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Mass Schedule:

SATURDAY:

4PM CONFESSION
5PM MASS

SUNDAY:

7AM MASS
11AM MASS

WEEKDAYS:

WED. 7AM MASS
THURS. 7AM MASS
FRI. 7AM MASS

(CONFESSIONS ARE
AVAILABLE 15 MINUTES
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*Our
Lady of the
Assumption*

CLINTON, LA

Mass Schedule for Our Lady of the Assumption:

SUNDAY: 9AM MASS

TUESDAY: 6:15PM CONFESSION 6:30PM MASS

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THIRD SUNDAY OF

Lent

MARCH 19, 2017

Jesus said,
"Whoever drinks the
water I shall give
will never thirst;
the water I shall give
will become in them a
spring of water welling
up to eternal life."
John 4:14

THIRSTING FOR LIFE-GIVING WATERS

Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church revel in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side.

These images flow from the evangelists' portrayals of Jesus and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people's expectations about him or the ways of God. This "reversal" is at play in today's Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is also a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsting one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He—whose parched lips will say "I thirst" before he dies—is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent calls upon us to dwell on how each of us is thirsting for Christ, and it leads us, ultimately, back to the life-giving waters of our baptism into his Body. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Joseph; Spring begins
Thursday: St. Toribio de Mogrovejo
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: The Annunciation of the Lord

SANCTUARY LIGHT

MARCH 18TH - 24TH



The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn in memory of **Joey Vince**.

The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn in memory of **Fr. Joe Carlo and Fr. Jerry Siebold**.

New to the Parish

Harvey and Sandra Landry
in Zachary



Third Sunday of Lent One Small Step

In today's Gospel, we see the Samaritan woman coming to faith. The steps she takes are our steps, too. Though she needs Jesus' help, he approaches her first. He invites us to make the journey of faith long before we start, by putting us into a faithful family, giving us a curious heart that seeks the truth, sending us a friend or spouse whose example draws us to the Lord.

The next step is acknowledging our need and our sinfulness. Admitting our need for God, and especially for God's forgiveness, opens us to God's saving grace. Another step is drawing closer to God in prayer. Jesus tells the woman, and us, that the best worship is honest and from the Spirit.

When we begin to share our faith with others, we take the step of living our faith. Like the woman who told her neighbors about Jesus, we find that the people we have touched begin to find the Lord on their own. Our catechumens are taking these steps now, thanks to those who have helped them experience Jesus' invitation to faith.



St. Vincent de Paul Fill a Prescription for the Needy



The St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy has demonstrated excellence in providing prescription services to those in need since opening in 1995. Last year, they filled over 35,000 prescriptions valued over \$3 million for people in desperate need of prescription medication.

What can you do to help?

You can participate by removing the label from an empty prescription bottle from home and bringing it to church with a gift inside. This bottle can be placed in the Fill a Prescription for the Needy container found in the entrance of both churches. The container will be here through Palm Sunday. Empty bottles are available next to the small container.

The parish office extends a very special
THANK YOU
to the team that helped design the new
bulletin cover:
Chloe McCleary, Megan Southall, and
Cherie Gravois. *Thanks, Ladies!*





**We NEED volunteers to serve as Liturgical Ministers:
Readers, Lectors, and Altar Servers
at St. John**

We are planning a TRAINING SESSION for current and new liturgical ministers
the second week of April
to include instructions for the NEW church.

More details coming soon. Please contact the parish office if you can HELP!



The Men's Club of St. John is hosting its annual

Barbeque Chicken Dinner Sale.

Dinners are \$8.00 each.



Palm Sunday

April, 9th

Pick up 11:00 am—1:00 pm

Tickets available from a member of the Men's Club, following all Masses, and in the Parish Office.



Handmade Communion Veils
By Patsy Bueche

Contact: 654-9553

24 Hour Adoration

Begins Monday, March 20th at 8:00 am.

Please make a visit to the chapel even if you did
not sign up for a specific time.



CRS Rice Bowl

This week, CRS introduces us to Fernando in El Salvador where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, youth are pursuing their dreams of building businesses to better the lives of their families.

How have you worked to better the lives of others this Lent?

Visit: crsricebowl.org for more information



LENTEN CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASSES:

OLA: Tuesdays at 6:30pm

SJB: Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 7:00am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

OLA: Tuesdays at 6:00pm before Mass

SJB: Fridays at 7:30am following Mass and 6:00pm

FRIDAY LENTEN PROGRAM

SJB: Fridays beginning at 5:45pm with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, followed at 6:00pm with Stations of the Cross, a Meditation, and ending with a Lenten Meal provided by the different organizations of our parish.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

OLA: Tuesday, March 21 at 6:00pm

SJB: Wednesday, March 22 at 6:00pm

PARISH MISSION

April 2nd—4th: "Answering the Door: Letting Jesus into your life this Lent"

Speakers: Katie Prejean and Tommy McGrady

**DURING LENT, LET US
FIND CONCRETE WAYS
TO OVERCOME OUR
INDIFFERENCE.**

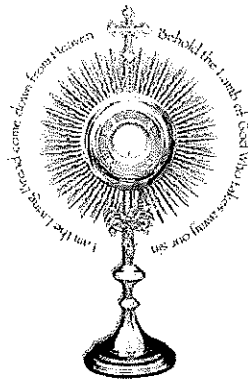
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SJB Religious Education

K-5th Sunday, March 19th 9:15 – 10:45 AM

EDGE (middle school CCD) Sunday, March 19th 5:pm-7:PM

Life Teen (High school CCD) March 26th 5:00-7:PM



24 HOUR

ADORATION

MONDAY, MARCH 20TH

Sign up: suzanpayne@gmail.com

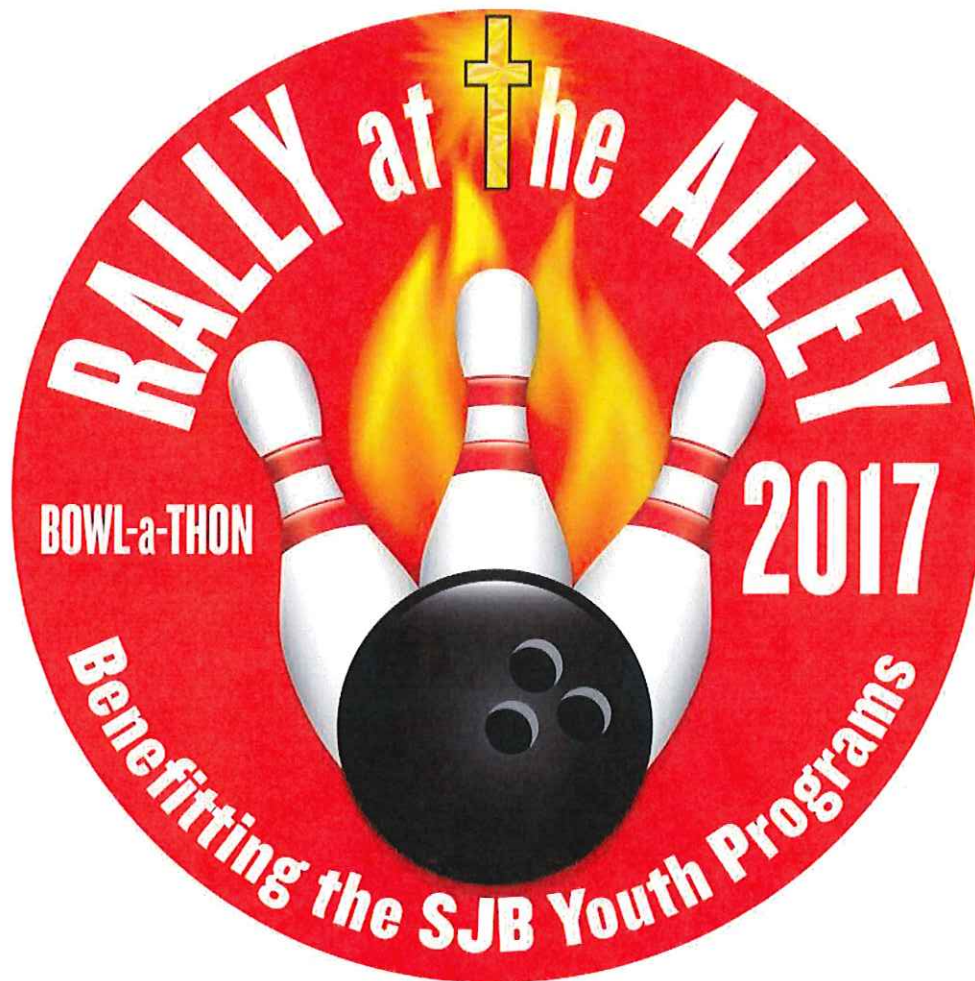
First Holy Communion Retreat

Saturday, April 1st 9 -12

****Parents: Please complete the work pages in the yellow folder and continue reviewing the Catechism book and prayers.**

Parent life: www.sjb-ola.org click each week on Religious Ed: [Parent Life](#) to know what we are doing and an opportunity to keep the conversation going on the topics covered in Life Teen and EDGE. If your child has missed CCD classes please contact us for make up work.

Thank You!!!



I want to thank everyone who participated in our 2nd annual Rally at the Alley Bowl-a-thon! We are so grateful for all the prayers, donors and volunteers that made this event another success! I want to specifically thank the SJB Resource Committee for all their hard work and dedication. They work nonstop and support the Youth Ministry Program tremendously! We had a great time "Letting the Good Times Bowl" and look forward to next year!

What we know about St. Joseph

He was a carpenter, a **working man**. "Is this not the carpenter's son?" Matthew 13:55

He was **humble and poor** even though he was from royal lineage (David). When he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified he offered the sacrifice of two turtle doves or a pair of pigeons, allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb. Luke 2:24

He was **compassionate and caring**. "Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel' (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus." Matthew 1:19-25

He was **obedient**. "When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. 'Get up,' he said, 'take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.' So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod." Matthew 2:13-15

He **loved Jesus**. Not only did he flee his home to protect Jesus, but upon his return settled in the obscure town of Nazareth. When Jesus was lost for three days, Joseph and Mary searched with great anxiety for him. "When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." Luke 2:48

He **respected God**. He followed God's commands. He took Jesus to the temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified. We are told that he took his family to Jerusalem every year for Passover, something that could not have been easy for a working man.

He is the **patron** of the dying, the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers, travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers, and working people in general.

He has two feast days: March 19th for St. Joseph, husband of Mary and May 1st for St. Joseph, the worker.

There is much we still wish we knew about Joseph: when and where he was born, how he spent his days, when and how he died. But scripture has left us with the most important knowledge: who we was-

"A RIGHTEOUS MAN". Matthew 1:18

In honor of St. Joseph, which one of his virtues can we imitate this week?



Please donate your
Sago Palms
for Palm Sunday (April 9th).

You can drop them off at the
Parish Office.



Pray for our Military and their families

Marvin Ashford, Jr., Army	Aaron Barr, USAF
James A. Benning, USMC	Matthew Boyd, Army
Cody Castello, USMC	Eugene Cazedessus, USMC
LeLand Crochet, III, USMC	Matthew Charlet Dart, USN
Chandler Derouen, Army	Patrick Deslatte, USN
Jacqueline Deslatte, USN	Stephen DiLorenzo, Army
Adam Foster, USN	Thomas Foster, USN
Christian Fuller, USAF	Brad Gautreaux, USMC
J. Michael Head, USMC	Joseph N. Jones, Jr., Army
Sabrina Jones, LaNG	Markus Kippers, USN
Dustin Knight, USN	Joseph L. LeBlanc Jr., Army
Stanley Mays, USAF	Andrew Metcalf, Army
Ben Gordon Morseth, USCG	Gordon Newman, Army
Robert Brett Parker, LaNG	Brian Plauche, USAF
Andrea Byrd Prosser, USCG	Mike Prosser, USCG
Jesse B. Richard, Army	Nicholas Richards, USN
Michael Roberts, USCG	James Rouchon, USMC
Jarrold Mason Sealey, USAF	David Welch, LaNG
Gordon M. White, USAF	Christopher Williston, USAF

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 03/12/2017

St. John the Baptist

Identified Contributions (150 Families)	\$	6,001.50
Unidentified Contributions	\$	960.02
Regular / ONLINE Contributions (32)	\$	2,270.00
Building Maintenance (9)	\$	505.00
Building Maintenance / ONLINE (2)	\$	30.00
Youth Ministry (6)	\$	130.00
Youth Ministry / ONLINE (1)	\$	25.00
Easter Flowers (15)	\$	560.00
Easter Flowers / ONLINE (1)	\$	50.00
Religious Educations / ONLINE (1)	\$	10.00
Love: St. Vincent de Paul / ONLINE (1)	\$	100.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$	170.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$	20.00
Legacy of Faith / Capital Camp	\$	4,980.00
Legacy of Faith / Brick Paver	\$	125.00
Legacy of Faith / OLA Parishioner (3)	\$	300.00
Legacy of Faith / ONLINE (33)	\$	1,610.00
CAMPAIGN TOTAL	\$	6,426,444.83

Our Lady of Assumption

Identified Contributions (37 Families)	\$	2,190.57
Unidentified Contributions	\$	288.00
Regular / ONLINE Contributions (3)	\$	100.00
Building Maintenance (5)	\$	160.57
Building Maintenance / ONLINE (1)	\$	10.00
Youth Ministry (1)	\$	50.00
Easter Flowers	\$	20.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$	20.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$	20.00

NEXT WEEK at St. John the Baptist

Sunday, March 19th

Third Sunday of Lent

-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee & Pastries
-9:15 am: K-5th Religious Ed class
-11:00 am: Mass
-5:00 pm: Edge

Monday, March 20th

-8:00 am: 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration
-6:30 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group
-6:30 pm: Boy and Cub Scouts

Tuesday, March 21st

-5:00 pm: Children's Choir
-5:30 pm: Youth Choir
-6:00 pm: Adult Choir

Wednesday, March 22nd

-7:00 am: Mass
-5:30 pm: Jr. High Youth Night
-6:00 pm: Penance Service

Thursday, March 23rd

-7:00 am: Mass / Divine Mercy
-6:00 pm: Catholicism Series by Handmaids of the Lord

Friday, March 24th

-7:00 am: Mass / Stations / Coffee & Biscuits
-5:45 pm: Divine Mercy
-6:00 pm: Stations / Talk / Lenten Meal
-7:30 pm: N. A. Meeting

Saturday, March 25th

-4:00 pm: Confessions
-5:00 pm: Mass
-6:30 pm: Armada Prayer Group

Sunday, March 26th

Fourth Sunday of Lent

-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee & Pastries
-11:00 am: Mass / Children's Liturgy
-12:00 noon: Baptisms
-5:00 pm: Lifeteen



NEXT WEEK at Our Lady

Sunday, March 19th

Third Sunday in Lent

-9:00 am: Mass
-10:00 am: K-11th Religious Ed Class #14

Tuesday, March 20th

-6:00 pm: Penance Service
-6:00 pm: Stations of the Cross
-6:30 pm: Mass
-7:00 pm: Soup Supper

Wednesday, March 22nd

-5:30 pm: Jr. High Youth Night at SJB

Sunday, March 26th

Fourth Sunday in Lent

-9:00 am: Mass



PENANCE SERVICE

OLA: Tuesday, March 21st at 6 pm
SJB: Wednesday, March 22nd at 6 pm



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