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## St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

ZACHARY, LA



### Mass Schedule:

#### SATURDAY:

4PM CONFESSION  
 5PM MASS

#### SUNDAY:

7AM MASS  
 11AM MASS

#### WEEKDAYS:

WED. 7AM MASS  
 THURS. 7:30 MASS  
 FRI. 7:30 MASS,  
 DIVINE MERCY TO FOLLOW

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 AVAILABLE 15 MINUTES  
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 Assumption*  
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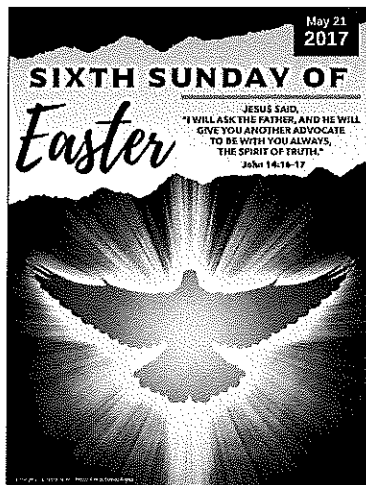
### Mass Schedule for Our Lady of the Assumption:

**SUNDAY:** 9AM MASS

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

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## PEOPLE OF HOPE

Throughout this Easter season the readings have drawn us into the experience of the early church. We have tasted the excitement and zeal of the first Christians. Now, with them, we listen to the words of Saint Peter, who reminds us that when people notice that we are people of hope, we

should be ready to explain why. This challenges us. Do others even notice that we are people of hope? In a world often marked by cynicism and hopelessness, do we stand out as people who offer hope and reassurance to others? In today's Gospel Jesus promises that when he leaves the earth he will not leave us orphaned. Today he promises to send his Advocate, the Spirit of truth who will be with us always. Let us acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit and ask the Spirit to make us people of hope. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;  
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a  
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11  
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;  
Jn 16:12-15  
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23;  
Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension);  
otherwise  
Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20  
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23  
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28  
Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16;  
Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension)  
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23;  
Mt 28:16-20

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Rita of Cascia)  
Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord  
(unless transferred to Sunday)  
Friday: St. Philip Neri  
Saturday: St. Augustine of Canterbury

### QUOTE:

If you wish to go to extremes, let it be in sweetness, patience, humility, and charity. —St. Philip Neri

## SANCTUARY LIGHT

MAY 20th - MAY 26th

The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn  
in memory of **Deceased Members**  
of the **Altar Society**.

The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn  
in memory of **Andrew Cambre**.



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

**Tom Bagbey**, parishioner of SJB.

May the Lord grant comfort and peace to this  
family and may he and all who sleep in Christ, find in His  
presence light, happiness and peace.

## WELCOME—NEW TO THE PARISH

Scott and Meredith Fitzgerald & Caroline in Zachary  
Hayley Gleason and Landry in Zachary

## Sixth Sunday of Easter Share in the Power

This Sunday is two weeks before Pentecost, but already the readings prepare us for that feast. The first reading from Acts shows us the conversion of the Samaritans, thanks to Philip's preaching and curing the sick. He did this through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit makes Jesus present today, not just in the sacraments, but through us, his disciples.

Jesus knew that after his Resurrection appearances, he would not be visible as a man. Instead, he would live in all of his followers through the power of the Holy Spirit. That's why he tells the disciples that the Spirit will be with them and in them. So confirmation, the laying on of hands (Acts 8:17), reminds us that when God lives in us, we share in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In the second reading, Peter gives us practical advice. First, he tells us to be ready to explain our hope in the Lord. That hope comes from our faith in the Resurrection. When you hear that people saw and talked to Jesus after he rose from the dead, then hear that anyone who follows Jesus will share in that resurrection, you begin to have real hope. Next, Peter tells us to avoid sin, not because we won't be forgiven again, but to show that we can live a life free from sin, selfishness, and hatred. Freedom from sin allows us to give a good example of how to live. Abandoning selfishness allows us to love others without counting the cost. When we are free from hatred, we are able to forgive others as we have been forgiven. As we live in Jesus and he in us, our happiness will attract people to God.

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## NEW CHURCH INFORMATION

### THE TRAINING ROOMS (Cry Room)

There are two "Training Rooms" available on the right side at the front of the church. One of the rooms is equipped with a changing table and restroom.

The transept area of Our Lady's Altar is a perfect place to sit with your family in case the need arises to take your child to the Training Room during Mass.

#### *To our parents:*

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
- All are welcome.
- We encourage you to sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Quietly explain the parts of the Mass. Children learn liturgical behavior by imitating you.
- Please refrain from playing with your children during Mass, even in the Training Room, so that they do not get the *wrong message..... that being at church is play time.*
- If you leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but **please come back**. The Training Rooms have glass windows which provide sound proof environment and allows you to continue participating in the Mass .



As Jesus said,  
"Let the little children  
come to me."



# Annual Lunch

**June 8th at 11:00 AM**

At Cabo's Mexican Restaurant  
(same parking lot with Sammy's)  
Each lady is responsible for her tab.

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

### TRAINING SESSIONS

for **new** Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

**THURSDAY, MAY 25TH**

**Lectors at 6:00pm**

**Eucharistic Ministers at 7:00pm**



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There is a basket in the cabinet for your \$3.00 donation per book to help cover the cost.

Books are also available at the entrance of the Adoration Chapel.

Our monthly Magnificats

are now available in the new church.

You will find them in the display cabinet in the Vestibule,  
on the left side, the middle section.



Vacation Bible School May 30<sup>th</sup> - June 2<sup>nd</sup>:

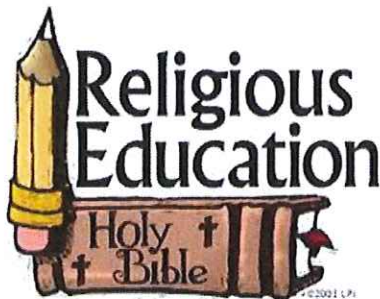
Registration is now open.

Registration Forms available in the Religious Ed and Church office and church website [www.sjb-ola.org](http://www.sjb-ola.org)

- Attendants to bring a small, outgrown, t-shirt with their name clearly marked in the collar area for an art project.
- If the horses are available, we will need to have a signed release form for each child.
- Skit practice, for any middle and high school students who want to help with VBS doing the morning skits is Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 9-11am.
- We are in need of donations for VBS: small bottles of water; individually wrapped [nut free] cookies, gold fish, animal crackers, vanilla wafers, pretzels, rice crispy, etc.; monetary donations to cover cost of meals, [if you can bring food for one of the days please call the office for details]

All hands and hearts are welcome to help, even if for part of a day.

Thank you!



Religious Education Registration for 2017– 2018 is now open with early bird prices thru June 30<sup>th</sup>.

You can register and pay online or in our office.

We are in the office 8:AM till 4:30PM, Monday - Wednesday during the summer.

*"To plant a seed is to believe in tomorrow." ...Audrey Hepburn*

*Help us plant the seed of faith!*





*We want to thank everyone who came out and joined us or supported us in any way for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Italian Dinner!*

*We will be using the funds raised to attend our Mission Trip next month!*

*Auction Item:*

*Handmade BBQ cart Made by Randell Burris- won by Paul Fontenot*

*Raffle Items:*

*Image of the Blessed Mother donated by Marie Kenndey- won by John and Claudia Hurst*

*Knights of Columbus pens made by Randall Burris- won by Marian Byrd and Buddy Mouton*

*Tempered glass cutting board donation by Lancaster House- won by Deborah Mannino*

*Cast Iron Dutch Oven donated by Amrhein and Sons- won by Brian Capone*

*I also want to thank the SJB Youth committee members for all of their time and hard work that they put into helping organize all of the fundraisers to support our growing youth ministry to enable them to encounter Christ in different events such as the March for Life, Mission Trip, and Steubenville Conferences. Our Team is called SJB Youth Resource Committee and our members are Marie Kennedy, Suzanne Payne, Susan Blackwell, Ray and Donna Gremillion, Vanessa Vince, Suzanne Bourgeois, Joe Amorello, Terri Burris, Sarah Cavell, Brian and Charlotte Delatorre, Lance Kennedy, Jeff and Donna Richards, Janet Rioux, and Kay Mestayer. Our team is always looking to grow! You may not be able to put in time, but if you can point us in the direction of resources is very helpful too! Please Contact Katie in Youth Ministry if you are interested in joining our team!*

*[kmerrick@sjb-ola.org](mailto:kmerrick@sjb-ola.org) 225-654-5885*

## ST. RITA OF CASCIA

Rita was the daughter of Antonio and Amata Lotti, who had her late in life. In Rita's early years, she visited the Augustinian nuns at Cascia, Italy, and showed interest in a religious life. However, when she was twelve, her parents betrothed her to Paolo Mancini, an ill-tempered, abusive individual who worked as town watchman. Disappointed but obedient, Rita married him when she was 18, and gave birth to twin sons. She put up with Paolo's abuses for eighteen years before he was ambushed and stabbed to death. Rita mourned her husband's death and interceded for his soul with great earnest. Her two young sons talked of avenging their father's death. Rita did all she could to guide her children into forgiveness, but was unable to dissuade them from their evil intentions. Prayer was her only hope. She prayed that God would change the evil swelling up in the hearts of her sons, or allow them to die before they had the chance to commit a mortal sin and in so doing be separated from God forever. God granted her prayers. Both of her two sons died within a year in a state of grace; they were prevented from following the evil path of their father.

Upon the deaths of her sons, Rita again felt the call to religious life. However, some of the sisters at the Augustinian monastery were relatives of her husband's murderers, and she was denied entry for fear of causing dissension. Asking for the intervention of Saint John the Baptist, Saint Augustine of Hippo, and Saint Nicholas of Tolentino, she managed to bring the warring factions together, not completely, but sufficiently that there was peace, and she was admitted to the monastery of Saint Mary Magdalen at age 36.

Rita lived 40 years in the convent, spending her time in prayer and charity, and working for peace in the region. She was devoted to the Passion, and in response to a prayer to suffer as Christ, she received a chronic head wound that appeared to have been caused by a crown of thorns, and which bled for 15 years.

Confined to her bed the last four years of her life, eating little more than the Eucharist, she spent her time teaching and directing the younger sisters. Near the end she had a cousin from her home town ask if she'd like anything; Rita's only request was a rose from her family's estate. The cousin went to the home, but it being January, knew there was no hope of finding a flower. There, sprouted on an otherwise bare bush, was a single rose blossom.

She died on May 22, 1457 at Cascia, and many miracles were reported instantly. She was buried at the Basilica of Cascia and was later discovered to be incorrupt. Her body can be found today in the Saint Rita Shrine at Cascia.

St. Rita certainly had a difficult life but her heartbreaking circumstances drove her to prayer and helped her to become a holy woman. She never lost her faith in God, or her desire to be with Him.

**PATRON:** of impossible causes, sterility, abuse victims, loneliness, marriage difficulties, parenthood, widows, the sick, and bodily ills and wounds.

**LESSON:** There is always hope—never lose faith!

**ACTION:** When facing a difficult and impossible life circumstance, resort to prayer after the example of St. Rita.

Sources: [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org), [www.catholiccompany.com](http://www.catholiccompany.com), [www.catholicsaints.info](http://www.catholicsaints.info)







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We are looking to purchase a used **GOLF CART** in good condition for use by the parish staff to help with the many trips to the new church. Call the office if you can help.



## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 05/14/2017

### St. John the Baptist

Identified Contributions (160 Families)	\$	8,647.50
Unidentified Contributions	\$	1,277.31
Regular / ONLINE Contributions (34)	\$	2,200.00
Building Maintenance (8)	\$	185.00
Building Maintenance / ONLINE (2)	\$	35.00
Youth Ministry (2)	\$	35.00
Youth Ministry / ONLINE (1)	\$	25.00
Religious Ed / ONLINE (1)	\$	10.00
Catholic Commentator (20)	\$	359.00
Legacy of Faith / Capital Camp (94)	\$	22,571.00
Legacy of Faith / OLA Parishioners (2)	\$	150.00
Legacy of Faith / ONLINE (16)	\$	1,962.00
<b>CAMPAIGN TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,526,457.54</b>

### Our Lady of Assumption

Identified Contributions (41 Families)	\$	2,755.57
Unidentified Contributions	\$	398.71
Regular / ONLINE Contributions (4)	\$	180.00
Building Maintenance (3)	\$	130.57
Youth Ministry (2)	\$	105.00
Catholic Commentator (6)	\$	125.00

We are forming a new group:

### "St. John's Dusters".



The "Dusters" will meet every Tuesday morning to dust the new church. The date we will begin to be announced soon.

No heavy cleaning; just dusting the pews and the many intricate articles in the church.

Call Libby Morgan at 654-3501 for more information.

The Parish Offices will be closed

Monday, May 29th

For Memorial Day.



## NEXT WEEK at St. John the Baptist

**Sunday, May 21**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee & Pastries in the Hall

-11:00 am: Mass

**Monday, May 22**

-6:30 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group

-6:30 pm: Scouts

**Tuesday, May 23**

-6:00 pm: Adult Choir

**Wednesday, May 24**

-7:00 am: Mass

**Thursday, May 25**

-7:30 am: Mass

-6:00 pm: Lector's Training Session

-6:30 pm: Armada Prayer Group

-7:00 pm: Eucharistic Ministers Training Session

**Friday, May 26**

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

-7:30 pm: N.A. Meeting

**Saturday, May 27**

-4:00 pm: Confession

-5:00 pm: Mass

**Sunday, May 28**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee & Pastries

-11:00 am: Mass



## NEXT WEEK at Our Lady

**Sunday, May 21**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

-9:00 am: Mass

**Tuesday, May 23**

-6:15 pm: Confession

-6:30 pm: Mass

**Sunday, May 28**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

-9:00 am: Mass





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