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# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



### Mass Schedule:

3:30PM CONFESSION

4:30PM MASS YEAR ROUND

#### SUNDAY:

7AM MASS

10AM HOLY ROSARY &

DIVINE MERCY

11AM MASS

#### WEEKDAYS:

WED. 7:30AM MASS
THURS. 7:30 MASS
FRI. 7:30 MASS,
DIVINE MERCY TO FOLLOW
(CONFESSIONS ARE
AVAILABLE 15 MINUTES
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Our Lady of the Assumption

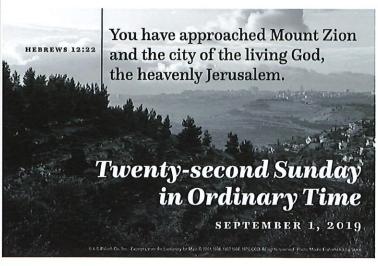
Mass Schedule for Our Lady of the Assumption:

SUNDAY: 9AM MASS

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

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#### **HUMILITY**

Humility is a virtue we don't see much in our times. It seems that bragging, swaggering, and arrogance dominate our fashion for everything and our Internet conversations. Who hasn't been irritated by the "trolls" who try (usually with bad grammar and poor spelling) to start an online fight with those whose opinions do not align with theirs? Our stores, catalogs, and online shopping sites are full of useless items geared in use and price to the very rich, as ordinary, useful things seem to fade off the sales scene. As the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and the middle class is fading away. What is the antidote to this? Humility is a good place to start. Devotion to God is worth more than riches. "The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; [God] leads forth prisoners to prosperity."

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13;

Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;

Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44 Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39 Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17;

Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Labor Day

Tuesday: St. Gregory the Great

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

#### SANCTUARY LIGHT: AUGUST 31— SEPTEMBER 6



The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn in memory of **Don Metcalf**.
The Adoration Chapel will burn in memory of **Dawn Landry**.
The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn in memory of **All Souls in Purgatory**.

Sympathy Our Communities of Faith extend our sympathy and prayerful support for the families of:
 Miranda McGhee Welch, daughter of Mickey and Joyce
 McGhee; David Hebert, brother of Dean Hebert; and Louis
 Mier, former parishioner of SJB. May the Lord grant comfort and peace to these families. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



The next **Baptismal Seminar** is Saturday, September 7th at 9:30am in the Parish Hall.



#### New to our Parish

Michael and Donna Armentor
in Zachary

CONGRATULATIONS, Vanessa Vince Winner of the LSU Tickets



Thank you for your support of the SJB Men's Club.

The Altar Society at SJB resumes their monthly meetings this Thursday, September 5th at 10:00am in the parish hall.





Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance
Handmaids of the Lord meet on
Thursdays at 6pm in classroom 4
This week is week two of eight weeks.
Everyone is invited!





**R.C.I.A.** at St. John the Baptist began last Thursday. However it is not too late to join them! Anyone interested in joining the faith or any Catholics wanting to renew their faith are invited to join R.C.I.A. every Thursday at 7:00pm in the parish hall.





Mount of Olives.

The readings today center on mindfulness, awareness of where we stand in God's plan. The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus' presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery. September's shadow calls us all to mindfulness as we prepare to return to life outside of summer. The Christian life holds these two places of knowledge of God in careful balance. Even in the accounts of the Passion we see the table of the upper room in balance with the

Altar means "high place," yet it is also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the altar's three steps, chanting Introibo ad altare Dei, or "I will go to the altar of God," followed by the altar servers' response, "The God who gives joy to my youth." Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy, and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink.

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#### Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **HUMILITY AND TRUST**

Today's readings praise the virtue of humility and offer concrete ways for us to become more humble. The Book of Sirach suggests a practical reason for acting with humility: humble people are more likeable than the arrogant. Even God "finds favor" with those who humble themselves. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus provides real-world suggestions for growing in humility and teaches us never to assume we are better than others. His words change our outward behavior and expand our hearts and minds to care about people we might have dismissed before. This practical, almost "folksy" wisdom about humility helps us behave better in daily life and makes our lofty goal of eternal life more accessible. Our reading from Hebrews affirms that heaven is indeed approachable. The personal love and sacrifice of Jesus have opened "the city of the living God" to us. Humility prepares us for paradise.

#### GOD IS ENOUGH

Many outstanding thinkers in the Church have devoted themselves to the study of humility. Saints such as Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, and Teresa of Ávila have helped us appreciate the essence of humility. Basically, humility accepts the simple truth that God creates everything—and provides all that we creatures require.

Humility, then, is faith applied to daily life. If I am created in God's very image, and if my life's goal is to unite with God in paradise, then God desires only paradise for me. Practically speaking, that means all day, every day, God will provide just exactly what I need to grow in holiness. Furthermore, God does this for me just as much as for every other creature on earth. All the gifts and talents that we have come from God, and everything we see as failure or weakness could never lie beyond God's powerful redemption.

#### IN GOD WE TRUST

Humility requires that we trust God to give us everything we need to live this life in such a way that we will live forever in paradise. This level of trust in God's providence is a gift, and it takes time to cultivate. Little by little, if we really, truly, deeply know that God wants to give us heaven, then common difficulties lose much of their power to unnerve us. In humility, we can let someone else have the last cookie. In humility, we can rejoice in a coworker's promotion. In humility, we can clean a mess we did not create. We can accept incompleteness, exclusion, and sacrifice because of the absolute certainty that God alone provides what we need. Jesus himself asks us to choose this humble way of life. "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled," he says in Luke's Gospel today, "but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." That is not just poetic rhetoric. Jesus actually means for humility to change our lives. He challenges us to "invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

#### PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES

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Dr. Christopher Johnson, USN	Sabrina Jones, LaNG
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Stanley Mays, USAF	Andrew Metcalf, Army
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	David Welch, LaNG
Gordon M. White, USAF	Christopher Williston, USAF

#### Catholic Daughters of the Americas

All ladies of SJB and OLA are invited to join the court of Catholic Daughters at SJB:



"Circle of Love #2756". Installation of members will take place next **Sunday, September 8th** at the 11:00am Mass. Ladies must register by next Thursday, September 5th. Contact the parish office for more information.

#### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER:

Sept 7/8: Debt Reduction at SJB only

Sept 14/15: Religious Education for both SJB &OLA

(Please support our programs designed to educate our child in their Catholic faith on September 14 / 15).

#### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

**OUR LADY** 

Sunday, September 1

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

-10:00 am: First Sunday Social

Tuesday, September 3
-5:30 pm: "Wild Goose"

-6:00 pm: Our Mother of Perpetual Help

-6:15 pm: Reconciliation

-6:30 pm: Mass

-7:30 pm: Men's Club Sunday, September 8

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

-9:00 am: Mass

#### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 08/25/2019

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Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)	\$	5,598.64
Unidentified (Loose cash)	\$	30.00
Building Maintenance	\$	25.00
Youth Ministry	\$	25.00
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#### OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY FOR LABOR DAY

#### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 1

Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time

-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee

-11:00 am: Mass

Monday, September 2 Labor Day (Office Closed)

Tuesday, September 3

-5:00 pm: Adult Choir -7:30 pm: A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, September 4

-7:30 am: Mass / Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Thursday, September 5

-7:30 am: Mass

-10:00 am: Altar Society

-6:00 pm: Handmaids of the Lord / Ephesians Bible Study

-7:00 pm: R.C.I.A. Friday, September 6

-7:30 pm: Mass / Divine Mercy / Coffee & Biscuits

-7:30 pm: N.A. Meeting Saturday, September 7

-9:30 am: Baptismal Seminar -3:30 pm: Reconciliation

-4:30 pm: Mass

-5:30 pm: "Infused" for Married Couples

Sunday, September 8

Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

-6:30 am: Knights of Columbus Rosary

-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee

-8:00 am: Knights of Columbus Meeting

-11:00 am: Mass / Opening Mass for Religious Ed /

Installation of Catholic Daughters

-5:00 pm: Confirmation Parent Meeting

-5:00 pm: Life Teen

-5:30 pm: That Man Is You

#### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 08/25/2019

Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)	\$ 10,950.00
Unidentified (Loose cash)	\$ 711.36
Building Maintenance	\$ 230.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 320.00
Religious Education Donation	\$ 242.00
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Debt Reduction / Legacy of Faith	\$ 1,385.00



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parish office or after weekend Masses in church.

Picture Dates: SJB: Sept. 10,11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18

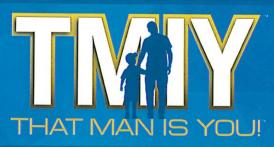
Oct. 1, 23, 4, 5

OLA: Sept. 19, 20, 21



ST. JOHN





# BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

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#### DISCOVER:

- The scriptural vision of man and the overwhelming scientific evidence that supports this vision.
- The four leadership roles that have been entrusted to men and the five personal traits necessary for fulfilling these leadership roles.
- · How and why Satan always attacks the union of man and woman.
- The three main obstacles to living as authentic men and the means for overcoming them.
- The wonderful renewal God is offering to men and their families through the Church.

#### PROGRAM DEVELOPER:

Steve Bollman

Developer, That Man is You! Founder & President, Paradisus Dei

During the Great Jubilee, Steve Bollman experienced a personal call to found a ministry dedicated to the renewal of marriage and family life. In 2002, he set aside his professional interests as an energy derivatives trader in Houston, Texas, to found Paradisus Dei. In 2004, Steve developed the That Man is You! Men's program, which quickly moved across the country transforming men, marriages and families. Independent research by a Faith Advisor to The Gallup Poll identified it as one of the most life transforming programs ever studied.

#### PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Sunday Evenings St. John the Baptist Church Hall Starting on September 8, 2019

START TIME - 5:30 PM

#### SCHEDULE:

5:30 pm - Dinner

6:00 pm - Presentation

6:30 pm - Breakout Group Discussion

7:00 pm - Conclusion

#### **REGISTRATION:**

Register for this free program online at www.thatmanisyou.org or contact Reed Eldridge at 337-380-1007



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- . Stpttmbtr 10th:
  - men's shelter (4pm in the pirish hill)
- . Stptember 18th:

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Check out the following retreats for this fall!

To sign up please contact katie in youth ministry

khamilton@sjb-ola.org or 225-654-5885





# Religious Education



### \*Registration\*

#### Registration is open!!!

Classes start soon! Please register your child for CCD, so we can plan accordingly. Registration is available online at sjb-ola.org, under the Religious Ed and Faith Formation tab, or you can stop by the Religious Ed office, Mon-Wed. You may also pick up a blank form in the Vestibule to fill out and place in the collection basket.

Thank You!

The next 24 hour Adoration is Mon., Sept. 16th. Please consider signing up for an hour with our Lord. Contact either office for an available time. 654-5778 or 654-5885 Thank You.

#### **1st DAYS OF CLASSES**

Life Teen – Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm K-5 – Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:15-10:45am Edge – Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm \*Full schedule at sjb-ola.org\*

Opening Mass for Religious Education Classes is <u>Sunday</u>, <u>Sept. 8th at 11am</u>.

We will also have a meeting on this day, for parents of 11th graders making Confirmation, at 5pm in the Parish Hall.

#### BIBLE STUDIES

\*'The Bible and the Virgin Mary'-Mondays at 10am in the Parish Hall

\*The Bible Timeline – Thursdays at 10am-Noon, home of Eelin Golan (985-951-0328)

\*Ephesians -Thursdays at 6pm in Classroom 4

\*Emmaus Road - Sundays the Parish Hall starting Sept.15th, during K-5 classes

\*\*\*Married couples of all ages\*\*\*

Please join us for **Infused** 

Saturday, September 7th in the Parish Hall, after 4:30pm Mass Dinner provided and babysitting available.

Please pre-register at suzanpayne@gmail.com

Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.

Proverbs 9:9

<sup>\*</sup> St. John the Baptist Office of Religious Education & Youth Ministry - 225-654-5885 - religioused@sjb-ola.org \*

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Our Lady of the Assumption Mission Federal I.D. #72-0594657

September 1, 2019

#### Dear Ladies of St. John the Baptist,

I would like to invite you to join the St. John's Rosary Altar Society. We meet on the first Thursday of each month, September through May. Our dues are \$10.00 per year. Attendance is not a requirement to be an active member.

Our biggest responsibility is taking care of the altar in church. We have teams called "Sacristans", which are groups of 4 or 5 ladies that take one month of the year. They clean the Holy Water fonts, wash linens, take care of plants, replace burnt candles, etc.

We also have Bereavement teams. They take turns providing food for parish funerals. Each team is usually called only twice a year. The more teams, the less they are called upon.

We have a bake sale every year for our fund raiser. It is coincided with the Men's Club chicken barbeque. The bake sale is held each year on Palm Sunday.

The Altar Society also helps with the annual RCIA and Confirmation receptions and Vacation Bible School.

There are many ways to help and do a lot of good for our parish, not to mention make new friends and have a little fun.

If you would like to join, please contact me at 225-202-1290.

May God Bless You, Kinla Castello, President

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