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ZACHARY, LA



Mass Schedule:

SATURDAY:

3PM CONFESSION
 4PM MASS

SUNDAY:

7AM MASS
 10AM HOLY ROSARY &
 DIVINE MERCY
 11AM MASS

WEEKDAYS:

WED. 7AM MASS
 THURS. 7:30 MASS
 FRI. 7:30 MASS,
 DIVINE MERCY TO FOLLOW
 (CONFESSIONS ARE
 AVAILABLE 15 MINUTES
 BEFORE DAILY MASSES)

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*Our
 Lady of the
 Assumption*
 CLINTON, LA

Mass Schedule for Our Lady of the Assumption:

SUNDAY: 9AM MASS

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

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THIRD SUNDAY

OF Advent

As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up,
so will the Lord God make justice and praise
spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11

REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and



DECEMBER 17, 2017

our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;
Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Lk 1:46-56
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66
Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Thursday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins
Saturday: St. John of Kanty

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

DECEMBER 16 - DECEMBER 22



The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn
In memory of **Dr. Froilan Tolentino**.
The Adoration Chapel will burn
in the memory of **Carolyn Ard**.
The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn
in memory of **Elizabeth Cazedessus**.

In Sympathy

Our Communities of Faith extend our sympathy and prayerful support for the families of:
Carolyn Boudreaux, resident of Grace, and
Chuck Hubrig, stepfather of Diana Morgan.
May the Lord grant comfort and peace to this family
and may she and all who sleep in Christ,
find in His presence light, happiness and peace.



Please join us for the
SJB Christmas Choir Concert
Christmas Day, December 25, at 8:30 am.
Mass will follow at 9:00 am.

SJB Giving Tree

The annual Giving Tree is set up in church throughout Advent to help those in need. The funds from this year's tree will be used to assist our parishioners only. Please take an empty envelope from the tree. Insert your donation. Then drop your envelope in the basket under the tree, in the collection, or bring it to the parish office.



24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel
begins Monday, December 18th at 8:00am.

Reasons to Rejoice

Saint Paul seems to be throwing out a handful of sayings that may sound overly optimistic, but are actually very practical. "Rejoice always"? If we pray constantly and thank God for all that happens to us, we have reason to rejoice. Even the things we don't like can be turned to good by God. God allows sin because it leads to forgiveness, an experience of God's love for us. And God allows even death, because God can bring us to eternal life.

When Paul tells us not to quench the Spirit he means we should be open to what the Holy Spirit moves us to do. "Prophetic utterances" refer to things that other people were inspired to proclaim. If we pray constantly (1 Thessalonians 5:17), the distractions of this world will not keep us from hearing the Spirit within us. We won't be so critical of others that we miss what the Spirit is telling us through them.

How do we know if something really is from the Spirit? Saint Paul says, test everything. Retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:21). Use the scriptures, the teachings of the Church, and your conscience to decide whether the Spirit is moving you, or if advice you hear is worthwhile. Trust God to make us holy if we only allow it. Then we will be ready for the coming of the Lord, whether through the sacraments, the celebration of Christmas, or God's final coming in glory. I'd say that's a reason to rejoice.

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A Walking Guide to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

A committee of volunteers has written a book about the new church:

A Walking Guide to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

We would like for each family that contributed to the Capital Campaign in some way, to receive a copy.

The cost of printing was \$5.00 per book, if you would like more than one copy.

The books are available after Masses this weekend and in the parish office.

Thank you, volunteers, on a job well done!



Christmas for Angola Death Row Inmates

We are collecting :

Tube Socks

Tooth Paste & small Tooth Brushes

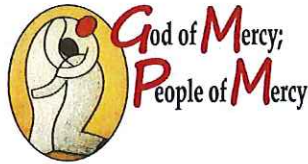
Mouth Wash (No alcohol)

Deodorant

Shampoo

Lotions

Flip Flops



Zachary Food Bank

Wish List

for December 16-22 is:
Ensure and/or Pop Tarts

"...Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you..."
Matthew 25:37

"Fill Up the Truck!" ...The St. Vincent de Paul Truck

Saturday, January 27th at 9:00am—Noon
in front of the old church.

Please place items in plastic bags or boxes.

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Please join us this evening at 5:00pm for our annual Christmas Pageant



And the Potluck Dinner following the pageant in Assumption Hall.



December 24 (Sunday): 9:00AM Mass

December 24 (Christmas Eve): 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

****No Mass on Christmas Day at OLA.****

December 31 (Sunday): 9:00AM Mass

December 31 (Mary, Mother of God): 4:00PM Vigil Mass

**** Mary, Mother of God on January 1st
is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year in the U.S. ****



Christmas Schedule



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

December 23 (Saturday): 4:00 pm Vigil Mass

December 24 (Sunday): 7:00am Mass

: 11:00am Mass

December 24 (Christmas Eve): 6:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

December 25 (Christmas): 9:00am Mass

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December 24 (Christmas Eve): 4:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

(No Mass on Christmas Day at OLA)



Mass Schedule



January 1, 2018

Mary, Most Holy Mother of God

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

December 30 (Saturday): 4:00pm Vigil Mass

December 31 (Sunday): 7:00am and 11:00am Masses

January 1 (Monday): 9:00am Mass

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

December 31 (Sunday): 9:00am Mass

December 31 (for Mary, Mother of God): 4:00pm Vigil Mass

Congratulations to our Raffle winners!

Nativity Set– Lance and Lauren Kennedy

Yeti Hopper30– Rhonda Herald

Side of Beef– Fred and Marie Kennedy

We would like to thank every one that made a donation to this wonderful trip. Trips like these allow our youth to grow in their Catholic faith and experience life changing events. We would like to remind you that if you would like to donate, youth ministry has an envelop that the Church sends out every month. We appreciate your continued support and prayers! Thank YOU!!!

Please join us in praying to end abortion

*Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life,
And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.*

*I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion,
Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death
by the Resurrection of Your Son.*

*I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.
Today I commit myself
Never to be silent,
Never to be passive,
Never to be forgetful of the unborn.*

*I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement,
And never to stop defending life
Until all my brothers and sisters are protected,
And our nation once again becomes
A nation with liberty and justice
Not just for some, but for all.*

Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

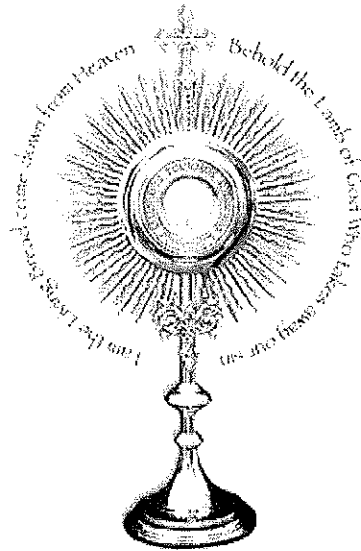
SJB Religious Education

Sunday, Dec 17th

K-5th from 9:15-10:45 AM

Edge (6-8th grades) meet from 5-7pm in the gym.

This is the required CCD program, attendance is mandatory.



24 HOUR ADORATION

MONDAY, DEC 18TH -TUE 19TH

Sign up: suzanpayne@gmail.com or call the Front office 654-5778 or Rel. Ed.

12/19/17 CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT ZACHARY MANOR @ 2PM Bring the whole family!! We are collecting lap blankets to give to the residents for Christmas. Santa will be with us as always.

High School New Year overnight retreat: Time to sign up. Deadline is December 19th
"A Joyful Noise in The New Year"
Jan 2nd -3rd

Children Liturgy needs volunteers; only 3 Sundays a year. Please contact Susan Blackwell at sblackwell@sjb-ola.org or the Rel Ed office if you are interested.

The "Dusters" will be meeting on
Friday, December 22nd at 9:00am to dust the
church for Christmas weekend.



The Dusters usually meet on the second and fourth
Tuesday of every month.

As always, no need to call....Just show up !

The Parish Offices will be closed for the Holidays:
December 25 (Monday) and December 26 (Tuesday)
January 1 (Monday) and January 2 (Tuesday)

NEXT WEEK at St. John the Baptist



Sunday, December 17

Third Sunday of Advent

-7:00 am: Mass/Coffee & Fellowship-Parish Hall
-9:15 am: K—5th Religious Ed Class
-9:15 am: Emmaus Road Adult Formation
-11:00 am: Mass
-5:00 pm: Edge

Monday, December 18

-8:00 am: 24 Hour Adoration
-6:30 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group
-6:30 pm: Scouts

Tuesday, December 19

-2:00 pm: Christmas Caroling at Zachary Manor by Rel Ed
-5:00 pm: Children Choir
-5:30 pm: Youth Choir
-6:00 pm: Adult Choir

Wednesday, December 20

-7:00 am: Mass

Thursday, December 21

-7:30 am: Mass
-7:00 pm: R.C.I.A.

Friday, December 22

-9:00 am: The Dusters
-7:30 pm: Mass / Coffee & Biscuits
-7:30 pm: N.A. Meeting

Saturday, December 23

-3:00 pm: Confession
-4:00 pm: Mass

Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

-7:00 am: Mass
-11:00am: Mass

Christmas Eve

-6:00 pm: Christmas Vigil Mass

Monday, December 25

Christmas, the Nativity of the Lord

-9:00 am: Mass

Office closed Monday (Dec. 25th) and Tuesday (Dec. 26th).



For Our Troops, Their Families, and Our Country

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| Marvin Ashford, Jr., Army | Aaron Barr, USAF |
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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN DECEMBER

Dec. 17-24: Christmas Flowers

Dec. 25: Catholic Life Center Services of DBR

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 12/10/2017

St. John the Baptist

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| Identified (Envelopes, checks, online) | \$ | 7,830.50 |
| Unidentified (Loose cash) | \$ | 739.13 |
| Immaculate Conception | \$ | 1,219.66 |
| Building Maintenance | \$ | 435.00 |
| Religious Education | \$ | 10.00 |
| Youth Ministry | \$ | 290.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$ | 535.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$ | 100.00 |
| St. Joseph's Abbey & Seminary | \$ | 1,032.61 |
| Legacy of Faith / Capital Camp | \$ | 3,385.00 |
| CAMPAIGN TOTAL | \$ | 6,711,323.67 |

Our Lady of Assumption

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| Identified (Envelopes, checks, online) | \$ | 3,215.00 |
| Unidentified (Loose Cash) | \$ | 438.50 |
| Immaculate Conception | \$ | 130.00 |
| Building Maintenance | \$ | 140.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$ | 110.00 |
| St. Joseph's Abbey & Seminary | \$ | 180.00 |

NEXT WEEK at Our Lady



Sunday, December 17

Third Sunday of Advent

-9:00 am: Mass
-5:00 pm: Christmas Program followed
by Potluck

Tuesday, December 19

-6:15 pm: Confession
-6:30 pm: Mass

Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

-9:00 am: Mass

Christmas Eve

-4:00 pm: Christmas Vigil Mass
(No Mass on Christmas Day)

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