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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
AVAILABLE 15 MINUTES
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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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

If you trust in God, you too shall live;
God has set before you fire and water;
to whichever you choose,
stretch forth your hand.

SIRACH 15:15-16

FEBRUARY
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life possible and more abundant for others as well.

CHOICE

"If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior. Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76;
Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19;
Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;
1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite
Order; Presidents' Day
Friday: St. Peter Damian
Saturday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

SANCTUARY LIGHT: FEBRUARY 15—FEBRUARY 21



The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn
in memory of Mamie Croxton.
The Adoration Chapel will burn
in memory of Thomas Rabalais, Sr.
The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn
in memory of Joe Goudeau.

In Sympathy

Our Communities of Faith
extend our sympathy and prayerful

support for the families of: **Joseph Ritter**,
father of Lisa Lacour; **Charles Lee Suire**, father of Charlie
Suire; and **Sister Julia Ann Sheatzley**.
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.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

to our Newest Member
Baptized in the Lord
Sunday, February 9, 2020



Brantlee Paul Finbar McGraw
Son of Daniel and Ashley McGraw

New to the Parish:



Joshua & Britnee Cazalot and their
daughters, Jordyn and Gabrielle, in St.
Francisville, and George & Amy Tynes and their children,
George Tucker and Audrey, in Clinton



February 26th MASS SCHEDULE

OUR LADY

6:30 pm Mass

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

7:00am, Noon, 6:30pm

A memorial mass for **Sister Julia Ann Sheatzley** will be
offered at the convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph,
3134 Hundred Oaks Ave in BR on Saturday, February 22 at
10:00am. Fr. Charles Landry will be the celebrant.

License to Sin

In the James Bond movies, 007 has a license to kill. He can shoot all the bad guys he wants without worrying about being charged with murder. God, however, does not issue a license to sin. The first reading from Sirach reminds us that any time we choose between life and death, good and evil, it is our free choice and our responsibility. God may allow us to make bad choices, but God never commands anyone to sin.

Jesus goes even deeper than Sirach. The people of Sirach's time had followed the laws and commandments that governed external actions. As long as they treated others fairly, did not kill anyone or steal from them, they could think whatever they wanted. But Jesus taught that thoughts and desires that lead to sin can also be freely chosen or rejected. In the Gospel he gives us some examples.

The first is about killing. Jesus says that anyone who gets angry enough to kill or who looks down on his neighbor as not deserving to live has committed murder in his heart. What prejudices or grudges am I holding in my heart? The longer I hold onto hurtful feelings, the more likely it becomes that they will lead to hurtful actions. Because the Eucharist is our sacrament of unity, we should take care to be reconciled with others before coming to the altar.

The next warning is about adultery, which also begins with interior feelings. Jesus exaggerates when he tells us to cut off a hand or tear out an eye, because he knew how easily we rationalize our feelings and pretend they are harmless. This leads to the next warning about divorce. Jesus takes marriage seriously and expects his disciples to do the same.

His final example concerns taking oaths. Apparently, people would swear upon almost anything in an effort to be believed. Jesus gets to the point and says that we wouldn't need oaths if we always told the truth and kept our promises. Our faith is based on the knowledge that God keeps promises. Shouldn't we do the same?

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AFTER 4:30 PM MASS

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INCLUDE IF BABYSITTING WILL BE NEEDED.

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StJB PARISH FAITH FORMATION

♦ K-5, Edge and Emmaus Road are this Sunday, Feb. 16th.

♦ The next Life Teen is Sunday, March 1st, 5-7pm.

"May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from His glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light."

Colossians 1:1-12

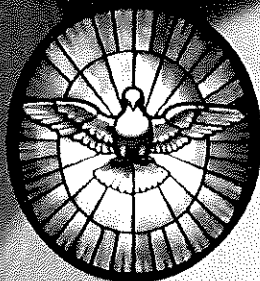
Confirmation

Session # 4

Wed., Feb 19th

5:30—7pm

Parish Hall



First Reconciliation Retreat

Sat., Feb. 29th

9—11:45am

Parish Hall

24 hour Adoration

is Monday, February 17th, 8am

until Tuesday at 8am.

Please consider signing up for an hour
with Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Contact either office for
an available time.

654-5778 or 654-5885
religioused@sjb-ola.org

"Seeds of Faith"

Catechist Retreat

March 14th, 8-10am

Parish Hall

Religious Ed Teachers and
Core Team Leaders
Please join us for Breakfast
Testimony
and Guidance
RSVP to Religious Ed

First Reconciliation

Saturday,
March 7th

9—11am

in the Church

Coming up:

8th grade Chastity Prep-

Wed., March 11th

5-7pm in the Parish Hall

Senior Mass and Lunch-

Sunday, March 15th

11am Mass and Lunch

Parish Activity Center

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

(no study on Feb. 24th)

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

The Second Greatest Story Ever Told:

Thursdays at 6pm in Classroom 4



**Sundays
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Join us as we talk about faith life in the family &
how that flows into your parish community!

April 3rd

5:45-7pm (in the Church)

Pick up your dirty clothes!...

April 4th

9-11am (in the Parish Activity Center)

We're all in this together!



GUEST SPEAKER: MIKE PATIN

Mike Patin uses energy, humor and stories to affirm God's goodness and presence among us while inviting others (and himself) to take the "next step" in our journey with God.

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OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION



Classes are today.

Please have the children
report to the Parish Hall
immediately following Mass.

Confirmation Session

on Wednesday, Feb. 19th at 5:30pm at SJB.



February 26th

MASS

6:30 pm

** No Mass on Tuesday, Feb. 25**

Parish Offices will be closed
Monday (Feb. 24th) and Tuesday (Feb. 25th).



Reminder:

Don't forget your annual dues.
If you have already paid, thank you!



Beginning on March 3rd,
we will host our annual
Soup Suppers following all Tuesday
evening Masses during Lent.
Please call Diane Rouchon at 683-5192
to volunteer to help!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 16

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-9:00am: Mass

-10:00 am: Religious Ed Class #11

Tuesday, February 18

-6:00 pm: Mother of Perpetual Help

-6:15 pm: Reconciliation

-6:30 pm: Mass

Wednesday, February 19

-5:30 pm: Confirmation Session at SJB

Sunday, February 23

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

-9:00am: Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 02/09/2020

Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)	\$	3,315.52
Unidentified (Loose cash)	\$	417.00
Building Maintenance	\$	40.00
Youth Ministry	\$	25.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	673.00

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

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



To Enrich your Lenten Journey,
we now have available for you

Free of Charge:

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Please take a copy home with you.

Please note: We do ask for a donation of \$3.00 for the *monthly* Magnificat. The Lenten devotionals are free.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



MASS SCHEDULE

7:00 am
12 Noon
6:30 pm

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on Monday (Feb. 24th) and Tuesday (Feb. 25th).



We are in need of LITURGICAL MINISTERS

for our Ash Wednesday Masses.

Please check your Ministry Pro scheduler or call the
parish office to volunteer. Thank you!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Meeting Date Change:

Our regularly scheduled meeting this month was
February 26th, which is Ash Wednesday. Therefore, we
will meet instead on February 19th at 6:00pm in the
same place.

To Our Parishioners:

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our Fil-A-Truck
drive on Saturday, February 8th. Your generosity
enabled us to fill almost three trucks. These items will
help many in need in our diocese.



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Sunday, February 16

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-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
12 Noon: Baptisms
-5:00 pm: Edge
-5:30 pm: That Man is You

Monday, February 17

-8:00 am: 24 Hour Adoration begins
-10:00 am: Bible Study
-6:00 pm: Prayer Group
-6:30 pm: Scouts

Tuesday, February 18

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

Wednesday, February 19

-7:30 am: Mass / Mother of Perp. Help Novena
-5:30 pm: Confirmation Session
-6:00 pm: St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday, February 20

-7:30 am: Mass
-6:00 pm: Handmaids/Second Greatest Story Ever Told
-7:00 pm: R.C.I.A.

Friday, February 21

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

Saturday, February 22

-3:30 pm: Reconciliation
-4:30 pm: Mass

Sunday, February 23

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee
-11:00 am: Mass / Children's Liturgy
-5:30 pm: That Man is You

CORRECTION FOR THE WEEK 2/2/20

Identified (Envelopes, checks, online) \$ 13,321.00
(Not \$3,321.00 as reported)

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 02/09/2020

Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)	\$	11,968.00
Unidentified (Loose cash)	\$	881.00
Building Maintenance	\$	635.00
Youth Ministry	\$	85.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	2,382.00
Debt Reduction	\$	2,590.52

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS in February

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

December 2019

	<u>St. John the Baptist</u>	<u>Our Lady of Assumption</u>
INCOME:		
Donations / Tithes:	83,490.70	20,310.02
Rel. Ed: Fee & Donations	1,648.00	
Other	22,046.78	3,755.22
Total Income:	107,185.48	24,065.24
EXPENSES:		
Payroll	29,142.53	9,428.50
(Priest, D.M. Sisters, staff, benefits)		
Household	448.27	224.14
Office	2,406.97	687.67
Utilities	6,227.55	991.30
Telephone	593.76	214.86
Liturgy / Books	1,919.64	532.73
Parish Share	11,436.52	2,950.48
(% required by DBR)		
Pastorial:	6,336.68	302.43
(Religious Ed, Youth Ministry, Family Ministry, Evangelization...)		
Insurance	5,323.00	752.00
Repairs & Maintenance	9,705.77	234.07
Vehicle	354.59	159.76
Janitorial, Maintenance	628.76	196.42
& Event Supplies		
Other	1,150.00	
Total Expenses	75,674.04	16,674.36
Profit/(Loss)	31,511.44	7,390.88

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