



March 1, 2020
First Sunday of Lent
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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’s 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,

This passage from a letter written by St. Ignatius of Loyola might serve as a nice starting point for our spiritual reflection and growth this season of Lent:

"There are very few who realize what God would make of them if they abandoned themselves entirely to His hands, and let themselves be formed by His grace. A thick and shapeless tree trunk would never believe that it could become a statue, admired as a miracle of sculpture... and would never consent to submit itself to the chisel of the sculptor who, as St. Augustine says, sees by his genius what he can make of it. Many people who, we see, now scarcely live as Christians, do not understand that they could become saints, if they would let themselves be formed by the grace of God, if they did not ruin His plans by resisting the work which He wants to do." (Letter to Ascanio Colonna, Rome, April 25, 1543)

The Lenten season is an opportunity to allow ourselves to be formed and renewed by the grace and goodness of God. He is the sculptor who can shape something beautiful out of our lives if we but allow him to transform us. God desires to remove the ugliness from our lives so that our inner beauty is more visible. He wants to remove the attitudes and behaviors that don't really fit with our true identity, and which only inhibit joy and happiness.

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.

Bishop Michael Duca has designated next Sunday, March 8, 2020, as "Safe Haven Sunday" in the Diocese of Baton Rouge. "Safe Haven Sunday" is a national program designed to help families safeguard their homes from pornography and other online threats. The inappropriate use of technology poses a very serious threat to the sanctity of marriages and families in today's world. Please pray for the success of this effort so that all of our homes can truly become "safe havens."

As I mentioned last week, we are looking for a dedicated parishioner to chair this year's *Feast on the Levee*. Natalie Palermo volunteered to chair the *Feast* these past two years and did an outstanding job. However now she needs to step away and focus on other priorities. So we need an individual or married couple or a pair of close friends who can get things organized and attend to some of the early tasks. Please think about it and consider helping your parish in this important role.

Daylight Saving Time starts next Sunday, March 8, so remember to move your clocks ahead by one hour before going to bed next Saturday night. Otherwise you may be late for Mass.

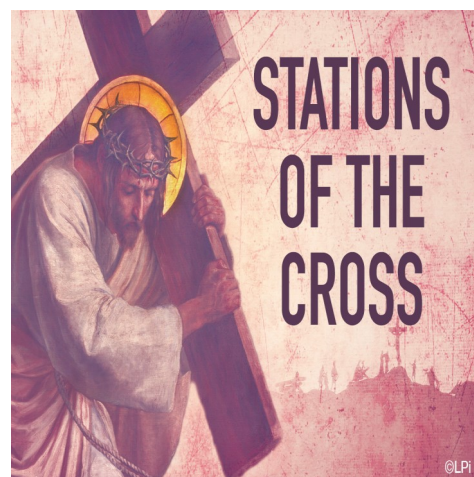
In Christ,
Father Matt



WEDNESDAYS OF LENT

Confession at 5:30pm
Mass at 6:00pm
Way of the Cross at 6:30pm

Light is on For You
Confessions
6:30-7:30pm



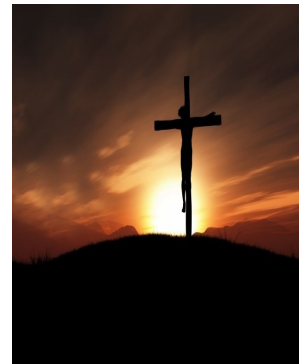


*The Sanctuary
Candle burns in
Memory of
Marshall Vince*



**Prayers and
Sympathy are
extended to the
family of
Grace Blanchard
Comeaux LeBlanc
upon her death.**

**7TH GRADE STUDENTS
NO CLASS on March 9th.**
All 7th graders **MUST** attend the
Stations of the Cross on
Wednesday, March 11th from
6:30-7:30pm and receive the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.
Please meet in the Activity Center
at 6:15 to check in and then
proceed to the Church.



**SACRAMENTAL
PREPARATION SESSION** for
2ND Graders & Students preparing
for **FIRST EUCHARIST**
Sessions are March 9th & 10th
during regular Class.
YOU must complete Chapters 1-4!
Catholic School Students must
choose one of these Sessions.

CENSUS 2020 IS COMING!

**Every resident in the Town of Brusly
gets counted!**

A Complete Count Committee is needed.
Please join us at our meeting on **March 4th**
at **6:30pm** at the **Brusly Town Hall** if you
want to join this **Committee** or apply
via email: **BRabalais@Bruslyla.com**
Please call the **Town Hall 749-2909** for
more information.

**10TH GRADE RETREAT
SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH
BEGINS WITH
MASS AT 11:00AM**



STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

February 16, 2020

198 Identified:	\$9,855.83
Loose Collection:	573.00
Total:	\$10, 428.83

Church in Eastern Europe: \$602.00



**8TH GRADE STUDENTS
STATIONS OF THE CROSS &
RECONCILIATION**
Wednesday, April 1st
6:30-7:30pm
Meet In Activity Center at
6:15pm
NO CLASS on March 2nd for
8th Grade ONLY.



**MICHELANGELO
EXHIBIT** coming to
Baton Rouge's
Raising Cane's
River Center April
1-30, 2020
See replicas of the
beautiful Sistine
Chapel and more!
Tickets onsale
through
Ticketmaster

**Full Time Director of Stewardship position
available at the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge**
Please submit your **Resume and References** to
br@diobr.org by **March 31, 2020.**

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REFLECT upon how GOD is calling you.
If GOD is calling you to a Church Vocation,
please call
Father Andrew Merrick 225-336-9778
or email him, amerrick@diobr.org

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan!" –Mt. 4:8-10a

Readings for the week of March 1, 2020

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
[cf. 3a]/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/
Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/
Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk
11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3,
7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/
Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-
48
Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2 Tm
1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9