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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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A VISIBLE GOD

We find it difficult to convey ideas to people unless we can actually show them something, demonstrate what we mean. God, who is invisible and truly beyond human understanding, apparently faces the same difficulty. People want to *see*, not just listen to an idea. So God gave us Jesus Christ, God made visible in the world.

During these past weeks we have seen how Jesus was revealed as an infant to the shepherds and the magi, and then began his adult "public life" at his baptism by John. Today's Gospel reading tells us of his "first sign," providing wine for the wedding guests at Cana.

Of course, even Jesus, God made visible, was not always easily understood in his own day, nor is he even now. So we have to ponder what we see: the poverty and simplicity of his birth, his humility and openness before John the Baptist, his kindness and compassion toward people in their ordinary problems, such as running short of wine at a wedding. Yet it is in coming to know Jesus that we come to know God.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c;
 Mk 2:23-28, or any of a number of readings for
 the Day of Prayer
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
 Mk 16:15-18
 Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 or
 Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:20-21
 Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Agnes; Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 Tuesday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of
 Unborn Children; World Youth Day
 Wednesday: St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope
 Thursday: St. Francis de Sales
 Friday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends;
 Saturday: Ss. Timothy and Titus

SANCTUARY LIGHT: JANUARY 19—JANUARY 25



The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn
 in memory of **Vivian Kelly**.
 The Adoration Chapel will burn
 in memory of **Stella Ashford**.
 The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn
 in memory of **Carl Cooper**.

"Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset." ~St. Francis de Sales

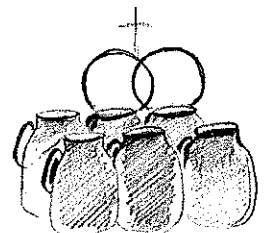
In Sympathy

Our Communities of Faith extend our sympathy and prayerful support for the family of **Shawn Morgan**, brother of Jim Morgan. 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.

The Gospel reading for this Sunday is not only the first miracle in John's Gospel—it is also John's first mention of Jesus' mother. I used to find it odd that he addressed her as "Woman." But in that time the word was more respectful; it could even be affectionate. Jesus does help as his mother requested, but he does so in a way that is a lesson about God's love.

You have probably heard how the Jewish people in Jesus' time performed purification rituals before eating anything. The cleansings were a sign that they wanted to be like God, completely free from sin. Eventually, it came to mean that you could not approach God until you cleansed yourself. Jesus could have made the wine in bottles or wineskins. But he used the "six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings" (John 2:6). That meant that once they were full of wine, no one could wash themselves from the jars. I wonder how many Pharisees flipped out when they saw that.

The point of this is that no one can cleanse themselves. We don't purify ourselves in order to come to God—we come to God to be purified. God is the only one who can make us holy. God offers this to sinners especially, because sinners who know they need forgiveness are the only ones to receive it. God never forces mercy on anyone. It is offered to those who ask for it. The amount of wine symbolizes the extent of God's mercy. As there was now more than enough wine for the wedding, God has more than enough mercy for those who need it. Wine is also a symbol of joy in the Old Testament. There is no greater joy than knowing that you have been forgiven by the Lord. Tom Schmidt, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.





**2019—25th, 50th, 65th, and Over
Wedding Anniversary Mass
and Reception**

Sunday, February 10, 2019
2:00 pm.

St. George Catholic Church

Bishop Michael Duca will celebrate a special Mass for couples reaching their 25th, 50th, 65th or more anniversary at any time during the year of 2019.

Register with our parish office (654.5778) by the deadline: Wednesday, January 30th.

Please call the office to request a letter of your 2018 donations to the church if you need one. We do NOT submit the letters unless requested, to save cost of postage and supplies. We can mail, email, or fax your letter to you! Call 225.654.5778.



Please note, we are unable to supply letters for donations made to **Metanoia** for the refuge home for adolescent victims of trafficking. You should call 225.615.7085 for a letter from Metanoia, Inc.

Zachary Food Bank

The Zachary Food Bank barrels in the SJB church and in the parish office have been empty.

Please pick up one, two or three extra items when you grocery shop this week, to help support our local Food Bank -feeding the hungry in our community.



Thank you!

SVdP "Fill-a-Truck" drive

Saturday, Feb. 9th at 9am-noon

Please collect your usable clothing, baby and children's items, toys, kitchen items, furniture, etc. that you wish to donate to St. Vincent de Paul's "Fill a Truck" collection. We hope to fill two trucks this year. Do not bring your items to the church prior to February 9th.

Call the parish office if you have any questions.



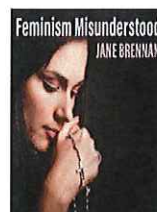
FORMED PICK

Feminism Misunderstood
By Jane Brennan

Journey into Truth

Jane Brennan shares her powerful story of abortion and her final conversion to the Catholic Church. Men and women alike will be moved as they listen to the reconciliation, healing, and hope Jane found in Christ and his Church.

[Listen on formed.org](http://formed.org)

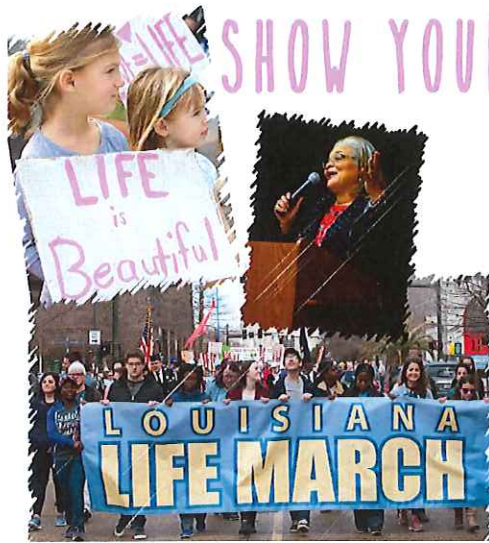


"Jane's ability to tell her story so clearly makes this an excellent talk that will inform and inspire."

—Bonnie F., Harrisburg, PA

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LIFE MARCH SOUTH

Sat. Jan 26, 2019 10 am
Downtown Baton Rouge

Speaker: Dr. Alveda King,
Niece of Dr. M.L. King

LALifeMarch.com



I want to encourage *all families* to attend the local March for Life Saturday, Jan. 26th. We will meet at corner of North Blvd. & N. Fourth St. underneath the oak trees at 9:45am.

Look for our SJB Zachary sign!



RALLY AT THE ALLEY

Join us for our 4th Annual Bowl-a-thon

FEBRUARY 16TH, 2019

1PM TO 3PM

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\$100 TEAM of 6 players or \$20 Single player includes
2 hours of bowling, shoes, a pitcher of drink & popcorn



Religious Education

- ♦ No classes this weekend.
- ♦ The next K-5, Emmaus Road & Edge is Jan. 27th.
- ♦ The next Confirmation session is Jan. 23rd.
- ♦ Next Life Teen is Feb. 24th.

Thanks to all who participated



in the Angola Retreat! It was a great success!

****Save the Date for the next 'Infused' - February 23rd!****



24 Hour Adoration



Monday, January 21st - 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**

Bible Studies:

*Sunday mornings during K-5 classes, Emmaus Road, in the Parish Hall.

*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 classroom 4, we are studying "Wild Goose" a study of the Holy Spirit.

Let US Pray

For Our Troops, Their Families, and Our Country

Dr. Marvin Ashford, Jr., Army	Aaron Barr, USAF
James A. Benning, USMC	Matthew Boyd, Army
Cody Castello, USMC	Eugene Cazedessus, USMC
Chase Boyd Chandler, Army	Daniel Clesi, USAF
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Joshua Knight, LaNG	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
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Saturday, February 9th at 9:30am-11:30am

At the Marriott Hotel, Baton Rouge

Individual tickets \$75 and tables \$700.

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What's Happening This Week



Sunday, January 20

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee in Hall

-11:00 am: Mass

Monday, January 21

Martin Luther King, Jr.

(Office Closed)

-8:00 am: 24 Hour Adoration

-6:00 pm: Prayer Group

-6:30 pm: Boy / Cub Scouts

Tuesday, January 22

-9:00 am: Dusters

-5:00 pm: Adult Choir

-6:00 pm: Children & Youth Choir

Wednesday, January 23

-7:00 am: Mass

-5:30 pm: Confirmation Session #3

Thursday, January 24

-7:30 am: Mass

-6:00 pm: Bible Study

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

Friday, January 25

-7:30 am: Mass/Divine Mercy/Breakfast in the Parish Hall

-6:30 pm: Armada Prayer Group

-7:30 pm: N.A. Meeting

Saturday, January 26

-9:45 am: Meet North Blvd & N. Fourth for the Louisiana
March for Life -Downtown B.R.

-3:00 pm: Reconciliation

-4:00 pm: Mass

Sunday, January 27

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee in Hall

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

-9:15 am: Emmaus Road Adult Formation

-11:00 am: Mass / Children's Liturgy

-Noon: Baptisms

-5:00 : Edge

Office Closed Monday, January 21st.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN JANUARY:

Jan. 26/27: Church in Latin America

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 01/13/2018

St. John the Baptist

Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)	\$	8,805.00
Unidentified (Loose cash)	\$	820.65
Building Maintenance	\$	530.00
Youth Ministry	\$	75.00
Religious Education Donation	\$	100.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	2,796.00
Legacy of Faith (Debt Reduction)	\$	4,338.93



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from their property at vehicle owners expense.



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Clinton



Sunday, January 20

Class # 10 at 10am

Tuesday, January 22

First Reconciliation (2nd Graders) 6pm

Wednesday, January 23

Confirmation Session at 5:30pm

At St. John the Baptist

Sunday, February 3

Class #11 at 10am

Sunday, February 17

Class #12 at 10am

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, January 20

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

-9:00 am: Mass

-10:00 am: Religious Ed Class #10

Tuesday, January 22

-6:00 pm: First Reconciliation

-6:15 pm: Reconciliation

-6:30 pm: Mass

-7:00 pm: St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesday, January 23

-5:30 pm: Confirmation Session
at SJB

Sunday, January 27

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

-9:00 am: Mass

TITHES & OFFERINGS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 01/13/2018

Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)

\$ 2,525.00

Unidentified (Loose Cash)

\$ 368.00

Building Maintenance

\$ 85.00

St. Vincent de Paul

\$ 990.64

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

IN JANUARY:

Jan. 26/27: Church in Latin
America

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

SIGNS IN JOHN—EPIPHANIES OF THE ROYAL WEDDING

John the Evangelist describes the turning of water into wine at the wedding in Cana as “the beginning” of the signs that Jesus would perform to manifest God’s glory. “Beginning” here means more than first in a series. “The beginning” points to the source of all the signs in that “royal wedding” of divinity and humanity in Jesus as the Word become flesh, elevating and transforming everything it touches. The wine that Jesus provided was better than the water that had previously filled the stone jars, and it was better than the wine the guests had already been drinking.

Early Christian writers saw in this transformation of water into wine an anticipation of Jesus’ transformation of wine into his own blood. The epiphany at Cana shows us how to become participants in that great wedding of divinity and humanity. Cleansed in holy waters and sharers in the wine that has become Christ’s blood, we too can be transformed into signs of God’s glorious love.

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