh Riviere, Alena
Prejean, Julianna Distefano, Todd Dexter, Harry
Reed, Trey Ruggiero, Cody Daggett

**Stewardship of Finances
December 13, 2020**

**119 Identified: \$9,317.00
Loose Collection: 221.00
Total: \$9,538.00**



**Retirement for Religious: \$1,847.00
Immaculate Conception: \$863.00
Thanks for your generosity!**



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

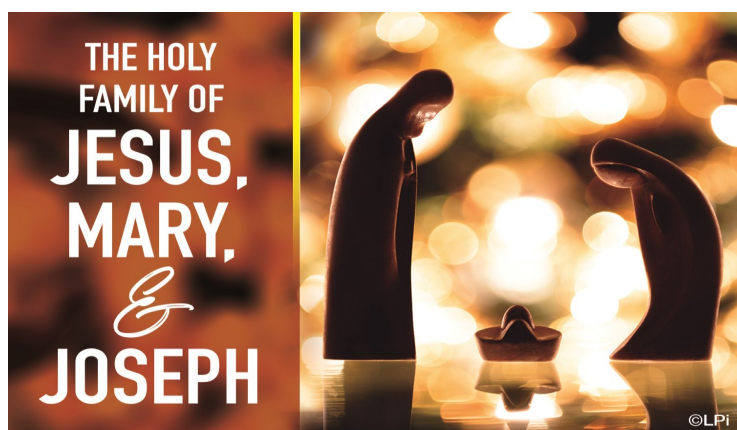
Mary Claire Meyer, Chairman

Joey Normand

Edana Robnett

Derek Scott, Vice-Chairman

Jewel Woods



Readings for the week of December 27, 2020

- Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
- Monday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
- Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

