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### 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
BEFORE DAILY MASSES)

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Assumption CLINTON, LA

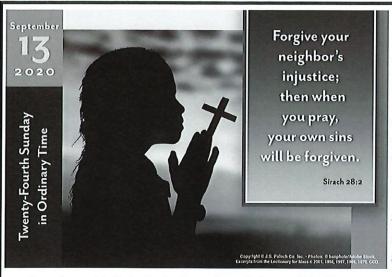
Mass Schedule for Our Lady of the Assumption:

SUNDAY: 9AM MASS

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

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#### **FORGIVENESS**

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating, Live by the commandments. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way. Copyright @ J. S. Paluch Co.

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11;

Jn 3:13-17

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5; Tuesday:

Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22;

Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28;

Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15;

Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14;

Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Grandparents Day; Catechetical Sunday

Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows Wednesday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine

Saturday: St. Januarius; Blessed Virgin Mary

### SANCTUARY LIGHT: SEPTEMBER 12 —SEPTEMBER 18



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

The Adoration Chapel at St. John will burn in memory of L.C.Riche & Renee Fontenot.

The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn

in memory of Carl Cooper.

Our Communities of Faith extend our sympathy and prayerful support for the family of

Reggie Smith, parishioner of SJB.

May the Lord grant comfort and peace to this family. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Every year in September there is a special collection to help fund RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

Registration fees for Religious Education cover only a portion of the costs to run the programs. Ongoing support of the parish is essential to providing these programs. All families are asked to consider the ways that they can support the ministries of the parish by sharing their talents as well as through regular financial support.

Donations can be made with the special envelope included in this month's mailing, simply write a check with "Religious Ed" in the memo or pay online at our website.

Please consider supporting the kids in our RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS.





Every month, we have 24 Hour Adoration in the Adoration Chapel at SJB. It begins on the 3rd Monday of the month at 8:00am and ends on Tuesday at 8:00am. We ask parishioners to sign up for just one hour to pray to our Lord present in the Eucharist. Our next scheduled 24 hour adoration is Monday, September 21st. Please call the religious ed or parish office to reserve a spot.



### Parish Faith Formation

## Back to School

THE FIRST DAY OF IN PERSON CLASS FOR K-5 GROUP A

is this Sunday, September 13th, 9:30-10:30am.

Please bring your child directly to their classroom.

Maps will be posted and we will be available to help you.

The First Communion Parent Meeting for Group A will be in the gym.

EDGE(6-8th grade) is also this Sun, Sept. 13th, 4-6pm, in the gym.

LIFE TEEN(9-11th grade) will begin next Sun., Sept. 20th, 4-6pm in the gym.

+Please join us for one of our great Bible Studies+

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

Metanoia: A call to Conversion Mondays @ 10am in the Parish Hall.

Bible Timeline: Mondays @ 10am in the Parish Hall, starting 9/8.

If you cannot make Monday mornings, contact Emily Patterson (epatterson@sjb-ola.org) for info on a possible additional time.

Mary's Mantle: Thursdays at 6pm in the PAC (old church).

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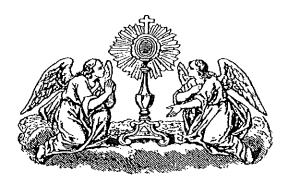
Christ

is a

Wonderful

adventure.

St. John Paul II



24 hour Adoration
is coming up on Mon., Sept. 21st.
Please contact Religious Ed
If you would like to sign up for an hour.
Thank you!



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### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



Begins TODAY Sunday

Sept. 13th

4:30 -5:30pm in the PAC.

Topic for this year is Battle over the Bride: The Unveiling of Love

All men of the parish invited!



**Bible Study** 

-Bible Timeline

-Emmaus Road

-Mary's Mantle

Altar Society
Catholic Daughters
Knights of Columbus
Men's Club
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That Man is You

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COLLECTIONS	09/06/2020	
Identified	\$	14,190.00
Unidentified Cash	\$	369.00
Building Maintenance	\$	1,080.00
Youth Ministry	\$	125.00
Religious Ed	\$	185.00
Catholic Universities	\$	495.00
Hurricane Relief	\$	6,142.00
Debt Reduction	\$	5,220.00

### This Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 13

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-6:30 am: Knights of Columbus Rosary

-7:00 am: Mass

-8:00 am: Knights of Columbus Meeting

-9:30 am: K-5th Group A

-9:30 am: Emmaus Rd. Bible Study -10:00 am: 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting

-11:00 am: Mass

-4:00 pm: Edge

-4:30 pm: That Man is You Monday, September 14

10:00 am: Bible Study
-6:00 pm: Prayer Group
Wednesday, September 16

-8:00 am: Mass

-Thursday, September 17

-8:00 am: Mass

-6:00 pm: Mary's Mantle Group Meeting

-7:00 pm: R.C.I.A. Friday, September 18

-8:00 am: Mass / Divine Mercy

-7:30 pm: N.A. Meeting -Saturday, September 19

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

Sunday, September 20

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-7:00 am: Mass -11:00 am: Mass -4:00 pm: Life Teen

-4:30 pm: That Man is You

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### This Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 13

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-9:00 am: Mass

**OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION** 

-10:00 am: Religious Education -

Student/Teacher Orientation

Tuesday, September 15

-6:15 pm: Reconciliation

-6:30 pm: Mass

Sunday, September 20

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-9:00 am: Mass / Rel Ed Opening Mass

-10:00 am: Rel Ed. K-10th Class #1



**TODAY: Student / Teacher Orientation** 

Next Sunday, Sept. 20th: Opening Mass & Class #1



Peter asked,
"Lord,
how often
must I forgive?
As many as
seven times?"
MATTHEW 18:21

### **GOD'S MERCY**

In many of our relationships with others—friends, spouse, neighbors, or co-workers—often the most difficult times come when someone damages the relationship. There are moments when only apology and forgiveness can lead to healing. In this week's readings, we are reminded how our connection with God is woven into our relationships with others. God is the source of all mercy, and all of us stand in need of forgiveness. As we are able to accept the mercy of God deep within our hearts, we become empowered to show mercy to others. When things go badly in our relationships, we can remember that God is present at the center of these difficult moments. God is offering grace to ask forgiveness, to receive apology, and to accept the forgiveness extended to us.

#### FORGIVEN AND FORGIVING

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to forgive "seventy-seven" times. In other words, stop keeping track when forgiving others. But when we are hurt, this is really hard to do. In fact, to protect ourselves from further hurt, we might be inclined to do the opposite, and lash out. Jesus teaches the futility of this approach.

Jesus' parable of the unforgiving servant reminds us that in the course of our lives we have harmed others, and so distanced ourselves from God. We have also been harmed by others. Like the servant, we sometimes owe a debt, and sometimes others owe a debt to us. Here we are invited to stop the cycle of pain with the grace of mercy. We are called to imitate our God, who forgives wholeheartedly.

### PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE

It is also tempting to view this teaching on forgiveness in isolation. This would suggest that the burden is placed entirely upon the offended person to go on forgiving, without mentioning any accountability on the part of the offending person. This interpretation can often be dangerous. The call to forgive should never be used as a cover for bullying or for oppressive relationships of any kind.

It is helpful to consider all of chapter 18 in Matthew's Gospel, which teaches about forgiveness and reconciliation, and the exercise of authority in the Christian community. Last week's Gospel (Matthew 18:15–18) provides guidance on how Christians can call to accountability someone who has hurt others, to protect the weak, and to seek reconciliation as a community. The parable we hear today reminds us that, like the master who protected the second servant from the cruelty of the unforgiving servant, God seeks to guard the most vulnerable from harm.

The Gospel of Matthew presented an alternative to the violence-based order of his day. Matthew described Jesus' vision of community, in which power is used at the service of all and the vulnerable are protected and cherished.

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

Sirach 27:30 — 28:7 Psalm 103:1–4, 9–12 Romans 14:7–9 Matthew 18:21–35

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