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Mass Schedule:

SATURDAY:

3PM CONFESSION
4PM MASS

SUNDAY:

7AM MASS

AM WASS

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

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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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As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just.

Sirach 27:5

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The old Latin saying, which echoes Jesus' images, is true: "What is bred in the bone will out in the flesh." By and by, the inside will show through. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Tuesday:

Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;

2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25 Thursday:

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32 Saturday:

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15;

Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Casimir

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday;

Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving

Thursday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

St. John of God; Abstinence Friday:

Saturday: St. Frances of Rome



SANCTUARY LIGHT: MARCH 2—MARCH 8

The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn in memory of Mark Rioux.

The Adoration Chapel will burn

in memory of A.A."Buck" Bayhi.

The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn

in memory of Daniel Cazedessus.



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 10th.

A NEW PERMANENT SATURDAY schedule

will begin on March 16th:

3:30 pm: Reconciliation

4:30 pm: Mass



THE INSIDE SHOWS

In this third Sunday of our reading from the sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks of the inner soul and its outer expression. He uses images as he teaches. He addresses all of us.

Jesus sees a plumb line connecting the soul with the soul's expression-words and actions. He uses exaggeration to drive home his point. We are urged to clear out the debris that blinds us. He knows that we have an uncanny ability to be blind to our own weaknesses, though they be as big as a board. He knows, too, how willingly we seem to ferret out others' smallest speck-like flaws.

And this, too, is for our general consumption; solid old goodness and solid old badness will show eventually.

Fast and Abstinence



day MASS SCHEDULE

(March 6th)

OLA: 6:30pm Mass

No Mass on Tuesday, March 5th.

SJB: 7:00am, 12:00noon, and 6:30pm

Offices closed Monday, March 4 and Tuesday, March 5.



LENTEN CALENDAR

Tuesday (OLA): 6:30pm Mass / Soup Supper

Wednesday (SJB): 7:00am Mass

Thursday (SJB): 7:00am Mass / Divine Mercy

Friday (SJB): 7:00am Mass / Way of the Cross/

Breakfast

5:45pm: Divine Mercy

6:00pm: Way of the Cross /

Talk / Light Meal



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The Magnificat Lenten Companion OR

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Baptismal Seminar

Saturday, March 9 at 9:30am

Baptisms

Sunday, March 24

Following 11:00am Mass





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Sister Fe B. Bista

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On Sunday, March 10th, we are so blessed to have a fourth sister joining us and our current sisters, to serve our faith communities. This will be the first time Sister Fe leaves her home country of the Philippines.

Please welcome her when she arrives.

Metanoia is asking for volunteers to help with the "Attic Trash & Treasure Sale".

The sale is next week: March 8th, 9th, and 10th.

(Not April -error in last week's bulletin.)

If you can help, please call Linda Holley at 225.200.6227.

This week, Jesus tells us that we must examine our own inner selves, our attitudes and dispositions, virtues and faults, rather than judging others. What is in our hearts comes out in what and how we speak. If our hearts are filled with kindness and compassion, those qualities will be evident in our speaking, just as beautiful, wholesome fruit comes only from healthy trees. And vice-versa. The Wisdom writer Sirach in the first reading agrees with this concept—that we will be judged by our words. Paul reminds us that the reward of discipleship is eternal life. Today's psalm of thanksgiving and praise reminds us of God's kindness and faithfulness, which we are to emulate in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We are known, each of us, by our own fruit.

WORDS AND FRUIT

What do these two things have in common? In Luke's Gospel today, Jesus uses the image of a fruit tree to explain the importance of speaking with care. If the tree is healthy (that is, good), we expect to enjoy tasty fruit, but no one would pick the fruit of a tree that appears to be diseased. Good fruit is like good words that indicate one's spiritual growth and maturity—a person whose heart and words are filled with goodness. We will be known as good or evil by the qualities—of mercy and compassion, or pride and selfishness—that come from our hearts and enter the world through our mouth.

We hear similar advice from the book of Sirach in our first reading. Just as the fruit will indicate whether or not the tree from which it came was healthy, so too do our words indicate what we think, how we view the world and our neighbors. Words are important, indeed.

ACTIONS AND VICTORY

But what about our actions? These surely are also signs of goodness or the opposite, aren't they? Today's psalm sings about the just ones who will be like trees flourishing in the house of the Lord, bearing fruit throughout their lives. Justice implies action—mercy, compassion, love. In the second reading, Paul advises the Corinthians to devote themselves to the work of the Lord, that their labors would not be in vain, because the reward of acting with integrity is victory over sin and death. The person of justice and integrity acts and speaks from a new heart, made possible by Jesus' sacrifice.

Do actions speak louder than words? Maybe between this Gospel and last week's, when Jesus told us to love our enemies, Jesus is showing us that both are vital and essential aspects of following the life of discipleship. May our fruit always reflect the sweetness of living a good life.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



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Altar Society Meeting Thursday, March 7

HEALING ROSARY: Monday, March 4th

10:00AM

at 9:00am at the home of Devin & Linda Holley.



The Men's Club of SJB is now selling tickets for their annual

Palm Sunday Chicken Dinners.

Dinners will be available Palm Sunday, April 14th.

Each plate is \$10 and includes

half a chicken with sides.

Tickets available for purchase from Men's Club members following Masses.



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Call the parish office if it might be yours.

What's Happening This Week

St. John the Baptist



Sunday, March 3

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-6:30 am: Knights of Columbus Rosary

-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee in Hall

-8:00 am: Knights of Columbus Meeting

-11:00 am: Mass Monday, March 4

Office Closed

-9:00 am: Healing Rosary at Holley residence

-6:00 pm: Prayer Group **Tuesday, March 5**

Office Closed

-7:00 pm: A.A. Meeting Wednesday, March 6

Ash Wednesday (Fast & Abstinence)

-7:00 am: Mass -12 Noon: Mass -6:30 pm: Mass **Thursday, March** 7

-7:00 am: Mass / Divine Mercy

-10:00 am: Altar Society

Friday, March 8

-7:00 am: Mass/Way of Cross/Breakfast in the Parish Hall

-5:45 pm: Divine Mercy

-6:00 pm: Way of the Cross / Talk / Meal

-7:30 pm: N.A. Meeting

Saturday, March 9

-9:30 am: Baptismal Seminar in the church

-3:00 pm: Reconciliation

-4:00 pm: Mass Sunday, March 10 First Sunday in Lent

(Daylight Saving Time begins—move clocks ahead 1 hour)

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

-9:15 am: Emmaus Road Adult Formation / Bible Study

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

-5:00 pm: Edge

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN March

March 2/3: Debt Reduction in SJB (2nd collection)

March 9/10: Indian and Black Missions March 16/17: Catholic Relief Services

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 02/24/2018

St. John the Baptist

\$ 9,085.00
\$ 802.57
\$ 495.00
\$ 495.00
\$ 125.00
\$ 125.00
\$ 3,775.00
\$ \$ \$

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION



Sunday, March 3

10:00 am: Class 13 Sunday, March 17

10:00 am: Class #14 / Penance Service

Saturday, March 23 Abbey Youth Fest Sunday, March 31

10:00 am: Class #15 (last class)

Ash Wednesday, March 6th 6:30PM Mass



Following Mass, join us in the Assumption Hall for our annual Lenten Soup Supper

**No Mass on Tuesday, March 5th

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, March 3

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30 am: Rosary -9:00 am: Mass

-10:00 am: First Sunday Social -10:00 am: Religious Class #13

Tuesday, March 5

NO MASS

Wednesday, March 6 Ash Wednesday

-6:15 pm: Reconciliation

-6:30 pm: Mass

-following Mass: Soup Supper

Sunday, March 10 First Sunday in Lent

(Daylight Saving Time begins)

-9:00 am: Mass

Second Annual Plant Swap

Tuesday, March 19th 9:00am-Noon



TITHES & OFFERINGS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 02/24/2018

Identified (Envelopes, checks, online) \$ 3,783.64

Unidentified (Loose Cash)

285.00

Building Maintenance \$

0.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

March 10: Black & Indian Missions March 17: Catholic Relief Services

Soup Suppers

Following Mass on
Ash Wednesday and every
Tuesday during Lent.

Please HELP!

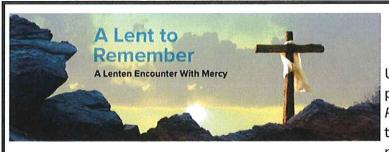
Call Diane Rouchon at 225.683.5192.





Please take home for your Lenten journey: The Magnificat Lenten Companion OR

The Word Among Us: God So Loved the World



Please join us for four sessions of A Lent to Remember.

Using the highly-acclaimed Augustine Institute programs Symbolon and Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession, A Lent to Remember explores the ways God reaches out to each of us with his mercy. Through Christ's suffering on the cross in the

Paschal Mystery and his perpetual reception of his people in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God makes his love, his very self, present to us in the world. By reflecting on the Paschal Mystery and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite of Confession, *A Lent to Remember* communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love this Lent.

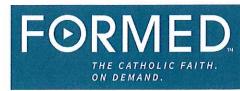
At 5:30pm before Mass on:

Tuesday, March 12

Tuesday, March 19

Tuesday, March 26

Tuesday, April 2





OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION



Tuesdays during Lent



6:15PM Reconciliation

6:30PM Mass



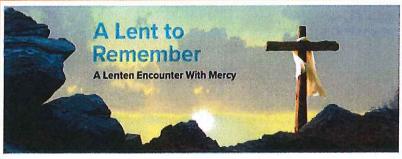


Following the 6:30PM Mass,

Join us in Assumption Hall

for the annual Soup Suppers

Help needed: contact Diane Rouchon at 683-5192.



Join us at **5:30pm before Mass** on the following Tuesdays in the Hall for

A Lent to Remember: a program by FORMED.

March 12 March 19

March 26

April 2

This 4-session program will play at 5:30pm, followed by Mass & Soup Supper.



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

CLINTON (Liberty Hwy. /Hwy 67, North)

Second Annual

PLANT SWAP

Tuesday, March 19

9:00am-Noon

What is a Plant Swap?

A plant swap is exactly what is sounds like—a forum for swapping out plants with fellow gardeners. Plant exchanges allow gardeners in the community to come together and share cuttings and transplants from their own gardens to swap with others.

The plant swap rules are easy to follow:

- · Label name of plant and print care directions
- Plants should be healthy and have been well cared for.

 Plants do not have to be in a pot.
 - Take home one plant for every plant you bring to the swap



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