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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. 7:30AM 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*
 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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THE PRESENTATION OF

THE LORD

FEBRUARY 2, 2020



Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted.

LUKE 2:34

In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with "wisdom" and the "favor of God."

A CHRISTMAS REPRISÉ

The Church's celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the "official" end of the Christmas season. Today's feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a "second Epiphany."

The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, "Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me." The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a "share" in our own "blood and flesh." The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surround his birth.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
 Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles
 Monday: Fourth Week in Ordinary Time; St. Blaise; St. Ansgar
 Wednesday: St. Agatha
 Thursday: St. Paul Miki and Companions
 Friday: First Friday
 Saturday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking; Blessed Virgin Mary



New to the Parish:

Dillon & Ena Fulmer and their daughters: Gemma & Mia, in Zachary and
 Austin & Jeanne Wood and their children: Elijah and Stella, in Zachary

Today, we will celebrate
**The Candlemass Mass and
 Blessing of the Throat.**

Father will bless candles during Mass and these candles will be available for you to take home, for a suggested donation to cover the cost of the candles.

Also, in honor of St. Blaise (feast day Feb. 3)
 Fr. Bayhi and Fr. Chuck will bless throats after Mass for those of you who wish to stay.

Please read the enclosed flyer for information on the tradition of the Candlemass Mass & Blessing of the Throat.

SANCTUARY LIGHT: FEBRUARY 1—FEBRUARY 7



The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn in memory of **Mamie Croxton**.
 The Adoration Chapel will burn in memory of **Austin Hollingsworth**.
 The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn in memory of **Phuong Dermody**.

How blest with happiness are those who know they need God. Blest too are those who respond to God's invitation to announce His Good News as a priest, brother or sister. If you think God is calling you, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225-336-8778 or amerrick@diobr.org.



VALENTINE DANCE

Friday, February 14th

7:00pm—11:00pm

(Adults Only)

COST: \$300.00 table (6) or \$50.00 person

Prizes for the Best Decorated Table

Photo Booth (Bring your camera / cell)

Silent Auction

All tables are responsible for their own set-ups and spirits.

Food provided by: Knights of Columbus and SJB Men's Club

Reservations available: Call the Parish Office

ALL funds will benefit the new Parish Activity Center (PAC).

Event sponsored by: Knights of Columbus and SJB Men's Club



FILL A TRUCK

Next Saturday, February 8th

Please refer to the flyer regarding the
Fill-A-Truck drive next Saturday.



BLACK BAG COLLECTION

The quarterly

SVDP Black Bag collection

will be held next weekend (Feb 7/8).

We use these funds to help our neighbors in
the Zachary / Clinton area
who need assistance.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



That Man is You
Is **NOT** meeting this weekend (February 2nd)
due to the Super Bowl .
Meetings will resume on February 9th at 5:30pm.
Enjoy the game!



PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER

The conversion of our old church into a new Parish Activity Center "PAC" is complete.

A big thanks to all the volunteers that made this happen!

You know who you are...Thank YOU!

Details on the rental of this reception venue are still in the works with our diocesan attorney, but here's what we
know: **Rental Fee** \$200.00 per hour for parishioners, \$300.00 per hour for non-parishioners and
\$95 insurance application with the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Also, subject to deposit and event coordinator fee
based on type of event and length of time to be used.



Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, 65th & over Wedding Anniversary in 2020

are invited to a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Duca

Sunday, February 23, 2020 at St. Thomas More Church

Please call our SJB parish office to register by next Thursday's deadline: February 6th.

The families of the honored couples are also invited to attend
the liturgy and the reception afterward in the STM Activity Center.

The bishop will be available for taking pictures at the reception after the Mass.

You will need to bring your own camera.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

- 7:00 am: Mass / Coffee
- 9:15 am: K-5th Religious Ed Class
- 9:30 am: Emmaus Road Bible Study
- 11:00 am: Mass / Children's Liturgy
- 5:00 pm: Edge

Monday, February 3

- 9:00 am: Healing Rosary at Holley resident
- 10:00 am: Bible Study
- 6:00 pm: Prayer Group
- 6:30 pm: Scouts

Tuesday, February 4

- 5:00 pm: Adult Choir
- 6:00 pm: Children & Youth Choirs
- 7:00 pm: AA Meeting

Wednesday, February 5

- 7:30 am: Mass / Mother of Perp. Help novena
- 6:00 pm: Men's Club & KC Dinner by Rel. Ed.
- 6:00 pm: Catholic Daughters

Thursday, February 6

- 7:30 am: Mass
- 10:00 am: Altar Society
- 6:00 pm: Handmaids
- 6:00 pm: KC Officers
- 7:00 pm: R.C.I.A.

Friday, February 7

- 7:30 pm: Mass / Divine Mercy / Coffee & Biscuits
- 7:30 pm: N.A. Meeting

Saturday, February 8

- 8:00 am: SVDP Fill-A-Truck
- 9:00 am: Confirmation Retreat at OLA
- 3:30 pm: Reconciliation
- 4:30 pm: Mass

Sunday, February 9

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 am: Knights of Columbus Rosary
- 7:00 am: Mass / Quarter Breakfast by KC
- 9:30 am: Emmaus Road Bible Study
- 11:00 am: Mass / Children's Liturgy
- 5:00 pm: Life Teen & Works
- 5:30 pm: That Man is You

St. John the Baptist

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 01/26/2020

Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)	\$ 8,746.00
Unidentified (Loose cash)	\$ 832.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 464.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 200.00
Religious Education	\$ 150.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 215.00
Latin America	\$ 305.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,452.10

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION



Class is today in the Hall and Church immediately after Mass.

The Confirmation Retreat is Saturday (Feb. 8) at 9:00am here at OLA.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

- 8:30 am: First Sunday Rosary
- 9:00 am: Mass
- 10:00 am: Religious Ed Class #10

Tuesday, February 4

- 6:00 pm: Mother of Perpetual Help
- 6:15 pm: Reconciliation
- 6:30 pm: Mass
- 7:00 pm: Men's Club

Saturday, February 8

- 9:00 am: Confirmation Retreat

Sunday, February 9

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:00am: Mass
- 10:00 am: Second Sunday Social

BOTH SJB & OLA

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Feb. 1/2: Debt Reduction *at SJB only*
(second collection)

Feb. 8/9: St. Vincent de Paul
(second collection—postponed from last month)

Feb. 15/16: Church in Eastern Europe
(place with regular collection)

Our Lady

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 01/26/2020

Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)	\$ 1,668.52
Unidentified (Loose cash)	\$ 279.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 30.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 45.00

PLEASE NOTE: Our Lady does NOT have any debt.
The Debt Reduction envelopes apply to the SJB debt.

EnCourage

Many parents and family members, when responding to a loved one who experiences same-sex attraction and / or gender dysphoria, feel lost and overwhelmed about how to best offer love and support. EnCourage provides pastoral care to help members understand the experiences of their loved ones, foster healthy relationships, and deepen their own relationship with Christ. You can find out more about EnCourage by visiting this webpage: <https://couragerc.org/for-families/>

They currently meet 5:30pm-7:00pm on the 2nd Sunday of every month. While there is no commitment to attend every month, we will screen potential members to make sure the group is a good fit for them. Also the location will be shared after they have been screened in order to respect every member's confidentiality.

Fr. Ryan Hallford as the Chaplain of the group attends the meetings with the group facilitator, Donna Diez. If you are interested, please contact them at: EnCouage@diobr.org.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Begin the healing process through companionship, understanding and support with others who have experienced loss and are experiencing the similar challenges that living with grief brings.

Meetings are held the 1st Friday of every month at Lane Regional Medical Center, West Wing Conference Room at 2:00pm-3:30pm.

Grief Support
Group



Call 225-975-1636 for
more information.



Is your marriage going down the right road...or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way?

Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples contact: Bill and Missie at 985-232-5963 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com

The next program in Baton Rouge is March 6th-8th.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

An understanding place for caregivers, family and friends of persons with dementia to develop a mutual support system and exchange practical information on caregiving challenges and ways of coping.

Meetings are held the 4th Friday of every month at Lane Regional Medical Center, West Wing Conference Room at 2:00-3:30pm.

Call 225-975-1636 for more information.



StJB PARISH FAITH FORMATION

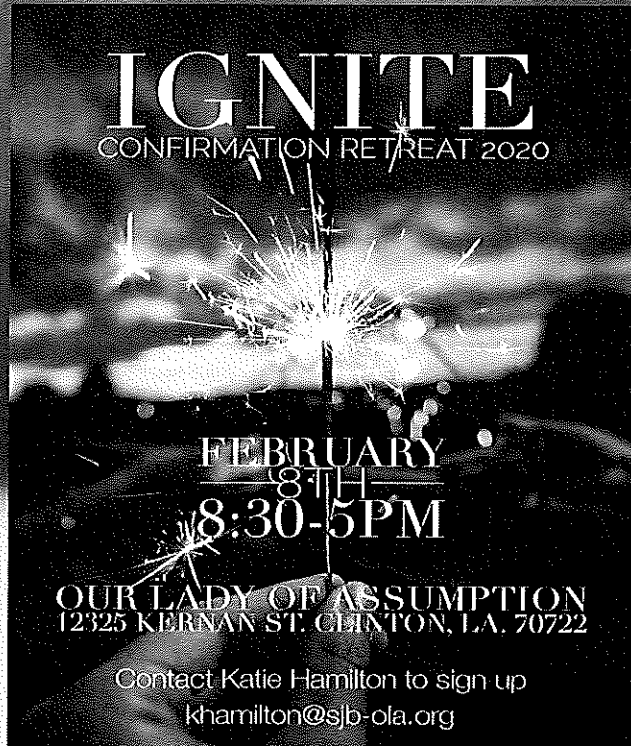
- ♦ K-5, Edge and Emmaus Road are this Sunday, Feb. 2nd.

Please note the time is changed for Edge. Due to the Super Bowl, Edge will be 4-6pm.

- ♦ The next Life Teen is Feb. 9th, 5-7pm.

"Faith is like a bright ray of sunlight. It enables us to see God in all things as well as all things in God."

St. Francis de Sales



IGNITE
CONFIRMATION RETREAT 2020

FEBRUARY
8-11
8:30-5PM

OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION
12325 KERNAN ST. CLINTON, LA. 70722

Contact Katie Hamilton to sign up
khamilton@sjb-ola.org

Bible Studies

Emmaus Road: Sundays from 9:30-10:30am
in the Parish Hall, only during K-5 classes

Consoling the Heart of Jesus:

Mondays @ 10am in the Parish Hall

The Bible Timeline: Thurs. @ 10am-Noon,
home of Eelin Golan (985-951-0328)

The Second Greatest Story Ever Told:

Starting again on Jan. 30th

Thursdays at 6pm in Classroom 4

WORKS

Fatih and Fellowship with other High School Seniors

Remaining meeting dates are: 2/9, & 3/11: 5-7pm
Meet us in the Religious Ed office.

Call or text: Ellen Eldridge 225-445-3841
Emily Patterson 985-789-4052



Sunday Evenings -5:30pm in the Parish Hall

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March for Life 2020

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