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DECEMBER 5, 2021

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."
- Lk 3:5-6

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass Schedule

Saturday
4:30pm Mass

Sunday
7:00am Mass
11:00am Mass

Weekdays
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
8:00am Mass

Confession Schedule
Saturday | 3:30pm
15 minutes before Daily Masses

Office of Religious Education & Youth Ministry
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OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Mass Schedule

Sunday
9:00am | Mass

Tuesday
5:30pm | Confession
6:00pm | Mass

Daughters of Mary Sisters
Sr. Mary Ann Diaz and
Sr. Fe Bista "Ping"

LITURGICAL LIFE

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday:
Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday:
Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday:
Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday:
Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday:
Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday:
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday:
Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/ Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Nicholas, Bishop

Tuesday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Friday: Our Lady of Loreto

Saturday: St. Damasus I, Pope

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. “You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him.” When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God’s gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God’s promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts’ doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God’s simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before. ©LPi

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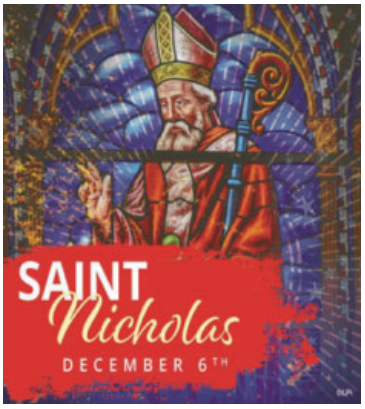

LITURGICAL AND PRAYER LIFE

SANCTUARY LIGHT: December 4-10

The Sanctuary Light at SJB will burn in memory of **Bob Arceneaux**

The Adoration Chapel will burn in memory of the **Rabalais family**

The Sanctuary Light at OLA will burn in memory of the **Caldwell & Cazedessus families**

In Sympathy

Our Communities of Faith extend our sympathy and prayerful support for the families of **Katerina Schubert**, mother of Angelika Fisher and **"Gene" Appleton**, brother of Mary Ludie Baker.

May the Lord grant comfort and peace to these families. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday: 12/4: Edna Blanchard, L.C. Riche, Renee Fontenot, Louis Baker, Jr., Leroy Knaps, Mary Jane & Newman Matte, Kenneth Wilkewitz, Dennis Delatorre, Beryl Gordy, Celeria Ranatza, Ana DeJesus, Michael Millican, Judy Patriquin, Bob Anderson, David Maness, Irma Laird, Mark Rioux, Dana Baker Othmer, Bruce Pitre, Austin Hollingsworth, Luke Everett Fontenot

Sunday: 12/5:

7:00 AM: Luke Everett Fontenot, Brandon Nosacka, Mary Jane & Newman Matte, Cyndy Greschak, Nancy Sunderman-Elert, Lucy Maggio, Dana Parmelee, Jimmie McKenzie, Brad Vince, Celeria Ranatza, Phillip Larsen, Bill Burke

9:00 AM: Carl Cooper, Mike Baker, Anthony Musso, Charles Weaver, Jr., Evelyn Beauchamp, Leslie Ligon, Joan Abraham, Irma Laird, Dr. John Piker, Little & Davis families, Maria Vu, Joe Goudeau, Jacob Meek, Maude Williams, souls in the Huynh & Nguyen family, souls in most need

11:00 AM: Johnny Wales, the Hymel family, Ethel Mae & R. E. Amrhein, Bernadine Nugent, Samuel Burgdahl, Shirley & Lawrence Capone, Glenn & Elizabeth Connor, Joseph & Eva Ballard, Pat LoBue, Sherie Linzy, Charles Rissler, Joe Anzalone Family, Tyler Craig, Diana Morgan

Wednesday: 12/8:

8:00 AM: All souls in purgatory and deceased members of FOSS, Brad Vince, Newman & Mary Jane Matte, Louis Baker, Jr., Don Metcalf, Fr. Joe Doyle, Bob Arceneaux, Jimmie McKenzie, Celeria Ranatza, Bob Anderson

6:30 PM: Little & Davis family, Evelyn Beauchamp, Leslie Ligon, Jr., Joan Abraham, Fr. Joe Doyle

Thursday: 12/9: Luke Everett Fontenot, Celeria Ranatza, Fr. Joe Doyle

Friday: 12/10: Joe Partin, Kaylee McLain, Don Metcalf, Karen Cooper, Celeria Ranatza, Jimmie McKenzie

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS, THEIR FAMILIES & OUR COUNTRY

Dr. Marvin Ashford, Jr., Army
Aaron Barr, USAF
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Nathaniel Barr, USN
James A. Benning, USM
Matthew Boyd, Army
Cody Castello, USMC
Eugene Cazedessus, USMC
Allen Jude Charlet, Army
Daniel Clesi, USAF
LeLand Crochet, III, USMC
Matthew Charlet Dart, USN
Stephen DiLorenzo, Army
Adam Foster, USN
Thomas Foster, USN
Neil Ahldwin Garcia, US Army
Brad Gautreaux, USMC
Nesta Gross, USAF
Dr. Christopher Johnson, USN
Army Sabrina Jones, LaNG
Markus Kippers, USN
Dustin Knight, USN
Joshua Knight, LaNG
Laura Clesi Knight- LaANG
Joseph L. LeBlanc Jr., Army
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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
James Rouchon, USMC
David Welch, LaNG
Gordon M. White, USAF
Christopher Williston, USAF

Immaculate Conception

"Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!" December 8th is one of our feasts celebrating Mary - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary. St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve." Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began the work of redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first moment of her conception. On this feast day, we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady!

MASS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 8th (Holy Day of Obligation)

SJB: 8:00am Mass

OLA: 6:00 Mass

*** NO Mass at OLA on Tuesday, December 7***

Parish Offices will be CLOSED on Wednesday, Dec. 8th)

Our Lady of the Assumption
Tuesday, Dec. 14th at 5:30pm

St. John the Baptist
Wednesday, Dec. 15th at 6:00pm

FAITH FORMATION

SJB Faith Formation

Life Teen is this Sunday, Dec. 5th.

The next K-5 and Edge are Dec. 12th.

Emmaus Road Bible Study
9:30-10:30am
Parish Hall
12/12, 1/9, 1/23, 2/6, 2/20, 3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 4/24

Second Sunday of Advent

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.
Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

It is a time we reshuffle our lives to look at what is important and what is not important, to look at what is perhaps more of a distraction than more of a life, to turn, once again, to becoming the kind of people that Jesus has taught us to become, that God has desired us to become: people who are self sacrificing, those who reach out to their brothers and sisters.

This is the message of Advent.

Excerpt from Father Hanly's Homily
fatherhanly.com

Mistletoe Market

DECEMBER 11 & 12
8am - 1pm

Join us in the Parish Activity Center for Shopping, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Cookies and Pictures with Santa

St. John the Baptist Office of Religious Education & Youth Ministry 225-654-5885 - religioused@sjb-ola.org

MERRY and BRIGHT

join us for a Middle School Christmas Party!

December 15, 2021

5:30pm-7:30pm

in the PAC Foyer

Sign Up Here

Sock exchange!
Everyone brings a pair of cool Christmas socks filled with goodies to swap! (please wrap)

Contact Katie if you have any questions khamilton@sjb-ola.org

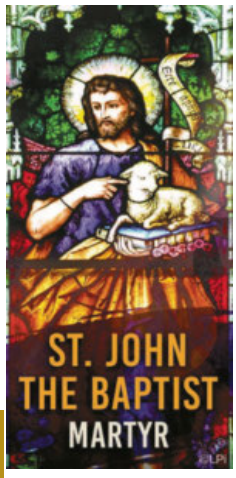
PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 5
Second Sunday of Advent
-7:00 am: Mass /First Sunday Social
-11:00 am: Mass
- 4:00 pm: Life Teen
-4:30 pm: That Man is You
Monday, December 6
-9:00 am: Healing Rosary
-6:00 pm: Prayer Group / Chapel
Wednesday, December 8
Immaculate Conception
Office Closed
-8:00 am: Mass
-5:30 pm: H.S. Youth
-6:00 pm: Catholic Daughters
-6:30 pm: Men's Club
-Thursday, December 9
-8:00 am: Mass/Mother of Perpetual Help
-7:00 pm: R.C.I.A.
Friday, December 10
-8:00 am: Mass/Divine Mercy/Coffee Social
-Saturday, December 11
Mistletoe Market
-3:30 pm: Reconciliation
-4:30 pm: Vigil Mass
Sunday, December 12
Third Sunday of Advent
Mistletoe Market
-6:30 am: KC Rosary
-7:00 am: Mass
-8:00 am: Knights of Columbus meeting
-9:30 am: K—5 Rel Ed / Em Rd Bible Study
-11:00 am: Mass
-4:00 pm: Edge
-4:30 pm: That Man is You

COLLECTIONS		11/28/2021
Identified	$	9,900.00
Unidentified Cash	$	1,012.00
Thanksgiving	$	1,391.00
Building Maintenance	$	770.00
Youth Ministry	$	260.00
Religious Education	$	300.00
St. Vincent de Paul	$	10.00
Camp for Human Development	$	30.00
Priest Retirement	$	10.00
Retirement for Religious	$	10.00
Debt Reduction	$	1,675.00



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
December 8, 2021
Holy Day of Obligation
8:00 am MASS
Parish Offices will be Closed

Dec 24 (Friday) / Christmas Eve:	6:00pm Mass
Dec 25 (Saturday) / Nativity of the Lord:	9:00am Mass
Dec 25 (Saturday) / Sunday Vigil:	4:30pm Mass
Dec 26 / Sunday:	7:00am Mass
	11:00am Mass

Parish Offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 24 and Monday Dec. 27.

Wednesday, December 15
6:00pm

<u>The DUSTERS December schedule</u>
The Dusters only meeting in December will be on Tuesday, **December 21st** to prepare the church for Christmas.
All Hands on Deck.
We could really use the extra help if you are available.

First Sunday Social

Please join us for fellowship, coffee and donuts in the Parish Hall following the 7:00am Mass this morning.

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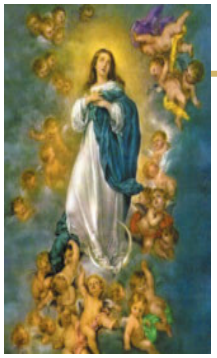

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—
Wednesday, DECEMBER 8TH
(Holy Day of Obligation)
6:00 pm Mass
NO Mass on Tuesday, Dec. 7th

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 5
Second Sunday of Advent
-8:30 am: Rosary
-9:00 am: Mass
-10:00 am: Religious Ed Classes
-10:00 am: First Sunday Social
Tuesday, December 7
NO MASS
Wednesday, December 8
Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)
-5:30 pm: Mother of Perp Help Novena
-5:30 pm: Reconciliation
-6:00 pm: Mass
-6:30 pm: Men's Club
Sunday, December 12
Third Sunday of Advent
-9:00 am: Mass

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Today: Class
December 21: Christmas Play

Christmas Schedule
Dec. 24 / Christmas Eve:
4:00pm Mass
NO Mass on Christmas Day
Dec. 26 / Sunday: 9:00am Mass

COLLECTIONS	11/28/2021
Identified	$ 2,875.00
Unidentified Cash	$ 414.00
Thanksgiving	$ 20.00
Building Maintenance	$ 30.00
Camp for Human Development	$ 20.00
Capital Campaign Drive	$ 6,030.00
Total C.C. Received	$ 391,671.76

Please take an ornament from the tree and help a Veteran have a special Christmas.

Christmas Program
Tuesday, Dec. 21
6:00pm

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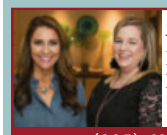
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