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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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First Sunday of *Advent*

December 2, 2018

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength
to escape the tribulations that are imminent
and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

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THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;
Lk 3:1-6

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Francis Xavier
Tuesday: St. John Damascene
Thursday: St. Nicholas
Friday: St. Ambrose; First Friday
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Saturday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass Schedule

Friday, December 7th
at Our Lady of the Assumption
6:30pm

Saturday, December 8th
at St. John the Baptist
8:00 am

**Zachary parade begins at 10:00am.
Expect traffic following Mass.**

SANCTUARY LIGHT: DECEMBER 1—DECEMBER 7



The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn
in memory of **Jeni-Su Cambre**.
The Adoration Chapel will burn
in memory of **Carrie Fall**.
The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn
in memory of **Caldwell & Cazedessus Families**.



To our new parishioners:
Al & Samantha Naquin,
and their daughter, Audrey
in Zachary

HEALING ROSARY The monthly Healing Rosary is
Monday, Dec. 3 at 9:00am at the Holley residence.



First Sunday of Advent
Strengthen Your Hearts

How good is good enough? Do you have to be perfect to get to heaven? In the second reading this Sunday, Paul seems to think so when he tells us to be "blameless in holiness" (1 Thess 3:13.) Now Paul never considered himself as perfect. But even with his weakness, Paul always did the best he could. So what should we strive for? Maybe we can take a hint from his phrase "strengthen your hearts."

Think of athletes who try to do their best. A great ball player takes batting practice every day to improve his average. Good athletes are always looking for ways to improve themselves. They keep in shape so they can be stronger, faster, smarter. That same attitude is what Paul means by "strengthen your hearts." And Advent is a good time to start.

As we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord, we can get ourselves in spiritual shape. Spiritual reading can give us a stronger prayer life. But like the athlete who can read about the rules or strategies of the sport, we get a stronger prayer life by actually praying. If our spiritual reading just makes us feel good, we may be wasting our time. Hopefully, it will lead us to try praying more often and more seriously. Likewise, we can read about volunteering to feed the poor, but making the commitment and doing it is what strengthens the heart. And how can we be "blameless in holiness... at the coming of Our Lord?" Not by bragging about our goodness, but confessing what we have done wrong. Only God's forgiveness can make us blameless. Then as the Gospel says, we may have "the strength...to stand before the Son of Man." (Lk 21:36)

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Advent begins today.

For your enrichment,
please take home with you one
free copy:

The Magnificat Advent Companion

OR The Word Among Us for Advent

(one item per household, please)

Also, available are **Advent Reflections** at
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FLOCKNOTE. You can register for
Formed.org and Flocknote on our website.

Choose the tool that works best for your
journey through this Advent season.

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and \$5.00 for large candles.



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and take home with you...
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WIDENING OUR VISION

In daily life, it's easy to simply focus on the here and now. Life can be complex and rapidly changing. It's often plenty for us just to get through the day. Yet it seems that in Luke's Gospel today, Jesus is asking his followers, and us too, to widen our focus and see a larger reality.

We are asked to observe not only the routines of daily life, not only the large forces of history acting upon us, but also God bringing forth the birth of a new creation. Jesus asks us to see beyond today's troubles and watch God stirring up hope. We are to more truly see persons in need, those who experience violence, loss, or injustice. We are asked to see beyond the superficial during the Christmas shopping season, and to see Christ as ultimate Gift and gift-giver.

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Mass at OLA

Monday, December 24th
4:00pm

Mass at SJB

Monday, December 24th at 6:00pm
Tuesday, December 25th at 9:00am



Dr. Marvin Ashford, Jr., Army	Aaron Barr, USAF
James A. Benning, USMC	Matthew Boyd, Army
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If you would like to adopt a family in need for Christmas, please call the parish office.

Zachary Food Bank needs your help,
especially during this
holiday season.
Let's fill those barrels!!!



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN DECEMBER

Dec 8/9: Retirement fund for Religious
Dec. 24/25: Cath. Life Ctr.—Services of B.R. Diocese

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 11/25/2018

St. John the Baptist

Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)	\$	10,379.98
Unidentified (Loose cash)	\$	770.05
Thanksgiving	\$	1,162.30
Building Maintenance	\$	350.00
Youth Ministry	\$	500.00
Religious Education Donations	\$	150.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$	22.00
Legacy of Faith (Debt Reduction)	\$	2,715.00

Our Lady of Assumption

Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)	\$	3,055.64
Unidentified (Loose Cash)	\$	309.00
Thanksgiving	\$	148.00
Building Maintenance	\$	50.00

NEXT WEEK at St. John the Baptist



Sunday, December 2

First Sunday of Advent

-6:30 am: Knight of Columbus Rosary
-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee
-8:00 am: Breakfast with Santa and Mini Mistletoe Market
-11:00 am: Mass
-Noon: Breakfast with Santa and Mini Mistletoe Market
-5:00 pm: Life Teen

Monday, December 3

-9:00 am: Healing Rosary
-10:00 am: Bible Study
-6:00 pm: Prayer Group
-6:30 pm: Scouts

Tuesday, December 4

-5:00 pm: Adult Choir
-6:00 pm: Children and Youth Choirs

Wednesday, December 5

-7:00 am: Mass

-6:00 pm: Bible Study

Thursday, December 6

-7:30 am: Mass
-10:00 am: Altar Society Christmas Luncheon
-6:00 pm: Bible Study
-7:00 pm: R.C.I.A.

Friday, December 7

-7:30 am: Mass

-7:30 pm: N.A. Meeting

Saturday, December 8

Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

-8:00 am: Mass for Holy Day of Obligation
-3:00 pm: Reconciliation
-4:00 pm: Mass for Sunday Obligation

Sunday, December 9

Second Sunday of Advent

-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee
-9:15 am: K—5 Religious Ed Classes
-9:15 am: Emmaus Road Adult Formation
-11:00 am: Mass / Children's Liturgy
-5:00 pm: Edge

NEXT WEEK at Our Lady



Sunday, December 2

First Sunday of Advent

-8:30 am: Rosary
-9:00 am: Mass
-10:00 am: First Sunday Social
-10:00 am: Christmas Play Practice

Tuesday, December 4

-6:15 pm: Reconciliation
-6:30 pm: Mass
-7:00 pm: Men's Club

Wednesday, December 5

-9:00 am: Breakfast at Tiffany's—Meek resident (rsvp)

Friday, December 7

-6:30 pm: Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception

Sunday, December 9

Second Sunday of Advent

-9:00 am: Mass
-10:00 am: Religious Ed Class #8
-11:00 am: Christmas Play Practice

Youth Ministry

We will be going to the Men's Shelter December 11th! We will bring hats made by parishioners Mima Matthews and Joyce Myers. We will stuff them with toiletries. We will also put up a Christmas Tree for them! If you would like to help us, please contact Katie Myrick to sign up! Spots are limited!!!

kmyrick@sjb-ola.org

"I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things."

- Mother Teresa

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Religious Education

Life Teen is this Sunday, Dec. 2nd

5-7pm in the Gym.

The next K-5 & Edge is Dec. 9th.

Emmaus Road Bible Study will also be on Dec. 9th during K-5 classes. All are invited!



24 Hour

Adoration

Monday, December 17th
8am until Tuesday at 8am.

Please consider signing up for an hour with
Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Contact either office for an available time.

654-5778 or 654-5885

Thank You

*Please join us for Caroling at
Zachary Manor
Nursing Home*

Thursday, Dec. 20th @ 2pm

*We will meet at
Zachary Manor*

Religious Ed is collecting
donations of men's and
women's slipper socks as well
as lap blankets for Santa
to hand out to
the residents.



In addition to the Emmaus Road Bible study we offer on Sunday mornings during Religious Ed, Please check out these other opportunities to deepen your faith and expand your knowledge!

*Monday mornings at 10am in the Parish Hall, we are currently studying "Symbolon" that touches on all aspects of our lives for authentic spiritual growth and development.

*Thursday mornings from 10am-noon at the home of Eelin Golan the current study is Matthew. Please contact Eelin for details (985-951-0328).

*Thursday evenings at 6pm in the Religious Ed office, we are studying "Wild Goose" a study of the Holy Spirit.



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

News & Announcements FOR OUR LADY PARISH ONLY

OUR LADY



Happening in December:

Dec. 2: Play Practice 10am-11am

Dec. 9: Class #8 / followed by Play Practice

Dec. 16: Christmas Play
at 5:30pm



Mass
Schedule

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Friday, December 7th at OLA
6:30PM Mass



2019 Calendars

now available in church.

Please take home one copy per
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Please take home with
you a free copy of:

The Magnificat Advent Companion

Or

The Word Among Us for Advent
(one item per household, please)

Also, available are:

Advent Reflections from FORMED.ORG
and daily emails from FLOCKNOTE.

These are great tools available to help you
prepare during the Advent season,
provided by the parish. Choose the tool
that works best for you.



The key for Assumption Hall
is missing. If you forgot to
return it, please do so soon.

"Breakfast at Tiffany's"

Meet & Greet



The Ladies of *Our Lady* are invited for breakfast
and an opportunity to visit with fellow parishioners on
Wednesday, December 5th at 9:00-11:00am.

It will be a casual Open House style event at the home of
Tiffany Meek: 3428 Highway 19, Ethel.

RSVP: tiffanymeek71@gmail.com or 225.235.3295.



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