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Mass Schedule:

SATURDAY:

4PM CONFESSION
 5PM MASS

SUNDAY:

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

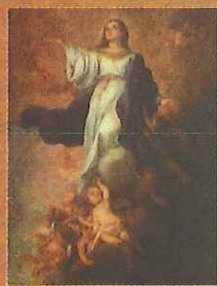
WEEKDAYS:

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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September 2, 2018

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Humbly welcome the word
that has been planted in you
and is able to save your souls.

James 1:21b

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underneath our ritual practices to make sure that love of God and love of neighbor are what we prize above all. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

THE HIGHEST LAW

From time to time, newspapers and magazines will offer, as an item of "filler," various laws that are still on the books but seem silly to us in our day and age. In one California city, it is illegal to have two indoor bathtubs in one house. Clean water, a precious commodity when the law was written, is now readily available, so the law seems silly. But the human value of protecting and preserving precious resources is still around, evident in many conservation laws that seem sensible to us. So it is with the laws of religious tradition. What Jesus scorns today is others' attitude toward ritual laws, an attitude that becomes nearly idolatrous when laws are observed for their own sake. Jesus teaches that observation of external ritual laws is of value only when they are emblems of our internal disposition toward the will of God. Our whole lives must follow the one ultimate law of God: to love God completely and to love neighbor entirely. Roman Catholicism is a tradition rich with customs, traditions, and even laws. As we continue to listen to the voice of Christ, we must always look into our own hearts and

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30,
or, for Labor Day, any readings from the
Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor,"
nos. 907-911
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40;
Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5;
Mk 7:31-37

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Gregory the Great; Labor Day
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



SANCTUARY LIGHT: SEPTEMBER 1—7

The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn
in memory of **L. C. Riche & Renee Fontenot**.
The Adoration Chapel will burn
in the memory of **Austin Hollingsworth**.
The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn
in memory of **Fr. Joe Carlo & Fr. Gerald Siebold**.

In Sympathy

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

Ronald Myers, brother of Terry Myers.

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.



Baptismal Seminar

Saturday, September 8th at
9:30am in the SJB Church.



New to our Parish:

Joseph & Megan Fontenot and
their children, Sophie & Westin
in Zachary; Stephen & Jennifer Simko and their
daughter, Madison in Zachary; and Jarred & Tyler
Murphy and their children, Noah and Judah in Zachary.

HEALING ROSARY

The monthly Healing Rosary for
September has been moved to
September 10th due to the Labor Day Holiday.



RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Each year on Holy Saturday
during the Easter Vigil,
thousands are baptized into
the Catholic Church in the

U.S. We welcome these new Catholics through
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).
RCIA classes begin **Thursday, September 6th at 7pm** in
the hall at St. John the Baptist. Please visit our
website or contact the office for more information;
OR just attend the opening meeting.

For Catholics who have been Baptized, Confirmed
and made First Communion but then drifted from the
faith, the way they return is through the Sacrament of
Penance but are welcome to join us to further their
knowledge. Catholics who were baptized but never
received Confirmation and/or Eucharist also
participate in a period of formation. This process of
formation is completed with the reception of the
Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion at
the Easter Vigil or during the Easter Season.



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Clinton



The next Religious Ed class will be
September 9th at 10am-11:30am.

News & *Announcements*

FORMED workshop for ALL parents and parishioners in the church hall. Students will be in class. Hope to see you there!

On Sunday,
September 9th at
10:30am,
there will be a

Laws of Love

When someone mentions laws and/or commandments, we usually think of them as burdens that we have to bear to be good citizens or church members. But if you listen carefully to the first reading from Deuteronomy, you get the sense that the laws Moses presented to the people of Israel were gift from God, something to be proud of. Moses gives two reasons for this.



Moses presents the laws as wise and just, so much so that other nations would praise and envy the Israelites for having such laws. Some of the nations around at the time had kings who used the law to keep themselves in power and make them wealthy.

The second reason was that they showed how much God cared for his people, that he would guide them in their everyday lives and hear their prayers. Though God is greater than they could comprehend, he is also nearer than we think. This brings us to Jesus, who shows us the Father and who made the law both simpler and more challenging.

Jesus simplified the laws by showing us that loving God and loving our neighbors as ourselves was the basis of all God's laws. The challenge is to do more than simply avoid hurting or cheating others. We are to love one another as Jesus loves us. That means reaching out to those in need, forgiving our enemies, caring for the sick or dying. And don't forget about loving God: How often do we even think about Him, thank Him for all we have, or take time to listen to Him? Do we love Jesus so much that we want other people to know him too? If we are willing to accept the challenge to love God and neighbor, we will not have to worry about breaking laws.

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Many Catholic scouts are missing access to religious emblems because their unit may not have a trained counselor. The Catholic Committee on Scouting will have training on Sunday, September 16th, at Our Lady of Mercy from 1-5 PM in the St. Jerome Library. Additional information, including an application, is available on the CCOSBR calendar located at info.ccosbr.net. This training will prepare a counselor or two in each unit to work with Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and American Heritage Girls in our parish. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Gora at 225-266-9001 or Ron Usie at 225-933-9119. The role of Religious Emblem Counselor strengthens the Scout Duty to God goal and is a critical part of Catholic scouting.

On the same day, Sunday September 16th, the Catholic Committee on Scouting will also offer the Luminous Mysteries Rosary Program for 2nd to 5th grade scouts from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy in the St. Joseph Room. The application is available on the CCOSBR Calendar located at info.ccosbr.net. Preregistration is required for these events by September 10, 2018.



The Altar Society of SJB
will resume their monthly meetings
on
Thursday, September 6th at 10am.

All ladies of the parish are
invited and encouraged to join us.

For more information, call the parish office.



The Handmaids of the Lord
will begin a new series on
Thursday, September 6th
At 6pm in Classroom #4.

The series is a six week DVD program
lasting 30 minutes each by Wild Goose
Productions on The Gifts of the Holy Spirit.
Everyone (women & men) are invited!

St. John the Baptist parishioners: Please watch for and read a letter that was sent out this week regarding the financial status of our parish.

Fr. Bayhi will address this issue at all Masses in Zachary the weekend of September 8th and 9th.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint James begins by instructing us that “All good giving and every perfect gift is from above.” We don’t make the rules, but God grants us good gifts that we are to share generously with others. He says, “Be doers of the word and not hearers only . . . Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.” We are to care for our brothers and sisters in need, and especially for the children, who are often the forgotten little ones.

Jesus further defines what being defiled by the world really means. “From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly.” Quite a list! Jesus asserts that “All these evils come from within and they defile.” “Not following man-made laws” did not make the list.

HUMAN TRADITION

It would be easy to wonder why the disciples ate “with unwashed hands,” especially in those times when dust and dirt were plentiful and the disciples worked with their hands as fishermen. But these scriptures are not concerned so much with physical cleanliness as with spiritual cleanliness.

The Pharisees, who were so picky about following every letter of every law, had an “aha” moment in which they saw an opportunity to accuse Jesus and the disciples of breaking the law of Moses. Jesus responds in a very sensible way. He says, “Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written:

This people honors me with their lips, But their hearts are far from me;

In vain do they worship me, Teaching as doctrines human precepts.

You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition.”

TRADITION TODAY

The same could be said about some of today’s Christians, who are so enamored of the past that they cannot see that Jesus has brought about a new interpretation of tradition. Just as we celebrate birthdays with cake and candles, perhaps now with chocolate cake and tiny candles—whereas in the past it was only white cake and bigger candles—tradition adapts to the times while holding on to the essence of what was celebrated before. Tradition preserves the essence while changing the details, something that some of us may fail to grasp. Such people may want everything to be the same in every detail, and accuse others of failure to worship properly because they do not hold to past practices.

Like the Pharisees, sometimes we want to cling to the way things were done our childhood, never accepting change of any kind. We fail to see the essence of the tradition preserved in a new way of doing things. Perhaps we don’t understand the essence of tradition, or perhaps we are so unsure of ourselves that we want to be instructed strictly in the old ways, like the Pharisees who knew the law by heart and were quite comfortable practicing what poorer people had no way of doing perfectly. It was the poorer people who followed Jesus because he offered them hope.

It would be well for us to remember that the essence of tradition is the worship of God, not the preservation of human habits. We can learn to practice charity and love in emulation of others who have willingly, in following Jesus, held their faith to mean loving their neighbor.

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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
Chase Boyd Chandler, Army	LeLand Crochet, III, USM
Matthew Charlet Dart, USN	Chandler Derouen, Army
Stephen DiLorenzo, Army	Adam Foster, USN
Thomas Foster, USN	Christian Fuller, USAF
Brad Gautreaux, USMC	Nesta Gross, USAF
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 offices will be
closed Monday,
September 3rd
for Labor Day.



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER:

1st/2nd: Debt Reduction (SJB Church)
and for Catholic Universities
15th/16th: Religious Education

(Please help support the religious
education of our children.)



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 08/26/2018

St. John the Baptist

Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)	\$	9,726.00
Unidentified (Loose cash)	\$	776.00
Building Maintenance	\$	890.00
Youth Ministry	\$	480.00
Religious Education Donation	\$	150.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	125.00
Legacy of Faith (Debt Reduction)	\$	8,735.00

Our Lady of Assumption

Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)	\$	2,213.64
Unidentified (Loose Cash)	\$	397.00
Building Maintenance	\$	40.00

The Children's and Youth Choirs
will resume practices on
Tuesday, September 18th:

5:00pm Children / 5:30pm Youth / 6:00pm Adult



NEXT WEEK at St. John the Baptist

Sunday, September 2

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee

-11:00 am: Mass

Monday, September 3

Labor Day

(Office Closed)

-6:00 pm: Prayer Group

Tuesday, September 4

-5:00 pm: Adult Choir

Wednesday, September 5

-7:00 am: Mass

Thursday, September 6

-7:30 am: Mass

-10:00 am: Altar Society

-6:00 pm: Handmaids of the Lord

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

Friday, September 7

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

-7:30 pm: N.A. Meeting

Saturday, September 8

-9:30 am: Baptismal Seminar

-4:00 pm: Reconciliation

-5:00 pm: Mass

-6:30 pm: Men's Club

Sunday, September 9

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

-6:30 pm: Knights of Columbus

-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee

-8:00 am: Knights of Columbus

-9:15 am: K-5th Religious Ed Class

-9:30 am: First Eucharist Parent Meeting

-11:00 am: Mass



NEXT WEEK at Our Lady

Sunday, September 2

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30 am: Rosary

-9:00 am: Mass

-10:00 am: 1st Sunday Social

Tuesday, September 4

-6:15 pm: Reconciliation

-6:30 pm: Mass

Sunday, September 9

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

-9:00 am: Mass

-10:00 am: Religious Class #2

-10:30 am: "Formed" Instruction Workshop





If you have not done so, Please register your child for Religion classes.

You can sign them up and pay online. It's quick and convenient!

They must be re-registered every year. It is not done automatically. Thank You!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We had a fantastic kick-off for Life Teen last weekend! And are looking forward to our first K-5 & Edge classes!

Their first class is Sunday, September 9th.

K-5 is 9:15am-10:45am

Edge is 5pm-7pm

See you there!

Morning of Reflection

for all Teachers and Core Team members

is Saturday, September 8th.

We will start with a Mass at 8:30am
and program immediately following.

We will be continuing our *Emmaus Road Bible Study*, held in the Parish Hall during K-5 classes.

All are invited!

Our first series is called

Divine Mercy,

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The next 24 hour
Adoration
is Monday,
September 17th
starting at 8am
until Tuesday at 8am.

**PLEASE GO TO OUR CHURCH WEBSITE (SJB-OLA.ORG)
AND REGISTER FOR FORMED!**

MINISTRY & THEOLOGY COURSES

OFFERED THROUGH THE OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS
FOR THE DIOCESES OF BATON ROUGE

Are you interested learning more about your Catholic faith? Consider taking one of the Ministry and Theology (MAT) courses being offered by the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis for the Diocese of Baton Rouge. The cost is only \$15 per course. Courses are about 10 hours and can count towards catechetical certification, if you choose. There are online and in-person course options available to accommodate differing schedules. Some course options include: Catholic Scriptures, Spiritual Life, Catholic Morality, The Sacraments, The Sacred Liturgy, Mariology, The Prophets, and more! To register online, visit: <http://learn.evangcatbr.org/shop/>. For questions, contact Shannon Baldrige at sbaldrige@diobr.org or 225-336-8760.

Inviting All Married Couples
Steep your marriage in Faith:
“Infused”

Saturday, September 22nd

In the Parish Hall

Following 5:00 p.m. Mass

Dinner provided

Babysitting available (must preregister)

RSVP suzanpayne@gmail.com or 654-5778

Let's PAINT



Sept 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm
St. John the Baptist Parish Hall

\$42.00 per person
Men and Women Welcome

Register: sjb-ola.org/paint

Painting and Pinot will provide all paint and supplies and lead the painting.

Show up at **15 minutes** early if you would like to choose your own colors for your pelican, otherwise, you will receive the colors on the picture.

LEGEND OF THE PELICAN: When a mother pelican cannot find food for her young, she thrusts her beak into her breast and nourishes her little ones with her own blood. The early church saw in this story a beautiful picture of what Christ did for us and what we in turn should do for one another.

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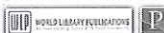
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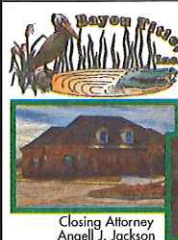
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