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Mass Schedule: SATURDAY:

3:30PM CONFESSION 4:30PM MASS YEAR ROUND

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

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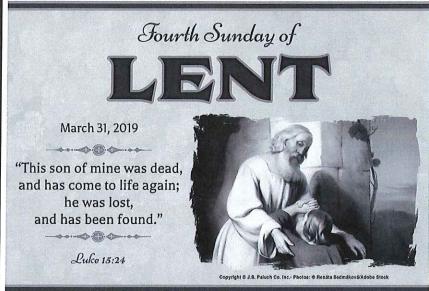
Mass Schedule for Our Lady of the Assumption:

SUNDAY: 9AM MASS

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

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GOD FORGIVES

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." After forty years of wandering in the desert, this hard-headed people have finally reached the Promised Land. No more do they eat the manna in the desert, but they partake of the fruits of their new homeland. God has kept the promise to their parents in Egypt. Even though they were a sinful people, many times questioning God and even worshiping false gods, God has forgiven them and fulfilled the promise. The "take-away" for us is that there is no sin that is unforgivable. We may have offended our neighbors, given a bad example to someone, even worshiped the false gods of money and power. But God is a merciful God, true to the words spoken to us. God forgives all and calls us back to love. Copyright @ J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday:

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday:

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday:

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday:

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday:

Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday:

Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14;

Jn 8:1-11

Alternate readings (Year A):

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday:

St. Francis of Paola

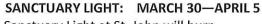
Thursday:

St. Isidore of Seville

Friday:

St. Vincent Ferrer; First Friday; Abstinence

Saturday: First Saturday





The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn in memory of Clarence & Earline Bueche.

The Adoration Chapel will burn in memory of James Winborn, Jr.

The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn in

memory of Souls in Hue, Nguyen,& Huynh families.



New to our Parish

Tim & Bridget Soileau in Slaughter



LENTEN CALENDAR

Tuesday (OLA):

5:30pm A Lent to Remember

6:00pm Way of the Cross

6:15pm Reconciliaton

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 /

Reconciliation / Talk /

Light Meal

Reconciliation during Lent is available

at OLA on Tuesdays at 6:15pm before Mass; and at SJB before daily Masses on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 6:45am, on Friday evenings during the Lenten Mission, and on Saturdays at 3:30pm.

Reconciliation will NOT be available on Holy Saturday.



Confession

"God creates every person for eternal union with Himself and continually invites us to embrace a loving relationship with Him. Every person is chosen."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities/2018-2019 Respect Life Reflection

We will once again offer a nursery during 11:00am Mass for children ages 5 months through 3 years old beginning next Sunday, April 7th.



Please bring your child to the T-Building prior to Mass with diapers and wipes.

Save the Date!

Tuesday, May 21st 5:30-8:30pm at St. John the Baptist.



Registration forms will be available soon.

Hosted by: Handmaids of the Lord to help fund their annual Fall Morning of Reflection.



For your convenience, please download the Guide Book Publishing App.

Please verify your family information, and call the office if the information is incorrect.

(You will need to call the office for

your personal username and password for first time use.)

We are now preparing for the printing of our

St. John and Our Lady 2019 Guide Book & Directory.

We hope to have all updated, correct information soon.

The Guide Book & Directory is free and mailed to every registered parishioner.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The parable of the father and his sons is one of the most familiar of all of Jesus' stories. The father in the parable is lavish in forgiveness and revels in the return of his young son, who was lost and now is found. The older son is also lost—lost in his refusal to forgive, lost in his failure to grasp his father's generous spirit. The Israelites spent many years lost in the desert, seeking the land of milk and honey, yet often failing to seek the God who delivered and fed them. We are sometimes lost as well. We lose sight of the Lord and the Lord's ways. God never loses sight of us, however. God waits, ready for us to come to our senses, ready to welcome us back with open arms.

LOST

It is hard to admit how easily we get lost. We lose our way in the rush of tasks, meetings, and activities and get out of the habit of daily prayer, Sunday Mass, and service. We get caught up in the pursuit of material wealth, power, social status, and worldly success. We may be dismissive of people whose perspectives are different from our own. We become selfish and self-centered. We are blind to the needs of others, concerned solely with ourselves, our family, our small social circles. We get off track and for a while do not even realize we are lost. Like the young son in the parable, something has to happen to bring us back to our senses.

FOUND

The young son "hit bottom" and made his way home. The Israelites learned to trust in and follow God and entered the Promised Land. We are found the moment we realize we are lost and begin our journey back to the Lord. Jesus not only shows us the way, Christ is our way home to God. Our homeward path is often an examination of conscience, by which we search our hearts and recognize our failings. We may need to make amends to those whom we have hurt; we might be called to a change of attitude or behavior. Are you lost? Now is the perfect time to open your mind and heart, and admit that you have lost your way. Lent is a season when we admit the ways that we are missing the mark and return to God. Often, we do so through the sacrament of Reconciliation, in which we confess our sins, are given penance, and accept Christ's warm embrace of forgiveness.

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HEALING ROSARY: Monday, April 1st at 9am at the home of Devin & Linda Holley.





Altar Society: Thursday, April 4th at 10am.

David Welch, LaNG

Christopher Williston, USAF

Men's Bible Study: Saturdays at 8:00am.



The Ladies' Altar Society will host their annual

BAKE SALE

to be held on Palm Sunday weekend (April 13-14) following all Masses.



Please walk over to the gym after Mass and purchase a delicious homemade dessert or sweet from the ladies of our Altar Society.



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 for pick up or eat in.

Each plate is \$10 and includes half a chicken with sides. Tickets available for purchase from Men's Club members after Masses.



Sunday, March 31 Fourth Sunday in Lent

-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee in Hall

-11:00 am: Mass -5:00 pm: Life Teen Monday, April 1

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

Tuesday, April 2
-5:00 pm: Adult Choir

-6:00 pm: Children & Youth Choir

-7:30 pm: A.A. Meeting Wednesday, April 3
-7:00 am: Mass

Thursday, April 4
-7:00 am: Mass / Divine Mercy

-10:00 am: Altar Society

Friday, April 5

-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, April 6

-8:00 am: Men's Bible Study -9:00 am: First Eucharist Retreat

-3:30 pm: Reconciliation

-4:30 pm: Mass Sunday, April 7

Fifth Sunday in Lent

-6:30 am: Knights of Columbus Rosary

-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee in Hall

-8:00 am: Knights of Columbus Meeting -9:15 am: K-5th Religious Ed Class

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

-11:00 am: Mass -5:00 pm: Edge

APRIL SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

6/7: Debt Reduction

19: Good Friday Holy Land

20/21: Retirement for Diocesan Priest

27/28: Catholic Home Missions

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 03/24/2018

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Easter Flowers	\$ 303.00
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Legacy of Faith (Debt Reduction)	\$ 1,850.00



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION



Sunday, March 31

10AM: Class #15 (last class)

APRII

Sunday, April 14

10AM: Egg Hunt, Jambalaya &

Ice Cream Party (RSVP)

Saturday, April 27

9AM: First Eucharist Retreat & Practice

Sunday, April 28

9AM: First Eucharist

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, March 31 Fourth Sunday in Lent

-9:00 am: Mass

-10:00 am: Final Religious Ed Class

Tuesday, April 2

-5:30 pm: A Lent to Remember

-6:00 pm: Way of the Cross

-6:15 pm: Reconciliation

-6:30 pm: Mass

-following Mass: Soup Supper

Sunday, April 7 Fifth Sunday in Lent

-8:30 am: Rosary

-9:00 am: Mass

-10:00 am: First Sunday Social

OFFERINGS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 03/17/2018

Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)

\$3,913.64

Unidentified (Loose Cash)

123.25

Easter Flowers

110.00

Soup Suppers

Following Mass every



Tuesday during Lent.

Men's Club

CATFISH DINNERS



Friday, April 12th

5:00-7:00pm \$8.00 each Pick up or

dine in





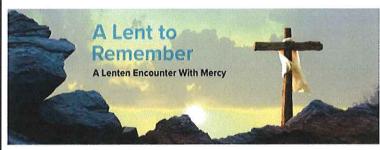
Meeting Tuesday

April 2

7:00pm

Please join us for the last session 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, April 2



St Religious Education

- ⇒ The LAST Life Teen is this Sunday, March 31st!
- ⇒ Required First Communion Retreat is Sat. April 6th, 9-Noon.
- \Rightarrow The LAST K-5 & Edge are April 7th.
- ⇒ The LAST Confirmation session is Wed. April 17th @ 5:30pm.

"The ultimate goal of fasting is to help each one of us to make a complete gift of self to God." *Pope Benedict XVI*

Please go to Formed.org to check out all the options for Lenten Reflections!



Please join us on

Friday, April 5th as

St. John's Youth leads the

Stations of the Cross and

serves the Lenten Meal.

The Living Stations will be presented at

Our Lady of Mercy

by the 8th grade class on THURSDAY, APRIL 11 at 9:00 am; FRIDAY, APRIL 12 at



9:00 am; and FRIDAY, APRIL 12 at 6:00 pm.

Bible Studies

- Sunday Mornings during K-5 classes in the Parish Hall
- Monday Mornings, 10am in the Parish Hall
- Thursday Mornings, 10am-Noon, home of Eelin Golan, contact at (985-951-0328)
- * *Thursday Night has been postponed during Lent in lieu of Friday Lent Services.*



salad, village bread, entrie, dessert beverages wine for adults

\$20 per Adult \$10 per youth under 16

RESERVATIONS ARE LIMITED

Auction and Raffle items available the evening of the dinner

Proceeds from tonight's dinner benefit SJB Youth Ministry events throughout the year

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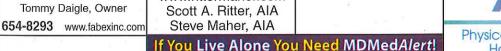
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