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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
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BEFORE DAILY MASSES)

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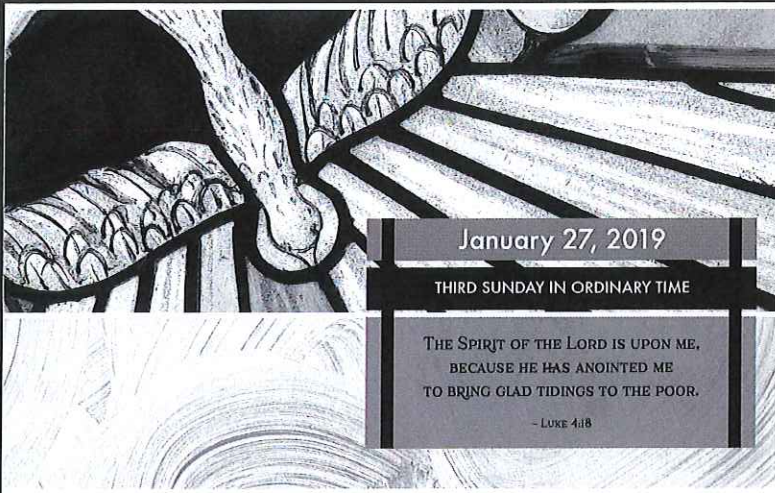
Mass Schedule for Our Lady of the Assumption:

SUNDAY: 9AM MASS

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

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TIME

The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, it will be "a year acceptable to the Lord." And Jesus surely didn't mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing his listeners at that time.

When Jesus announced the "arrival" of God's favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God's word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, "Today is holy . . . do not be sad, and do not weep."

The "year acceptable to the Lord" is this year. The day that is "holy" is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God's help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on God's word.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
 Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
 Monday: St. Thomas Aquinas
 Thursday: St. John Bosco
 Friday: First Friday
 Saturday: The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; First Saturday; World Day for Consecrated Life; Groundhog Day

SANCTUARY LIGHT: JANUARY 26—FEBRUARY 1



The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn in memory of **Mary Snyder**.
 The Adoration Chapel will burn in memory of **James Winborn**.
 The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn in memory of **Dolores Fourrier**.



New to the Parish

Marco & Amber Gonzalez and their son, Anthony Michael in Zachary, and
 Nic & Charlotte Bencaz and their children, Asher and Isaac, in Zachary.



Congratulations to our newest member Baptized in the Lord on January 17, 2019

Rynn Schilling Catherine Monte
 daughter of Heath & Jill Monte

SVdP "Fill-a-Truck" drive

Saturday, Feb. 9th at 9am-noon

Collecting:

- usable clothing
- baby and children's items & toys
- kitchen items
- furniture
- etc.

NOT collecting:

- mattresses
- electronic devices (computers, ipads, ...)
- before February 9th



Metanoia is looking for volunteers to help with the B.R. Inner Circle "Attic Trash & Treasure Sale"

Metanoia is one of the non-profits that benefits from this annual sale.

If you can help beginning now thru March 12, please call Linda Holley at 200-6227.

The "Attic Trash & Treasure Sale" is March 8, 9, and 10.

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
LeLand Crochet, III, USMC	Matthew Charlet Dart, USN
Chandler Derouen, Army	Stephen DiLorenzo, Army
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Markus Kippers, USN	Dustin Knight, USN
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
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

Rejoicing in the Lord

In the first reading, Ezra gets a strange reaction from the people to whom he reads the book of the law. First they lie down, with faces to the ground, and then they all are weeping. Remember the background of this reading. The people of Israel had returned from exile and needed to become a unified nation. Many probably didn't know that they had been breaking the law. Others might have been overwhelmed with all the requirements of the law.

Ezra and Nehemiah console the people by reminding them that their return makes this a day "holy to the LORD" (Nehemiah 8:10). He adds that they would get strength from "rejoicing in the LORD." That may be good advice for us also.

We might find ourselves so trapped in sin that we think we could never be forgiven. We need to remember that Jesus loved sinners so much, he gave his life on the cross to free us from sin. No sin can be so bad that God's love cannot forgive it. In fact, the more I have to repent, the more God wants to forgive. So we can rejoice in the Lord's forgiveness and the Spirit will give us the strength to change our lives.

And what about those who find the law overwhelming? That can be because we have forgotten Jesus' saying that all of God's laws are contained in the command to love God and love our neighbor as we love ourselves. The more we come to accept God's presence in our lives and see God in others, the easier it becomes to keep the law of love.

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Please do NOT park in the Napa store parking lot on weekends for Mass.

Please be advised that they will have vehicles towed from their property at vehicle owners expense.

What's Happening This Week

St.
John
the
Baptist



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

Monday, January 28

-10:00 am: Bible Study
 -6:00 pm: Prayer Group
 -6:30 pm: Boy / Cub Scouts

Tuesday, January 29

-5:00 pm: Adult Choir
 -6:00 pm: Children & Youth Choir

Wednesday, January 30

-7:00 am: Mass

Thursday, January 31

-7:30 am: Mass
 -6:00 pm: Bible Study
 -7:00 pm: R.C.I.A.

Friday, February 1

-7:30 am: Mass/Divine Mercy/Breakfast in the Parish Hall
 -7:30 pm: N.A. Meeting

Saturday, February 2

-3:00 pm: Reconciliation
 -4:00 pm: Mass

Sunday, February 3

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-6:30 am: Knights of Columbus Rosary
 -7:00 am: Mass / Quarterly Breakfast by KC
 -11:00 am: Mass

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN JANUARY:

Jan. 26/27: Church in Latin America

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 01/20/2018

St. John the Baptist

Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)	\$	12,121.00
Unidentified (Loose cash)	\$	837.00
Building Maintenance	\$	155.00
Youth Ministry	\$	410.00
Religious Education Donation	\$	275.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	335.00
Legacy of Faith (Debt Reduction)	\$	2,933.00



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Clinton



What's Happening This Week

TITHES & OFFERINGS

February Schedule

Sunday, February 3

Class #11 at 10am

Sunday, February 17

Class #12 at 10am

Sunday, January 27

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

-9:00 am: Mass

Tuesday, January 9

-6:15 pm: Reconciliation

-6:30 pm: Mass

Sunday, February 3

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30 am: Rosary

-9:00 am: Mass

-10:00 am: First Sunday Social

-10:00 am: Religious Ed Class #11

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

01/20/2018

Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)

\$ 3,820.64

Unidentified (Loose Cash)

\$ 465.10

Building Maintenance

\$ 70.00

Youth Ministry

\$ 55.00

St. Vincent de Paul

\$ 50.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Jan. 27: Church in Latin America

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

FINAL CHANCE TO REGISTER:



**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, Jan. 30.**



Please call the office to request a letter of

your 2018 donations to the church. We do NOT submit the letters unless requested.

We can mail, email, or fax your letter to you! To request your letter, call 225.654.5778.

Please note, for donations made to Metanoia, please call 225.615.7085 for a letter.

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.



StJB Religious Education

- K-5, Emmaus Road & Edge is this Sunday, Jan. 27th.
- The next K-5, Emmaus Road & Edge is Feb. 10th.
- Confirmation Retreat is Feb 9th@ St. Isidore.
- First Reconciliation Retreat is Feb. 16th @ SJB.
- First Reconciliation is Feb. 23rd.
- Next Life Teen is Feb. 24th.



O dear Jesus, I humbly implore You to grant Your special graces to our family. May our home be the shrine of peace, purity, love, labor and faith. I beg You, dear Jesus, to protect and bless all of us, absent and present, living and dead. O Mary, loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, pray to Jesus for our family, for all the families of the world, to guard the cradle of the newborn, the schools of the young and their vocations. Blessed Saint Joseph, holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayers in all the necessities of life. Ask of Jesus that special grace which He granted to you, to watch over our home at the pillow of the sick and the dying, so that with Mary and with you, heaven may find our family unbroken in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Amen.

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

Bible Studies:

*Sunday mornings during K-5 classes, Emmaus Road, in the Parish Hall.
We are studying the Books of Wisdom.

*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"

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