



# 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.....	Mother'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,

Things are changing so rapidly with the measures to halt the spread of the coronavirus that some of the information in this bulletin may well be obsolete by the time it reaches you.

As you know by now, after consultation with the other bishops of the state, Bishop Duca made the difficult but necessary decision to immediately suspend all daily and Sunday Masses in the Diocese. Priests may still celebrate Mass privately, and be assured that all of are doing so as part of our priestly ministry.

Unfortunately, we have to cancel our two-night Lenten Mission that had been scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, March 30 and 31. I hope to reschedule the mission later in the year if at all possible. We have also closed our Zippers thrift shop so please hold on to your donations until they are able to reopen.

Many questions remain concerning baptisms, weddings, and funerals, and the Bishop will be sending out guidelines shortly. Our bereavement ministry and Communion to the homebound are also suspended for the foreseeable future.

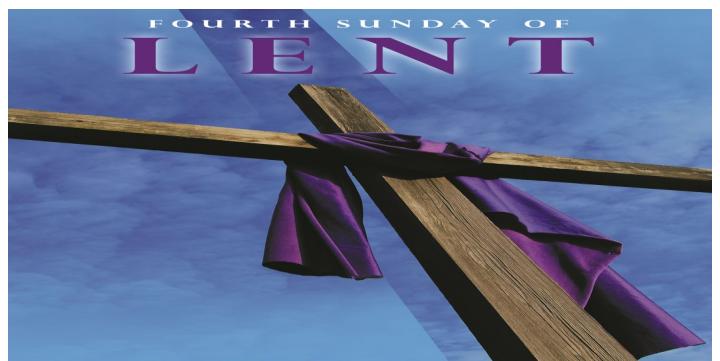
This Wednesday, March 25, is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, observed exactly nine months before the celebration of Christmas. Even though Mary had been prepared by God for her special role in salvation history, she could not have known ahead of time the exact nature of her vocation.

The visit by Gabriel startled and confused her, but she was reassured by an abundance of grace. She freely submitted to God's will and offered herself as the handmaid of the Lord. Thus, she provides a model for how to respond in faith to life's challenges.

The famous American writer and poet Edgar Allan Poe was not Catholic and perhaps not even very religious, but late in life he developed a friendship with the Jesuits of St. John's College (the future Fordham University). Catholic prayers and beliefs must have touched him because he composed a poem entitled "Hymn" based on the Angelus:

At morn - at noon - at twilight dim -  
Maria, thou hast heard my hymn!  
In joy and woe - in good and ill -  
Mother of God, be with me still!  
When the hours flew brightly by,  
And not a cloud obscured the sky,  
My soul, lest it should truant be,  
Thy grace did guide to thine and thee;  
Now, when the storms of fate o'er cast  
Darkly my present and my past,  
Let my future radiant shine  
With sweet hopes of thee and thine.

In Christ,  
Father Matt



**CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS  
THROUGH APRIL 13TH  
IN OUR CHURCH PARISH**

- All Christian Formation Classes are canceled.
- Abby Youth Festival in Covington on March 21st is canceled.
- Mothers Day Out Program is canceled.
- Friday & Sunday Homebound Communion is suspended during this time.
- Cancer Survivors Breakfast on March 21st is postponed and may be rescheduled.
- Bereavement Meals are suspended during this time.
- NO DONATIONS will be accepted by the Zippers and their shop will remain closed during this time.
- 2nd Grade Sacramental Prep Sessions on March 23rd & 24th are canceled.
- The Church Mission on March 30 & 31 is canceled.
- Wednesday Way of the Cross, Mass & Confessions are canceled during this time.
- There will be NO Daily or Weekend Masses during this time.

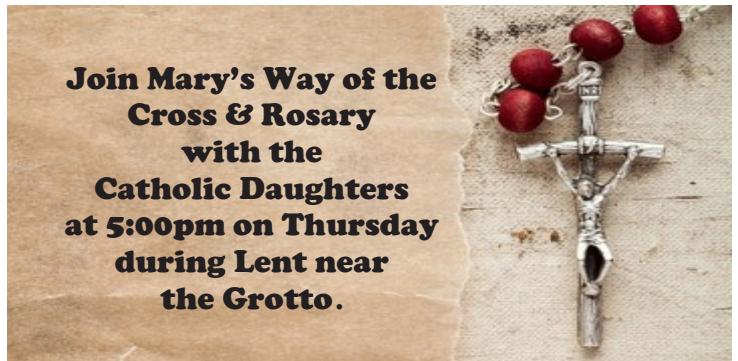
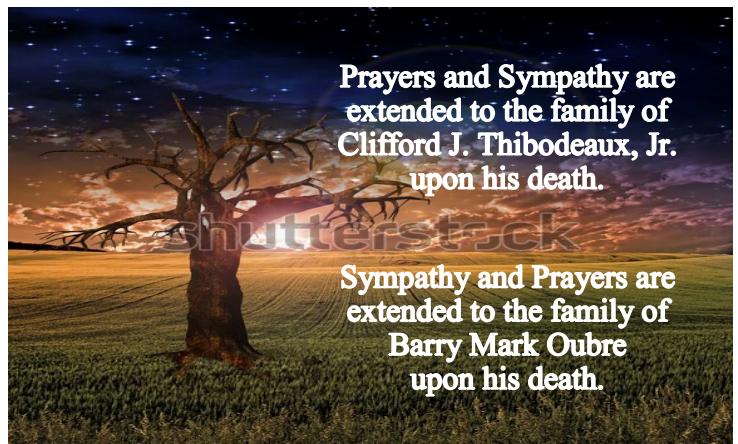


**PRAYER AGAINST CORONAVIRUS**  
Lord Jesus Christ, Our Divine Physician,  
We ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus  
COVID-19 and all serious illness.

For all that have died from it, have mercy.  
For those that are ill now, bring healing.  
For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them.  
For medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and  
shield them.

For those working to contain the spread, grant them  
success.

For those afraid, grant peace.  
May your precious blood be our defense and salvation.  
By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into  
moments of consolation and hope.  
May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any  
illness.  
We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen.



Please give generously to Catholic Relief Services and Operation Rice Bowl to help end World Hunger and Poverty. Donations will be accepted through April 13th.  
THANK YOU!

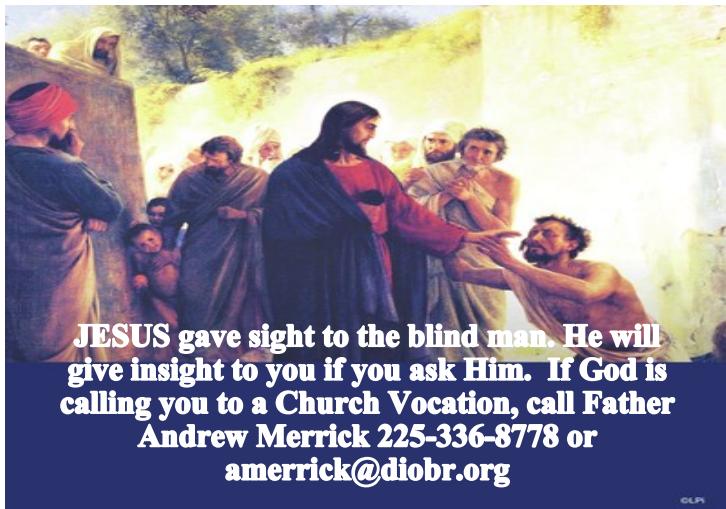
**STEWARSHIP OF FINANCES**

March 15, 2020

155 Identified:	\$8,512.83
Loose Collection:	<u>429.00</u>
Total:	\$8,941.83

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

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**JESUS gave sight to the blind man. He will give insight to you if you ask Him. If God is calling you to a Church Vocation, call Father Andrew Merrick 225-336-8778 or [amerrick@diobr.org](mailto:amerrick@diobr.org)**

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.  
Jn 9:35-38

**Readings for the week of March 22, 2020**

Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday:	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45