# Second Sunday of Lent St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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<u>February 25, 2024</u>

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	
Sunday	
Friday8:	00 a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.
First Saturday of the month only	

#### RECONCILIATION

## **PARISH STAFF**

Rev. Arun John, IMS	Pastor
Dana Babin	Bookkeeper
Candice Breaux	Youth Group Minister
June Hebert	
Sara Hernandez	
Jayne Jason	Child Protection
Layne Mire	Parish Secretary
Lil Stutes	Mother's Day Out
Celeste Veillon	

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday–Thursday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Office closed for lunch 12:00–1:00 p.m.

## BAPTISM

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00 am Mass and also celebrated after the 11:00am Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of Our 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 Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.

#### 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.

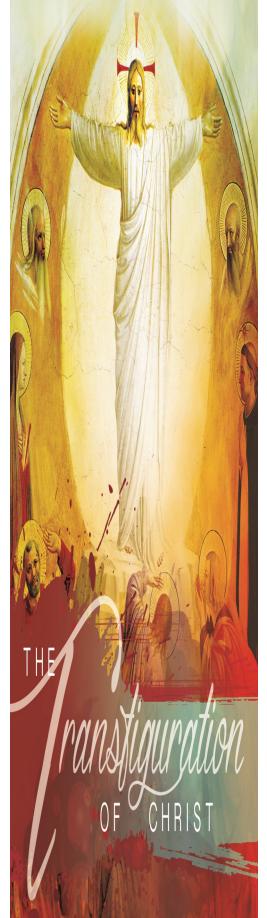
#### **CHRISTIAN BURIAL**

Family should contact the Pastor to begin funeral arrangements. For Cemetery information, please call Jerry Deshotel 225-281-0333.

PRAYER LINE

Please call Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

# On the Mountain

Why climb a mountain? "Because it's there," George Mallory famously said, before perishing in an attempt to scale Mount Everest.

God is an event planner; every detail matters, and the location is most crucial of all. On the mountain, God demanded the sacrifice of Isaac. On the mountain, he restored Isaac to his father. On the mountain, Jesus was transfigured, revealed in all his mystifying glory as the beloved Son of God, the sacrifice which would finally balance the scale.

These things happened on a mountain because they could only happen on a mountain. The mountain is where the reckoning happens. It is where God takes, where He gives back, where He hands down.

In Lent, we encounter the mountain. We are removed from the distractions of ordinary life and placed outside the confines of our everyday habits. We find silence and mystery, pain and truth. We struggle and we become tired, and there is always a moment when we wonder if, perhaps, it would have been easier not to climb. There is always a moment when others look at us and think: "Why climb a mountain?"

I confess, I am not much of an outdoorswoman. Hiking, in my family, is any walking you do on a trail that is not paved, so I am far from qualified to comment on whether or not the view from the summit was worth George Mallory's life. But I do know a thing or two about struggling through a difficult experience. I know the strange peace that exists in the moment after it's all over and you catch your breath and realize you are a better, stronger, wiser person for the pain.

The mountain is there. Let's climb it.

"God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, 'Abraham!" 'Here I am!' he replied." — Genesis 22:1

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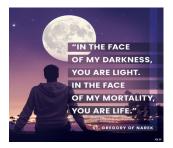
# **Christian Formation**

Religion Mass for students K-4 will be held on Monday, March 11th at 5:30pm. You may drop your child off at 5:15pm in Church and pick up your child from Church at 6:20pm. There will be no religion classes for K-4 on March 12th & 13th.

7th & 8th Grade Confessions will be heard during their regular class time of 7:00pm-8:15pm in the Activity Center on Monday. March 11th.

5th & 6th Grade Confessions will be heard during their regular class time of 5:15pm-6:30pm in the Activity Center on Tuesday, March 12th.

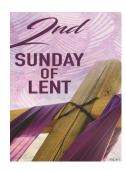
**Children's Church** We are still in need of helpers for 9:00am & 11:00am Masses. Please call Jayne Jason, 225-749-3387, to be a part of this ministry.



Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the families of **Melanie Goodwin Martin** and **Gloria Thibodeaux Cedotal** upon their deaths.

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Eríc Parsons.





**Pray for Vocations** Can the Lord be calling you to proclaim the Good News as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If so, please contact your priest or reach out to Father Josh Johnson at 225-336-8778 or email him: jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations

All Night Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, March 1st at 8:00pm through Saturday, March 2nd at 8:00am. Sign-up sheets are in the back of Church.



The Catholic Daughters will meet in the Activity Center at 7:00pm on Thursday, March 7th.

**Knights of Columbus:** Meeting at 6:00pm in the Activity Center on Thursday, March 7th. Donuts after 7:30am Mass, March 10th Pro-Life Rosary at 4:00pm on Saturday, March 16th



Lenten Mission At the 6:00pm Mass on Wednesday, February 28th, Father Tomi Thomas will speak on the Eucharist.

At the 6:00pm Mass on Wednesday, March 6th, Father Matthew Dunn will speak on Forgiveness.

Divine Mercy Novena & Mass Mass will be at 6:00pm every Wednesday through April 3rd, followed by the sung chaplet of the **Divine Mercy Novena.** 

Stations of the Cross Mass will be at 12:00pm on Fridays during Lent, followed by the Stations of the Cross. Confessions

will be heard at 11:30am before Mass.



Please welcome to our faith community:

Hampton Theophile Lemoine son of Blumes & Rebeca Lemoine, who was baptized on February 18th.

#### **Upcoming Events**

The KCs will have their Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Sunday, March 3rd from 11:00am-1:00pm in the Activity Center.

Our next Baptism Seminar will be held on March 6th at 6:00pm in the Church Office.

Women's Ministry will host a day of prayer and reflection in the Activity Center from 9:00am-2:30pm on Saturday, March 9th. Registration forms can be found in the back of Church and on their website.

The Catholic Daughters will host a morning of reflection and rosary at the grotto for Our Lady of Sorrows at 9:00am on Saturday, March 16th.

**Stewardship of Finance Total Collection for February 11th:** 

\$9,076.00



THANKS to Carolyn Bourgeois and her group for cleaning the Church in February. Please contact Myra Aubin, 225-716-0153 to help during March.

THANKS to Ruth Landry and her team for the Bereavement meals in February. To help in March, please contact Ella Dean & Scrap Thibodeaux, 225-937-1998.



Readings for the week of February 25, 2024

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Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15,
-	16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
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:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/
-	Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10,
	11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
	Scrutiny: 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



Lenten Events in our Diocese

<u>St. John the Evangelist, Plaquemine:</u> March 2nd Lenten Retreat, "The Holy Spirit," with Gwen Hayes from 10:30am-3:00pm in their Parish Hall

<u>St. George Catholic Church:</u> March 7th at 7:00pm, Mass & Talk on "Jesus heals the body and soul"

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church: March 9th at 9:00am, Day of prayer, fellowship & reflection for KCs & CDA

<u>St. John the Evangelist, Prairieville:</u> March 23rd at 9:00am, Heaven or Bust family retreat

