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

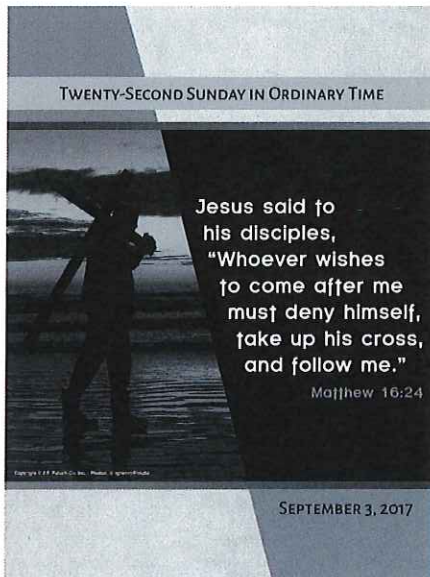
SUNDAY: 9AM MASS

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

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## FOLLOWING CHRIST

If you've ever had an unpleasant but somewhat amusing practical joke played on you, then you have some understanding of how Jeremiah feels today when he tells God "good one—you duped me." We can almost see him shaking his head

with a bit of a rueful smile, but an angry undertone in his voice. In similar fashion, Peter thinks Jesus is "duping" him when Jesus starts to explain that being Messiah means suffering and dying, and being a follower of the Messiah means taking up a cross and doing the same. Jeremiah tries to deny God's will for him by trying to shut up; Peter—who has just been made the foundation of the church—out and out denies the teaching of Jesus, for which he is named "Satan" today. Fortunately for us, Jeremiah comes to realize that to have the word of God placed in your heart means that it will be futile to try and keep silent, even if it means scorn and derision from those around you. Luckily Peter ultimately returned to the faith he professed in last week's Gospel, and came to understand our need as baptized followers of Christ to follow in his way, even when it means following him to our very death.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Monday:** Labor Day

**Friday:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## SANCTUARY LIGHT: SEPTEMBER 2 - SEPTMEBER 8



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

The Adoration Chapel will burn in memory of **Robert L. Bordelon**.

The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn in memory of **Mary Ethel Granier**.

## September Meeting

SJB: Thursday, Sept. 7th at 10AM

Nancy Boudreaux with the La. Office of Financial Institution will be speaking on "Red Flags of Investment Scams for Seniors"

OLA: Tuesday, Sept. 12th at 7PM

***New Members Welcome!!!***



Our regular monthly **HEALING ROSARY** will be moved from the first Monday to the second Monday of September due to the Labor Day holiday. Please join us on Monday, Sept. 11th at 9:00AM at the Holley resident as together we pray for the healing of our parishioners and family members.



## The Eyes of a Child

Christian churches sometimes advertise that they are a contemporary, casual church. One thing that concerns me is that they do not add "challenging" to that description. Some people try to teach that since Jesus is risen from the dead, we should also be able to live that way—rejoicing, but never sorrowing. But if we preach resurrection without the cross, we are acting like Peter in the Gospel.

Peter had just proclaimed that Jesus was the Messiah, but he failed to understand that Jesus' mission was not to bring wealth and glory to Israel. Like Satan's temptations in the desert, he wanted Jesus to take the easy way to glory.

Instead, Jesus challenges us to deny ourselves. As long as we center our lives on our own pleasure and comfort, we are rejecting the cross. To deny oneself means to choose God's will over our own. It means to be willing to suffer for being honest. It means giving God the first place in our lives. It means we get more joy from serving others than serving ourselves.

That is one reason I like the image of God as father. Parents will lose much of their freedom—and much sleep—when they bring a child into the world. But they find a new joy in the eyes of that child. We are all called to lose our selfish lives and find the joy of living for Jesus.

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## OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

### ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

We want to form a crew in Clinton to serve the needs in this area. St. John's members have offered to help get the volunteers in Clinton started.



We work in teams and will assign new members with someone familiar with the procedures of St. Vincent dePaul.

We will have an informational meeting and begin training on  
**Tuesday, September 19th at 7:00pm after Mass.**

For additional information, please call Brenda Sanders at 936-6225 or call the parish office and leave your name and number.

St. Vincent dePaul is an international, non-profit, charitable organization, which has a rich history of service to the needy of our community.

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## HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF

The Diocese of Baton Rouge has requested a special collection  
**next weekend, September 9th & 10th**

### Statement of Bishop Robert W. Muench Announcing Diocesan-Wide Collection for Victims of Hurricane Harvey

We, the Church in and of Baton Rouge, extend our hearts and prayers to all devastated by Hurricane Harvey. Having had our own experiences of the devastation that natural disasters can bring to life, property, livelihood and security, we identify and empathize with others so affected.

**A special monetary collection will be taken up in all our churches on the weekend of September 9-10. Checks should be made out to your church "St. John the Baptist" or "Our Lady of the Assumption" and note, Hurricane Harvey Relief.**

Our Diocesan Catholic Charities will also be working with the network of Catholic relief agencies in the entire region offering physical support and help. In so doing we hope to promote human solidarity with, spiritual and material support of, sincere commitment to and effective recovery for storm victims.

During this crisis we find special comfort and solace in God's Holy Word as recorded by St. Paul: "I consider this suffering of the present time as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us... We know that all things work for good for those who love God" (Romans 8:18, 28).

As local Church we commiserate with, pray for and conscientiously share as good stewards with our neighbors so afflicted. May God bless us all.



**Confirmation meeting for Parents  
Of 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> graders  
Wednesday, Sept 6<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 PM  
In the GYM**

**Mandatory meeting to receive folders and information on  
Confirmation preparation and requirements.**



**Empower Adult Core Team training, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> St. Pius,  
Lafayette.**

**Contact [suzanpayne@gmail.com](mailto:suzanpayne@gmail.com) for registration**

**Life Teen kick off Sunday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 5 – 7  
9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade sessions begin.**

**The next class for K-5 is Sunday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 9:15 – 10:45 AM**

**And the next class for EDGE is Sunday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 5 – 7 PM**





Every year St. Michael High School organizes and directs a Pilgrimage to Washington DC to attend the National March for Life in January. On average we take nine buses of students from throughout the Diocese on a spiritual journey like no other. Buses are full of teens, priests, seminarians and religious Sisters as we journey to spiritual and historical sights during the 6 day trip. This pilgrimage allows the youth to see the beauty of the Catholic faith and the dignity of each and every human life – even their own!



Spots are limited! Go to our website for more info. [sjb-ola.org/march-for-life-dc](http://sjb-ola.org/march-for-life-dc)

or contact Katie 654-5885

[kmyrick@sjb-ola.org](mailto:kmyrick@sjb-ola.org)



### VERONESE FIGURINES

**TWO weeks** remaining to place your order. Order forms are available in the vestibule of the church. The orders will be available for pick up by Thanksgiving, in time for

Christmas.

Sorry, the figurines are not available for viewing at this time.



### 40 Days for Life Baton Rouge



This fall, churches throughout our city will unite for the fall campaign of 40 Days for Life—

an international, 40 day focused effort to pray and fast for an end to abortion starting on Sept. 27 and ending Nov. 5. In addition to 40 days of prayer and fasting, we will participate in peaceful prayer from 7am—7pm outside Delta abortion facility.

For more information visit: [www.40DaysforLifeBR.org](http://www.40DaysforLifeBR.org).

### HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD

#### Annual Morning of Reflection

Saturday, October 14th 8AM—12NOON

Guest Speaker: Fr. Michael B Semana

Fr. Semana, a noted musician and singer, travels worldwide leading pilgrimages and conducting retreats.

A PUBLIC ROSARY in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions will follow this event at the City of Zachary Gazebo.



Mark your Calendar now

Cost: FREE

### CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CHOIRS

Resume weekly practices on **Tuesday, Sept. 5**

5:00PM Children's Choir

5:30PM Youth Choir

6:00PM Adult Choir



### Growing Up Gracefully

Young ladies (8th—12th grade) and their mothers are invited to *Growing Up Gracefully*, designed to give moms the tools they need to help their daughters to become the women God created them to be—fully alive and full of grace! Susan Caldwell, MD, DFDMC, and Sarah Denny, MA, FCP, will be presenters at the program, which will take place on **Tuesday, September 19**, 6:30-8:30 pm at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Parish Activity Hall, 11441 Goodwood Blvd., Baton Rouge. The cost is \$25 for each mother and one daughter and \$5 more for each additional daughter attending. *Growing Up Gracefully* is being offered by Hope Woman's Clinic, Woman's New Life Center and the Diocese of Baton Rouge Office of Marriage & Family Life. To register or for more information visit: [www.hopewomansclinic.com/growing](http://www.hopewomansclinic.com/growing)

The **St. Vincent dePaul Charity Golf Tournament** will be held on Monday, October 23rd at The Bluff's Country Club.

We need teams of 4 to participate. The cost is \$500 per team (\$125 per individual players).

If you are interested in sponsoring a team, please call the parish office and leave your name and number. One of our members will contact you. Money received from this event will help fund the Diocesan SVDP Special Works Programs.

Entrance forms must be completed by September 15th so they can be turned in to the Diocesan Conference.





# Let US Pray

For Our Troops, Their Families, and Our Country

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	Stephen DiLorenzo, Army
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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

The Knights of Columbus  
is hosting a raffle for a chance to win a  
beautiful **Handmade Rosary** made of  
Austrian crystals and sterling silver.  
The tickets are **\$5.00 per chance**.



The drawing will be October 14th following the Public  
Rosary to be held at the Zachary Gazebo celebrating the  
100th Anniversary of Fatima. Tickets available from a  
Knights of Columbus member and in the parish office.

And people should eat and drink and  
enjoy the fruits of their labor, for  
these are gifts from God.

Ecclesiastes 3:13

## Happy Labor Day!

Office

Closed

Monday

### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 08/27/2017

#### St. John the Baptist

Identified Contributions (197 Families)	\$	8,983.18
Unidentified Contributions	\$	959.30
Building Maintenance (8)	\$	220.00
Youth Ministry (4)	\$	105.00
Religious Educations (1)	\$	25.00
Legacy of Faith / Capital Camp (40)	\$	3,132.00
<b>CAMPAIGN TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,621,081.61</b>

#### Our Lady of Assumption

Identified Contributions (45 Families)	\$	2,391.20
Unidentified Contributions	\$	367.00
Building Maintenance (2)	\$	25.00

**FINAL WEEKEND TO BUY**  
a raffle ticket at **\$5.00 per chance**  
to win two LSU Football Season Tickets  
in the lower south endzone.



Drawing is this Tuesday, September 6th.  
Tickets available from any Men's Club member, after  
Masses and in the parish office.

Please support the Men's Club.

### NEXT WEEK at St. John the Baptist

#### Sunday, September 3

#### Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee & Pastries

-11:00 am: Mass

#### Monday, September 4

#### Labor Day (Office Closed)

-6:30 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group

-6:30 pm: Scouts

#### Tuesday, September 5

-5:00 pm: Children's Choir

-5:30 pm: Youth Choir

-6:00 pm: Adult Choir

#### Wednesday, September 6

-7:00 am: Mass

-5:30 pm: High School Youth Night

-5:30 pm: 9th, 10th, 11th Parent Confirmation Meeting

#### Thursday, September 7

-7:30 am: Mass

-10:00 am: Altar Society

-7:00 pm: R.C.I.A.

#### Friday, September 8

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

-7:30 pm: N.A. Meeting

#### Saturday, September 9

-4:00 pm: Confession

-5:00 pm: Mass

#### Sunday, September 10

#### Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

-6:30 am: Knights of Columbus Rosary

-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee & Pastries

-8:00 am: KofC Meeting

-11:00 am: Mass / Baptisms

-5:00 pm: Life Teen



### NEXT WEEK at Our Lady

#### Sunday, September 3

#### Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30 am: Rosary

-9:00 am: Mass

-10:00 am: First Sunday Social

#### Tuesday, September 5

-6:15 pm: Confession

-6:30 pm: Mass

-7:00 pm: Men's Club

#### Wednesday, September 6

-5:30 pm: 9th, 10th, 11th Parent Confirmation Mtg @SJB

#### Sunday, September 10

#### Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

-9:00 am: Mass

-10:00 am: K-11th Religious Ed Class #2







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