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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
BEFORE DAILY MASSES)

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Lady of the
Assumption*
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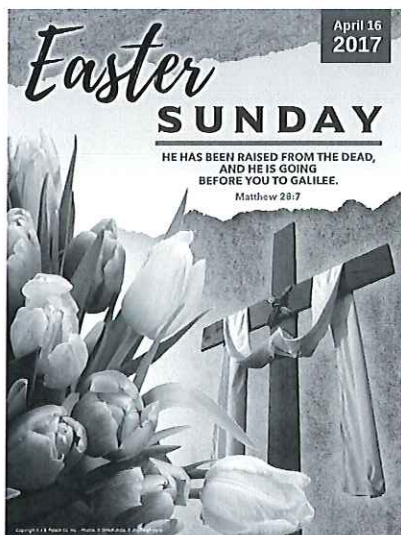
Mass Schedule for Our Lady of the Assumption:

SUNDAY: 9AM MASS

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

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REJOICE AND BE GLAD

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24). Let us remember that these words of today's responsorial psalm are not only sung from the hearts of those gathered in our parish. They are also sung by the poor in tiny barrios

throughout Central and South America. They are sung by those denied religious freedom in our world; these Christians lift their voices in clandestine places of worship. These words are sung by people who have lost loved ones to acts of terrorism and war around the globe. Even in the midst of conflict and division, Christians still come together to declare that poverty, loneliness, violence, and division will never, ever have as much power as the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Indeed, let us rejoice this day and be glad!

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
 Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
 Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
 Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
 Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
 Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter
 Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

SANCTUARY LIGHT

APRIL 15TH - APRIL 21ST

The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn in memory of **Shirley Hunt**.

The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn in memory of **Maude Williams**.



DEDICATION OF THE NEW CHURCH Sunday, April 30th 2:00 pm



Please join us in a joyful celebration for the Dedication of our new church by Bishop Muench. He will be joined by Fr. Bayhi and several priests in celebrating the Dedication and first Mass in the church.

(NO 11:00 am Mass this day.)



Our Communities of Faith extend our sympathy and prayerful support for the families of:

Anna Marie Lovelady Monceaux, parishioner of OLA;
 and **Charles Cerise**, parishioner of SJB
 and husband of Beverly.

May the Lord grant comfort and peace to these families and may they and all who sleep in Christ, find in His presence light, happiness and peace.

Easter Sunday Believing Is Seeing

You've heard the saying "Seeing is believing." Today's first reading seems to say just the opposite. You might think that when Jesus rose from the dead, everyone would see him. Yet Peter says that he was only visible to some of the disciples. Even they did not immediately see him. The first thing they saw was the empty tomb, with burial cloths lying on the ground. They may have thought that if his enemies had stolen Jesus' body, they would not have removed the burial cloths; touching a corpse would have made them unclean.

So it seems the empty tomb helped them to believe, and believing enabled them to see the Lord. The exception to this may be Thomas, who said he would not believe until he saw and touched Jesus' risen body. Yet when he does see the Lord, Jesus himself declares that believing is primary when he blesses those who have not seen but still believe (John 20:31).

What does this mean for us? Jesus seems to be hidden again. Yet we say that he is present in the sacraments; baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation show that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit live in us. So perhaps we just need to believe in order to see him. Mother Teresa could do it. She said she was amazed at the love she felt when she saw Jesus in the poor and the dying people of Calcutta. Maybe we need to grow in faith so that we can see Jesus in the poor, the dying, the people who annoy us, even our enemies. That is why it is so important to spread the faith; if we don't see Jesus in everyone, we may never have true peace.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Easter is nearly three weeks later this year than last. Why does the date wobble around the calendar so? The way of calculating the date was set by the Emperor Constantine in 325. The decision ended a very bitter controversy in the church. Some people wanted to synchronize the Pasch with Passover on the fourteenth day of the Jewish month Nissan, and their opponents wanted it after the Passover was complete, on the Sunday after the first full moon of springtime. The ecclesiastical rules do not exactly connect with the astronomical rules. The emperor squashed the hopes of the quartodecimans, as the fans of 14 Nissan were called, and chose Sunday. The traditional rule is that Easter is the first Sunday after the first ecclesiastical full moon that occurs on or after the vernal equinox, the fourteenth day of the new moon, and later than March 21. Thus, Easter wobbles between March 22 and April 25.

The actual tables and methods for computing the date are extraordinarily detailed, with subtle variations and mind-bending exceptions and charts with “golden numbers,” “dominical letters,” and “epacts” measuring leap years. In 1954 and 1962 the ecclesiastical calculations actually overrode the astronomical new moons and bumped Easter back a month! Today, there is a movement in the World Council of Churches (Protestants and Orthodox) for all Christians to combine their celebrations, based on the star charts for the Jerusalem skies. In principle, the Catholic Church is open to an ecumenical agreement on a fixed date for Easter, but we desire a unanimous decision from the World Council.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Easter Sunday

Alleluia! Easter is here at last! All the days of Lenten discipline and the sadness of Good Friday are over and we are here to rejoice. The readings remind us that we have a lot to rejoice about: the life of Jesus, his death and resurrection, and his promise to us. The psalm describes the stone, Jesus, who was rejected and who has become the very foundation of our faith. But it is John who tells the story of those first moments of uncertainty, fear, and excitement experienced by Mary of Magdala and two disciples, John and Simon Peter, when they discover that their beloved Jesus is not where they had buried him. Even though they do not understand the full meaning of his absence, they still believe.

GONE

Acts gives us the whole story in a nutshell. Jesus was baptized, anointed, and preached. He was crucified, died, and rose. Each line of the Gospel gives us a bit more information about this unfolding mystery that Mary of Magdala, John, and Simon Peter are encountering. First, Mary comes and sees just the stone removed from the entrance to the tomb and knows something is wrong. Then John comes and sees the burial cloths lying in the tomb. Finally, Peter comes and enters the tomb and sees the cloths spread around the tomb. But there is no body. What are they to do? What are we to do?

BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Do they understand it all? Do we understand it? No. Not even Jesus' closest friends knew what to make of his absence. But this absence, the absence of his body, does not feel like the loss we experienced on Friday as we recalled his painful, agonizing death. Then we felt loss and fear and a profound emptiness. But his absence today fills us with hope and joy and a peace we only feel when the one we thought was lost is found again. We believe even without understanding because we experience not just his death but his whole life, a life that, as the disciples and we will soon realize, is transformed. We can believe that what Jesus said is true. Every word he spoke about his life and death, about his love for us and for the Father, every transformation of water to wine, every curing of the sick of body and soul, every day spent in the company of outcasts and the poor, every word of comfort and challenge, all of it is true because not even death itself could hold our beloved friend within a tomb.

Today's Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37–43; Ps 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8; Jn 20:1–9

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SJB Religious Education

Life Teen (High school CCD) April 23rd 5:00-7:PM

This is the final session. Attendance is mandatory for all including the newly Confirmed. We also invite the rising 9th graders (currently 8th) to attend as well.

**The final session of Children's Liturgy was this past weekend.
Children's Liturgy will resume in the Fall.**



24 HOUR

ADORATION

MONDAY, APRIL 17TH

Sign up: suzanpayne@gmail.com

CCD Registration for 2017-18

is now available online. www.sjb-ola.org

Early Reg. prices now till June 30th

Vacation Bible School- Tuesday, May 30th - June 2nd

Rising Kindergarten – 5th grade



May 6th, 2017

6:00 to 7:30 PM

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Gymnasium



\$20.00 per person

Youth under the age of 16- \$10.00

Raffle items available the evening of the dinner.

**Tickets will be available in the Youth Ministry Office.*

Reservations are limited.

*This fundraiser is put on by St. John's Youth group and will
benefit their summer mission trip to
Chattanooga, TN!*

Contact Katie for more information 225-301-3197 kmyrick@sjb-ola.org



THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Both Religious Education and the Youth Ministry Departments
work very closely on our common goal:
LEADING OUR CHILDREN CLOSER TO CHRIST!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

YOUTH MINISTRY

MISSION

To support parents in their efforts to teach children about our faith including Sacramental preparation.

Provide opportunities for the middle and high school students of our parish to experience their faith in different ways beyond the classroom.

MEANS

☺ **K-5th:** program called “**Christ Our Life**”. The children meet twice a month during the school year and participate in this dynamic interactive program.

☺ **6th-8th:** program called “**Edge**”. The middle grade students meet twice a month during the school year using scripture, catechism, videos, guest speakers, activities and small group discussions.

☺ **9th-11th:** program call “**Lifeteen**”. The high school students meet twice a month during the school year using a design similar to Edge.

For Confirmation preparation, we use the Dynamic Catholic program called “Decision Point”.

We also supply opportunities for retreats and community service, Vacation Bible School, specialized individual catechism for youth unable to participate in our classes.

Our Youth meet throughout the year for FUN, formative and educational programs and events to help them grown and share their faith:

☺ Working at the homeless shelter

☺ Mission trips

☺ Stubenville retreats

☺ DYC

☺ Abbey Youth Fest

☺ World Youth Day

☺ March for Life

☺ Bible Studies

☺ Retreats

☺ Concerts

☺ Many, many fun activities

FUNDED

1. Registration Fees
2. Donations (once a year envelope)
3. Monthly stipend from the parish budget

1. Donations: monthly envelopes
(The money from these envelopes do not go to the Religious Ed Dept.)
2. Fundraising events

WE NEED YOUR HELP

1. Prayer
2. Volunteer
3. Donation

Confirmation:

Practice: Tuesday, April 18 at 6PM
 Sacrament: Wednesday, April 19 at 7PM
 (No morning Mass on Wednesday)

**First Eucharist at SJB**

Practice: Saturday, April 22nd at 9AM
 Sacrament: Saturday, April 22nd at 5PM

First Eucharist at OLA

Sacrament: Sunday, April 23rd at 9AM

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 04/09/2017**St. John the Baptist**

Identified Contributions (173 Families)	\$	7,942.00
Unidentified Contributions	\$	879.86
Regular / ONLINE Contributions (59)	\$	3,606.00
Building Maintenance (13)	\$	366.00
Building Maintenance / ONLINE (11)	\$	300.00
Youth Ministry (5)	\$	77.00
Youth Ministry / ONLINE (2)	\$	45.00
Easter Flowers (1)	\$	25.00
Easter Flowers / ONLINE (5)	\$	123.00
Legacy of Faith / Capital Camp (32)	\$	3,443.00
Legacy of Faith / Pavers	\$	2,008.68
Legacy of Faith / ONLINE (15)	\$	3,558.00
CAMPAIGN TOTAL	\$	6,455,188.89

Our Lady of Assumption

Identified Contributions (36 Families)	\$	2,115.57
Unidentified Contributions	\$	320.00
Regular / ONLINE Contributions (7)	\$	840.00
Building Maintenance (2)	\$	75.57
Building Maintenance (2) / ONLINE	\$	35.00
Youth Ministry (2)	\$	30.00
Easter Flowers / ONLINE (1)	\$	25.00

NEXT WEEK at St. John the Baptist

Sunday, April 16

**Easter Sunday
 of the Resurrection of the Lord**

-7:00 am: Mass

-11:00 am: Mass

Monday, April 17

Office Closed

-8:00 am: 24 Hour Adoration Begins

-6:30 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group

-6:30 pm: Scouts

Tuesday, April 18

Office Closed

-6:00 pm: Confirmation Practice

-6:00 pm: Adult Choir

Wednesday, April 19

-NO morning Mass

-7:00 pm: Confirmation

Thursday, April 20

-7:30 am: Mass

Friday, April 21

-7:30 am: Mass / Divine Mercy / Coffee & Biscuits

-7:30 pm: N.A. Meeting

Saturday, April 22

-9:00 am: First Eucharist Practice

-4:00 pm: Confession

-5:00 pm: Mass / First Eucharist

Sunday, April 23

Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee & Pastries

-11:00 am: Mass

-5:00 pm: Lifeteen

**NEXT WEEK at Our Lady**

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-9:00 am: Mass

Tuesday, April 18

-NO Mass

Sunday, April 23

Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy

-9:00 am: Mass / First Eucharist



*Thank
 You*

SJB Men's Club

The office staff wishes to thank the members of the Men's Club for volunteering their time and muscle to remove and replace the furniture in two of the offices so the carpet could be replaced.
 We can always count on you! Thank you!



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