



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,

Here is a summary of our parish finances for the first six months of the fiscal year, July – December 2019. Our income from the Sunday collections and other earnings totaled \$407,197. Our building fund collections for the same period totaled \$69,069.

Our expenses for the six-month period totaled \$408,984 which just slightly exceeded our income. The added expenditures included repairs to sound system in church, the fire panel in the activity center, and heating and air-conditioning units throughout the campus.

About 110 families now use the Automatic Bank Draft option for their stewardship offering to the Church so please know that this is available if you would like to set it up. It typically means switching to a monthly schedule of giving rather than weekly, but you can choose the first or fifteenth of each month for your contribution, and use it for the regular offertory as well as the building fund. I made the switch myself and find it very convenient. However, I still use the mailed envelopes for the special collections. Please talk to Carolyn Dupuy in the office for more information or for assistance in setting up this method of giving.

We opened the bids for the porte-cochere and storage addition to our parish activity center last week and the low bid was \$230,000 submitted by Faulk and Meek, the same contractor who did such a good job on our church restoration. Their bid was very close to the architect's estimated cost for the project.

Thanks to your generous support of the monthly building fund collection, as well as several generous contributions from our Zippers Thrift Shop, we have more than adequate funds in our savings to pay cash for this project. I hope to start construction soon but that may depend on the water level of the Mississippi River. Safeguards placed on the levee system do not allow us to undertake any construction projects if the river is too high.

On Thursday, February 13, at 6:30 p.m., I am meeting with our 2nd graders and their parents in the church to walk through the Mass. We will look at the vestments, furnishings, and all of the sacred vessels we use to celebrate the Mass, and then talk about their significance as part of their preparation for First Communion on April 19, 2020.

Please pray for Deacon Danny Roussel who spent the summer of 2017 with us as part of his pastoral training. Danny has been dealing with issues of anxiety and depression and so is taking a temporary health leave in order to receive professional help. His ordination to the priesthood will be delayed by a year but he will be a much happier and stronger priest in the long run.

Congratulations once again to Father Joel LaBauve who celebrated his 50th anniversary with us last Saturday. May God continue to bless him for his service.

In Christ,
Father Matt



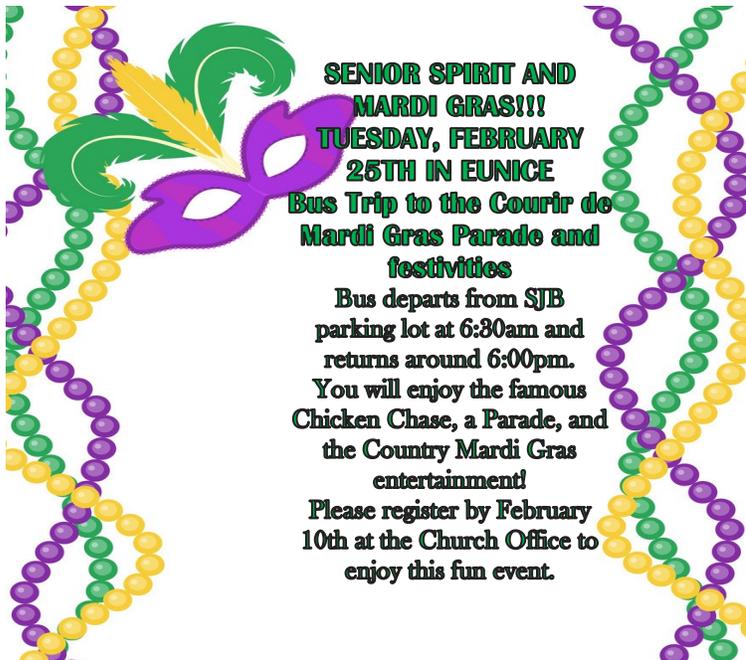
Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of **DANIEL MARTIN PREJEAN** upon his death.



The Sanctuary Candle is burning in Memory of Leonard Gauthreaux.



First Eucharist Meeting
February 13th
6:30pm in Church
All 2nd Graders and Parents
MUST Attend



SENIOR SPIRIT AND MARDI GRAS!!!
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH IN EUNICE
Bus Trip to the Courir de Mardi Gras Parade and festivities
 Bus departs from SJB parking lot at 6:30am and returns around 6:00pm. You will enjoy the famous Chicken Chase, a Parade, and the Country Mardi Gras entertainment!
 Please register by February 10th at the Church Office to enjoy this fun event.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

February 2, 2020

309 Identified:	\$18,975.50
Loose Collection:	968.98
Total:	\$19,944.48

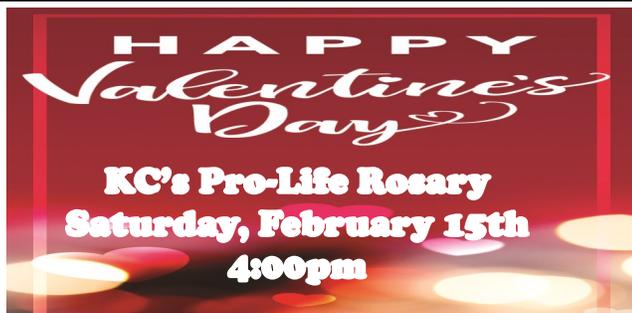
These Candidates were confirmed on January 30th by Bishop Michael Duca:

- Briley Aguillard
- Kynleigh Avants
- Alec Babin
- Lydie Balcuns
- Aiden Braud
- Allie Cagle
- Jude Callais
- Mason Chauvin
- Jack Chittom
- Cameron Crochet
- Wade Curry
- Kaitlin Daigle
- Houston D'Albor
- Gage Deshotel
- Tristan Devall
- Broc Dicapo
- Liam Dunn
- Jackson Dupont
- Bryce Guarisco
- Jean Huckaby
- Haley Joffrion
- Sean Joffrion
- Beau Landry
- Lance Landry
- Jack Lane
- Hudson LeBlanc
- Kristen Lockhart
- Madison Martinez
- Marc Martinez
- Kyleigh McKell
- Chandler Naquin
- Jordyn Patrick
- Nicholas Paul
- Kaden Perrault
- Abby Prejean
- Cade Prejean
- Bailey Richardson
- Emma Robichaux
- Claire Sanchez
- Lexy Smicker
- Claire Suter
- Andrew Trahan
- John Truex
- Mackenzie Verret
- Jake Willis
- Ashlynn Zimmerman

Confirmation

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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



Jesus said to his disciples: “You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” - Mt 5:13a, 14

Readings for the week of February 9, 2020

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/
Mt 5:13-16
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]/Mk 6:53
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Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11
[2]/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/Mk
7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 [4a]/
Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-
15 [11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20,
21-22 [4a]/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
[1b]/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-
28, 33-34a, 37