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

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	
Friday	a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.

## RECONCILIATION

# **PARISH STAFF**

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

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

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

P. O. Box 248, Brusly, Louisiana 70719

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**

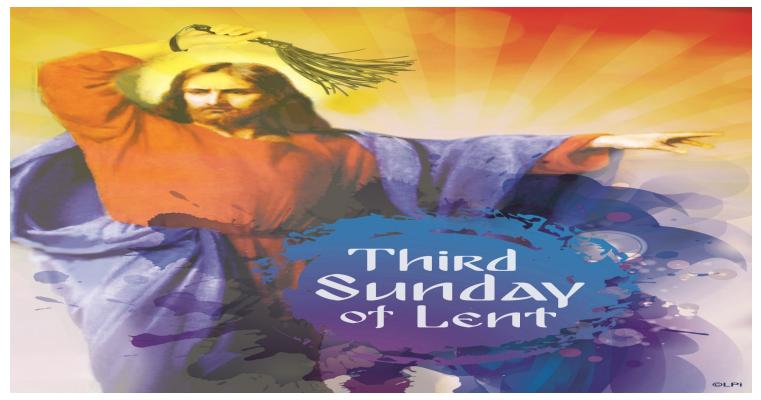
Emergency calls answered as soon as possible. Communion calls to homebound weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

## **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.



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

# The Merciful Anger of Jesus

Watch your fellow churchgoers today as the priest or deacon reads the story of Jesus raising hell (or perhaps he's raising heaven?) in the temple square. Dollars to donuts, they'll be squirming.

As Catholics, we have become very uncomfortable with Angry Jesus. He makes us cringe in the same way that the Old Testament God does when He calls Himself "jealous" and talks about punishment. That level of intensity makes us recoil. If it were present in a human relationship, it would be toxic and abusive, because in humanity, fierceness and love rarely coexist in a healthy way.

But what a tragedy it would be for us to mistake our relationship with God for our relationship with our spouse, our best friend, or even our human father. Because we cannot see clearly, we would mistake His zeal for anger and His law for diktat.

The strong and sure movement of a wave against a rocky cliff will, over time, erode its surface, just as an overabundance of raindrops will flood a city. We do not call the water callous and cruel. We still luxuriate in its coolness and refreshment. Its destructive powers don't negate the life-giving properties of water. We do not demand that water apologize to us for being strong.

Fierce, uncompromising — but also, soft and merciful. How can God — and God's law — be both, at the same time? How can Christ cast a whip at someone's foot, overturn a table and scatter coins? How can the law of God be perfect, as the Psalm says, and refresh the soul — while demanding so much of it?

All I can say is, thank God for Angry Jesus. We need his fierceness and thank God it does not wane because it confuses us. Thank God his mercy does not decrease because we doubt it.

"For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength." -1 Corinthians 1:25

# **CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

<u>Religion Mass</u> 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.

<u>7th & 8th Grade Confessions</u> 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.

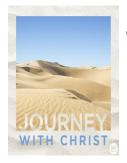
<u>Children's Church</u> We are still in need of helpers for 9:00am & 11:00am Masses. Please call Jayne Jason, 225-749-3387, to be a part of this ministry.



Congratulations to Calista Claire Daigle and Dylan Joseph Andre' who were married on February 23rd!

Please consider serving as a Homebound Eucharistic Minister on Friday or Sunday. Several of our dedicated ministers have resigned due to health reasons. Please call the Church Office to volunteer for this very important Ministry.





Pray for Vocations Can you dedicate your life to God and follow Jesus 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

Zippers Thrift Shop Sale Dates March 7 & 21 at 7:30am April 4 & 18 at 7:30am



You can reach them at 225-506-8622.



Stewardship of Finance Total Collection for February 18th: \$12,383.33 Church in Eastern Europe: \$881.00 Total Collection for February 25th: \$9,637.00 Black & Indian Missions: \$632.00



<u>Lenten Mission</u> Father Matthew Dunn will speak at the 6:00pm Mass on Wednesday, <u>March 6th</u>. The Divine Mercy Novena will immediately follow the Mass.

<u>Stations of the Cross</u> 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.



Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of Geraldine Clay Kelly upon her death.

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Marshall Vince.



#### Announcements

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

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.

The Eucharistic Revival featuring "The Eucharist as Sacrifice," will take place in the Activity Center on Thursday, March 21st at 6:30pm.



Mark Your Calendar and join the Women's Ministry!

Saturday. March 9th from 9:00am-2:30pm: Day of Prayer & Reflection on "The 7 Last Words". Please register online or at the Church Office. Lunch will be provided.

<u>Friday, March 22nd at 6:00pm</u>: Pray & Paint the Stations of the Cross in the Activity Center. Please register online at the Church website or email: sjbwmbrusly@gmail.com for more information.

Friday, May 3rd at 6:00pm: Rosary making

Friday, June 7th at 6:00pm: Line Dancing

Friday, December 6th at 6:00pm: Cookie Decorating



3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was ear, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He ound in the temple area those who old oxen, sheep, and doves, as well s the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. Jn 2:13b-15a

#### Readings for the week of March 3, 2024

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
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30
Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/
Mt 18:21-35
Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/
Mt 5:17-19
Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14
and 17/Mk 12:28-34
Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5,
6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
Scrutiny: 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



#### Holy Week Liturgical Ministers' <u>Practice in Church</u> Saturday, March 23rd at 9:00am For all those serving at Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Vigil

Holy Thursday, March 28th: Mass at 7:00pm Good Friday, March 29th: Passion at 12:00pm followed by the Way of the Cross Easter Vigil, March 30th: Mass at 8:00pm Easter Sunday, March 31st: Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am

Holy Land Olive wood Sale

Blessed Olive Wood Creations will be selling olive wood carvings, crosses, nativity sets and much more after all Masses on the weekend of March 16/17. These proceeds benefit the Christian families who live in the Holy Land.





St. Joseph Altar on Sunday, March 17th from 12:00pm-1:30pm at the K.C. Hall in Plaquemine

The Blessing and viewing of the altar takes place after 4:00pm Mass on Saturday, March 16th at the K.C. Hall. Serving from the altar follows the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, March 17th.