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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 THRUS. 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

Mass Schedule for Our Lady of the Assumption:

SUNDAY: 9AM MASS

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

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Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.

Jeremiah 15

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

AN ONGOING MISSION

In his hometown synagogue, Jesus' neighbors are amazed by his words. Nevertheless, they remind each other, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

Surely the people know who he is. The carpenter's son. The young man who had learned in this very synagogue. The boy down the street.

Conflict arises as Jesus begins to define himself in a new way. When he compares himself to the ancient prophets Elijah and Elisha the tensions grow. The tensions multiply when Jesus begins to tell of a new mission for God's people: the good news of the scriptures is intended for all.

In his famous passage from the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us of the eternal nature of love. Love does not come to an end. In today's readings, we are reminded that, like love, Jesus' mission cannot be contained. Jesus slips through the crowd of persecutors and moves on to new challenges. We are called to this same perseverance in the name of love.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32;

Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,

17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11;

Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8;

1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: St. Agatha

Wednesday: St. Paul Miki and Companions

Friday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita;

International Day of Prayer and Awareness

against Human Trafficking

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

In Sympathy

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

Ervin Spangler, husband of Beverly Spangler.

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.



Congratulations and Welcome

to our Newest Members

Baptized in the Lord

Sunday, January 27, 2019

Lucas "Luke" Drake Johnson

son of Nicholas & Amber Johnson

Cooper "James" Kazusky son of Stephen & Lucy Kazusky

"Dominic" Thomas Vice son of Eric & Kaya Vice

SANCTUARY LIGHT: FEBRUARY 2—FEBRUARY 8

The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn in memory of **Bob Hanchey**.
The Adoration Chapel will burn

in memory of Ivy Soileau.

The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn

in memory of the Caldwell & Cazedessus Families.



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.



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Clinton





Sunday, February 3

Class #11 at 10am

Saturday, February 9

Confirmation Retreat at St. Isidore

Sunday, February 17

Class #12 at 10am

Amouncements

The Mass scheduled for Tuesday, February 26th has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 27th.

What's Happening This Week

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

Tuesday, February 5

-6:15 pm: Reconciliation

-6:30 pm: Mass

-7:00 pm: Men's Club Saturday, February 9

-9:00 am: Confirmation Retreat

at St. Isidore

Sunday, February 10

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-9:00 am: Mass

TITHES & OFFERINGS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 01/27/2018

Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)

\$ 2,790.64

Unidentified (Loose Cash)

\$ 307.00

Building Maintenance

30.00

Youth Ministry

\$ 45.00

Church in Latin America

70.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Feb. 17: Church in Eastern Europe

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking The Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the International Union of Superiors General has designated February 8 as an annual day of prayer and awareness against human trafficking. February 8 is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. Once Josephine was freed, she became a Canossian nun and dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery and comforting the poor and suffering. She was declared a Saint in 2000.

On February 8, Catholics all over the world are encouraged to host or attend prayer services to create greater awareness about this phenomenon. Through prayer, we not only reflect on the experiences of those that have suffered through this affront to human dignity, but also comfort, strengthen, and help empower survivors.

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Various Religious Items for Sale Dirt Cheap!

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



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printing. There is a basket near the books in which to place your payment.

If you desire a guided tour of the Church, please schedule one by going to http://www.sjb-ola.org/tours and begin the registration process for groups of 4 or more. You can also call the church office to schedule a tour.

"Fill-A-Truck" Drive by St. Vincent dePaul Society
February 9, 2019 / 9am-Noon
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP!



Please call the parish office if you can help: 654.8837.

See flyer for more details.

HEALING ROSARY: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

What's Happening This Week

St. John the Baptist



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 Monday, February 4 -9:00 am: Healing Rosary

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

Tuesday, February 5

-5:00 pm: Adult Choir

-6:00 pm: Children & Youth Choir

Wednesday, February 6

-7:00 am: Mass

-6:00 pm: KC and Men's Club Dinner

Thursday, February 7

-7:30 am: Mass

-10:00 am: Altar Society

-6:00 pm: Bible Study / Handmaids

-7:00 pm: R.C.I.A. Friday, February 8

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

-7:30 pm: N.A. Meeting Saturday, February 9

-9:00 am till 12Noon: SVdP Fill a Truck -9:00 am: Confirmation Retreat at St. Isidore

-3:00 pm: Reconciliation

-4:00 pm: Mass

Sunday, February 10

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee in Hall -9:15 am: K—5 Religious Ed Class

-9:15 am: Emmaus Road Adult Formation -11:00 am: Mass / Children's Litrugy

-5:00 pm: Edge

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN FEBRUARY:

Feb. 2 / 3: Debt Reduction at SJB

Feb. 16/17: Church in Eastern Europe

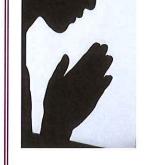
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Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)	\$ 10,087.00
Unidentified (Loose cash)	\$ 919.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 525.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 325.00
Religious Education Donation	\$ 75.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 15.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 554.00
Legacy of Faith (Debt Reduction)	\$ 1,701.00





- ⇒ Confirmation Retreat is Feb 9th@ St. Isidore.
- ⇒ First Reconciliation Retreat is Feb. 16th @ SJB.
- ⇒ Bowl-a-thon is Feb. 16th, 1pm @ All Star Lanes
 - ⇒ 24 Hour Adoration is Feb. 18th
 - ⇒ First Reconciliation is Feb. 23rd.
 - ⇒ Next Life Teen is Feb. 24th.



For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward Heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy. St. Therese of Lisieux

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"

INFUSED

Saturday, February 23rd Join us for a Mardi Gras Celebration



Join us for our 4th Annual Bowl-a-thon benefitting St. John the Baptist Youth Ministry

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- Full page ad in event printed program
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St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Saint Agatha has been venerated as a virgin and martyr since the time of her death in AD 251. Besides the Blessed Virgin Mary, she is only one of seven women saints commemorated in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer 1) and as early as the fifth century had two churches in Rome dedicated to her. Born in Sicily to a noble family, Agatha was a devout Christian who dedicated her virginity to God. Pursued by Quintianus, a prefect or governor, she rebuffed his advances. He had Agatha arrested for being a Christian and forced her to renounce Christ.

Her documented legend speaks of the brutal interrogations and torture she endured at his hand. When she refused she was imprisoned in a brothel, then a prison, stretched on the rack, burned with red hot irons and had her breasts cut off. She had a apparition of St. Peter as a physician and was miraculously healed of her wounds. Four days later upon further interrogation and to the surprise of her torturers, she was condemned to death by rolling her naked body in broken glass and hot coals. At the very moment of her final torture a great earthquake struck the region. Immediately before her death Saint Agatha was heard praying, "O Lord Jesus Christ, good Master, I give You thanks that You granted me victory over the executioners' tortures. Grant now that I may happily dwell in Your never-ending glory".

Saint Agatha is the patron saint of breast cancer, victims of sexual assault, against earthquakes, fires and volcanic eruptions.

(www.romancatholicidentity.com)

Prayer to Saint Agatha

O Heavenly Father,
Who raised Agatha
to the dignity of Sainthood,
we implore Your Divine Majesty
by her intercession
to give us health of mind,
body and soul.
Free us from all those things
which hold us bound to this earth,
and let our spirit, like hers,
rise to your heavenly courts.
Through Jesus Christ,
Your Son, our Lord,
Who lives and reigns
with You, forever. Amen.



Things to do:

- Bake an Agatha loaf! On St. Agatha's feast day people would bake loaves attached to a picture and prayer of St. Agatha.
- St. Agatha is the patron saint against fire. Take this day to establish a fire escape plan for the family and to practice a family fire drill. Also check the smoke detectors, fire alarms, and carbon monoxide detectors to see if they are all working. Change the batteries on all the alarms!

St. Josephine Bakhita Patron of Human Trafficking

On February 8, the Church commemorates the life of St. Josephine Bakhita, a Canossian Sister who was kidnapped and sold into slavery in Sudan.

Josephine Bakhita was born in 1869, in a small village in the Darfur region of Sudan. She was kidnapped while working in the fields with her family and subsequently sold into slavery. Her captors asked for her name but she was too terrified to remember so they named her "Bakhita," which means "fortunate" in Arabic.



Retrospectively, Bakhita was very fortunate, but the first years of her life do not necessarily attest to it. She was tortured by her various owners who branded her, beat and cut her. In her biography she notes one particularly terrifying moment when one of her masters cut her 114 times and poured salt in her wounds to ensure that the scars remained. "I felt I was going to die any moment, especially when they rubbed me in with the salt," Bakhita wrote.

She bore her suffering valiantly though she did not know Christ or the redemptive nature of suffering. She also had a certain awe for the world and its creator. "Seeing the sun, the moon and the stars, I said to myself: 'Who could be the Master of these beautiful things?' And I felt a great desire to see Him, to know Him and to pay Him homage."

After being sold a total of five times, Bakhita was purchased by Callisto Legnani, the Italian consul in Khartoum, the capital of Sudan. Two years later, he took Bakhita to Italy to work as a nanny for his colleague, Augusto Michieli. He, in turn, sent Bakhita to accompany his daughter to a school in Venice run by the Canossian Sisters.

Bakhita felt called to learn more about the Church, and was baptized with the name "Josephine Margaret." In the meantime, Michieli wanted to take Josephine and his daughter back to Sudan, but Josephine refused to return.

The disagreement escalated and was taken to the Italian courts where it was ruled that Josephine could stay in Italy because she was a free woman. Slavery was not recognized in Italy and it had also been illegal in Sudan since before Josephine had been born.

Josephine remained in Italy and decided to enter Canossians in 1893. She made her profession in 1896 and was sent to Northern Italy, where she dedicated her life to assisting her community and teaching others to love God.

She was known for her smile, gentleness and holiness. She even went on record saying, "If I were to meet the slave-traders who kidnapped me and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands, for if that did not happen, I would not be a Christian and Religious today."

St. Josephine was beatified in 1992 and canonized shortly after on October 2000 by Pope John Paul II. She is the first person to be canonized from Sudan and is the patron saint of the country.

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