



# 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' 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 blessed to have excellent public schools in our parish which serve the vast majority of our parishioners. Our families are also fortunate to have the availability of two Catholic schools nearby. Holy Family School in Port Allen has its Open House this Thursday, January 30, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., and St. John Interparochial School in Plaquemine has its Open House also on Thursday beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Bishop Duca will celebrate a Mass of Confirmation this Thursday, January 30, at 7:00 p.m. for forty-six of our 11<sup>th</sup> graders. Please pray for them, their sponsors, and their families.

Our monthly 12 hour period of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament begins at 8:00 p.m. this Friday, January 31, and ends with 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, February 1. All are invited to sign-up for an hour of prayer and adoration during the night or early morning. You are free to sit or kneel in silent prayer, or pray the rosary, or engage in spiritual reading and meditation while in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

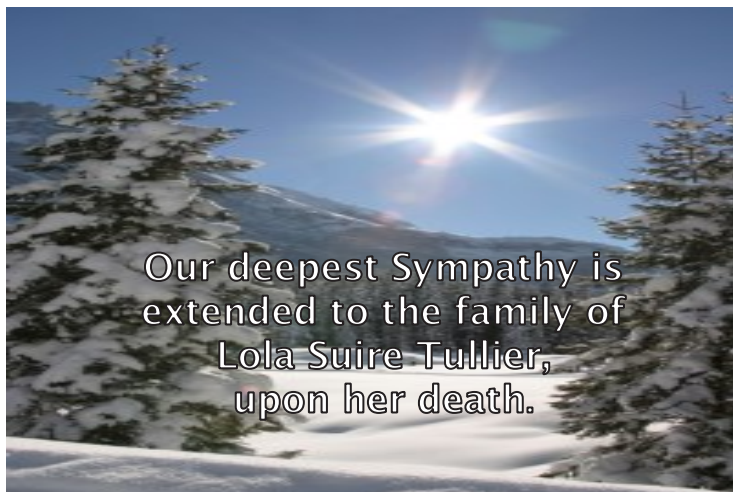
Father Joel LaBauve celebrates 50 years of priesthood this year, and so will be the main celebrant at our 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass next Saturday, February 1. Father Joel was ordained on January 31, 1970 and celebrated his first Mass here at St. John the Baptist. The choir will sing at the 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass next weekend in honor of his anniversary.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is celebrated annually on February 2, and since it falls on a Sunday this year the prayers and readings of the feast replace those of the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. In recent years this feast day has also been suggested as an especially appropriate time to offer prayers for all of our sisters and brothers in consecrated religious life. Their vows unite them to the Lord in a special way and the witness of their lives encourages us to also live lives of generosity and love. Next Sunday is also Boy Scout Sunday and Super Bowl Sunday.

In keeping with the feast of *Our Lady of Lourdes* and the 28<sup>th</sup> *World Day of the Sick*, we will offer the **Anointing of the Sick** on Saturday, February 8, immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass. Please encourage those who are struggling with health problems to attend this Mass and Anointing of the Sick so that we can support them in prayer as they receive the special grace of this sacrament. We will again use the Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos relic and crucifix to implore the intercession of Blessed Seelos during our anointing service.

The men of our parish are invited to attend the fourth annual Catholic Men's Conference to be held on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at St. George Church in Baton Rouge, beginning at 7:30 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. This year's speakers include Father Wade Menezes, CPM, Mr. Jeff Cavins, and Father Mark Beard. For more information and to register, please visit <http://www.catholicmenbr.com/>.

In Christ,  
Father Matt



### **9th Grade Retreat Sunday, February 9th**

**All 9th Graders must attend  
11:00am Mass and sit in  
the reserved seating in the  
front of Church.**

**After Mass, please report to  
the Activity Center for lunch  
and Retreat with Stephanie  
Clouatre Davis until 5:00pm**

Come Celebrate  
with us  
January 30th at 7:00pm

# Confirmation



**CHRISTIAN FORMATION MASS**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH**  
Students K-8

Drop Off at 5:15pm in the Activity Center.  
Pick Up in Church at 6:30pm.  
**NO CLASSES February 3rd or 5th**



*Thanks to Ruth Landry and her Team for providing Bereavement meals during January. Please contact Geri Schneider at 749-3508 in February.*

*Thanks to Mary Delapasse and her Team for cleaning the church in January! Call Carolyn Bourgeois at 776-3325 if you can lend a hand in February.*

### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES:

January 19, 2020	
229 Identified	\$12,726.83
Loose Collection	695.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$13,421.83</b>

**The Sanctuary  
Candle is burning  
in Memory of  
Lydia Allain**



Join the KCs in the  
Activity Center  
following 7:30am Mass  
on February 2nd for  
Coffee &  
Donuts



**Please donate to  
the Campaign for  
the Family Life  
Foundation by  
returning the  
baby bottle to  
the KCs or the  
Church Office.**



**PLEASE JOIN CDA AND OUR LADY'S FIGHTING  
TIGERS OF CHRIST THE KING IN PRAYER FOR  
ALL STUDENTS ON LSU CAMPUSES.  
(WWW.CTKLSU.ORG/GOLFT)**



**Wedding Anniversary Celebration of 25, 50  
& 65 Years with Bishop Michael Duca**  
**February 23rd at 2:00pm**  
**St. Thomas More Church**  
**Reception to follow in STM Activity  
Center**  
**Please register by February 6th in our  
Church Office.**

**RETROUVAILLE, A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED  
COUPLES**  
**Weekend Program, March 6-8**  
**Contact Bill and Missie at 985-232-5963**

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2019-2020**

John Begue, Chairman  
Bob Bewick  
Audy Bourgeois  
Christie Chapman, Vice-Chairman  
Wayne Delapasse  
Janice Hebert  
Fr. Matt Lorrain  
Mary Claire Meyer, Secretary  
Jason Murphey  
Joey Normand  
Edana Robnett  
Derek Scott  
Jewel Woods

**OPEN HOUSE AT HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL**  
**Thursday, January 30**  
**9:00am-2:00pm**  
**Pre-K through 8th Grades**  
**All are Welcome!**



**Is Jesus calling you to be a fisher of men?  
Are you bold enough to reform your life  
and proclaim the Good News as a priest,  
sister or brother? If so, call Father  
Andrew Merrick at 225-336-8778 or  
amerrick@diobr.org**

As [Jesus] was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mt 4:18-19

**Readings for the week of January 26, 2020**

Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17  
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [25a]/Mk 3:22-30  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Mk 3:31-35  
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89: 4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29a]/Mk 4:1-20  
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 [Lk 1:32b]/Mk 4:21-25  
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11 [cf. 3a]/Mk 4:26-34  
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12a]/Mk 4:35-41  
Next Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32