

The HERALD



TWO CATHOLIC PARISHES
ONE FAITH COMMUNITY

FEBRUARY 12, 2023



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all
that you vow." - Mt 5:33

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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

225-654-5885 | Mon, Tues, Wed



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Mass Schedule

Sunday

9:00am | Mass

Tuesday

5:30pm | Confession

6:00pm | Mass

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

No one does he command to act unjustly,
to none does he give license to sin. (Sir 15:20)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Ps 119)

Second Reading:

Rather, we speak of God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden,
which God predetermined before the ages for our glory.
(1 Cor 2:7)

Gospel:

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses
that of the scribes and Pharisees,
you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:20)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The heart with which we offer our good deeds
matters as much as the deeds themselves. For Christ,
the law is more than a code of conduct. It's a mindset.

Observances for the week of February 12, 2023

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

Tuesday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop;
Valentine's Day

Friday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Blessed James Miller, the second ever U.S.-born martyr, served as a missionary and educator to the poorest of the poor in Nicaragua and Guatemala. Shot to death in front of his students in 1982, his legacy of love lives on today through the many schools he started.

Prayer

*Official Prayer for the Intercession of
Blessed Brother James Miller, FSC*

O Blessed Brother James Miller, you heard God's call to become a Brother of the Christian Schools and so became a sign of faith to youth in the United States and in Central America. You placed your life and your trust in Divine Providence and, for spreading the faith, merited the crown of martyrdom. In a world that denies the dignity of the human person, obtain for us from Divine Providence an ever-increasing love of God and our neighbor, especially the poor and oppressed. Obtain for us also the favor we are now asking for [mention request] and the grace and strength to be a witness to Christ's love to all. Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of February 12, 2023

- Sunday:** Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6 10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
- Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12 13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday:** Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33
- Friday:** Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1
- Saturday:** Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13
- Next Sunday:** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's often said that the Catholic Church lays heavy rules on her members, rules that can almost seem impossible. Mass every Sunday? No lying ever? Sexual purity all the time? I recently said to some non-Catholic friends that more than fifty adults were baptized at my parish at the Easter Vigil. One responded spontaneously with shock, "Why would anyone do that?" In other words, why would someone willingly place themselves in a system with such demanding and rigorous rules?

Of course, no one in the history of religions is more demanding and rigorous than Jesus himself. In the Sermon on the Mount, he says you have to be holier than pharisees or you're out. He says if you call someone a fool, you go to fiery Gehenna. He says you can't even look at a woman with lust or you're guilty of adultery (which was punishable by death). To top it all off, he says you can't even get divorced and re-married. Doesn't he know these are basically impossible demands? What world is he living in?

The new one, actually. He is the new world. Jesus' words aren't meant to condemn. They are meant to signal something new, a restored humanity. Jesus doesn't just give external laws; he gives us his Holy Spirit to internalize the law through love. He wants to fill us with his love. That's what the Church exists to do. Love demands extraordinary things. The "demands" of the Church only make sense because she is filled with Jesus' love. That wildly demanding love is why we are Catholic.

— Father John Muir

LITURGICAL AND PRAYER LIFE



SANCTUARY LIGHT: February 11—17

The Sanctuary Light at SJB
will burn in memory of
John Dickinson

The Adoration Chapel
will burn in memory of
Vivian Kelly

The Sanctuary Light at OLA
will burn in memory of
Leslie Ligon, Jr.

In Sympathy

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

Fr. Kenny Laird,
former pastor of SJB & OLA.
May the Lord grant comfort
and peace to his family. May
his soul and the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday: 02/11: Caleria Ranatza, Dana Baker
Othmer, Louis Baker, Jr., Bruce Pitre, Luke Everett
Fontenot, Austin Hollingsworth, Chris Cosse,
Joseph Ritter, Joyce Bello Bailey, Orin Hollingsworth,
John Dickinson, Shane & Sylvia Bellard, Frank
Millican, Nida Cochran, Margaret & Buck Bayhi,
Thomas Rabalais, Michael Millican, Tyler Pate,
Burke Daigle, Irene Lafleur, Jean Stoddart, Scruggs &
Capone families, Fred Parker, Herman & Mickey
Ditcharo, Mary Pourciau

Sunday: 02/12:

7:00 AM: Luke Everett Fontenot, Caleria Ranatza,
Ed Bridwell, Mary Jane & Newman Matte,
Faye Denham, Jane Ewell, Rusty Hagan,
Alicia Summers

9:00 AM: Jacob Meek, Evelyn Beauchamp, Edgar
Unay, Beau Lobrano, Lena Vick, Margaret & Buck Bayhi,
Damin Vu, Peter Vu, Maria Vu, all souls in most need,
Fr. Thomas Tri, Fr. Carney, Fr. Jerry, Ida Smith, Peter
Huynh, Minodora Boaca, Davis family, Georgia Honore,
Patricia Davidson, Gabi Berger, Claudia Racca

11:00 AM: Charles Rissler, Joe Anzalone Family,
Tyler Craig, Johnny Wales, Berni & OD Nugent,
Kenneth Wilkewitz, Leroy Knaps,
Ron Parker, Marianne Lewis

Tuesday: 02/14: Caleria Ranatza,
Evelyn Beauchamp

Wednesday: 02/15: Caleria Ranatza

Thursday: 02/16: Luke Everett
Fontenot, Caleria Ranatza, Nan Johnson

Friday: 02/17: Caleria Ranatza,
John Dickinson, Lee Johnson



PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS, THEIR FAMILIES & OUR COUNTRY

Dr. Marvin Ashford, Jr., Army
Aaron Barr, USAF

Jared Barr, USAF

Nathaniel Barr, USN

James A. Benning, USM

Matthew Boyd, Army

Cody Castello, USMC

Eugene Cazedessus, USMC

Manley Anthony Cazedessus, USAF

Allen Jude Charlet, Army

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Matthew Charlet Dart, USN

Jeffrey Oliver Davis, USN

Stephen DiLorenzo, Army

Adam Foster, USN

Thomas Foster, USN

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Brad Gautreaux, USMC

Nesta Gross, USAF

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Sabrina Jones, LaNG

Markus Kippers, USN

Dustin Knight, USN

Joshua Knight, LaNG

Laura Clesi Knight—LaNG

Joseph L. LeBlanc Jr., Army

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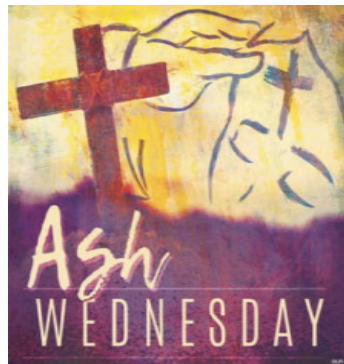
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ASH WEDNESDAY

MASS SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 22ND

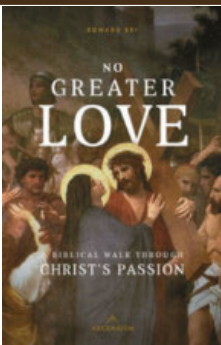
(Day of Fasting and Abstinence)

Our Lady of the Assumption

6pm

St. John the Baptist

7:00am, Noon, 6:00pm



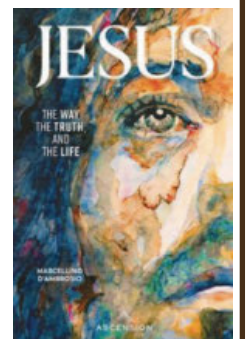
Two Great Opportunities for Your Lenten Faith Formation

Thursdays beginning February 16th at 6:00pm

No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion
in Classroom #1

Sundays beginning February 26th at 4:15pm

Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life
in the PAC



Thank You

"Saying YES to God!"

Thank you to everyone who made the **Morning of Reflection** a big success. There are too many names to list individually, but all of the door prizes, raffle items, errands, casseroles, and gifts of time were deeply appreciated. We especially appreciated each of our over 100 attendees who made this our best Morning of Reflection yet! Thank you for "Saying YES to God!"

Garden

Of

Eternity



PROPOSED Mausoleum and Columbarium Project

(Next to SJB Church)

Construction dependent on level of interest shown by March 1st.



OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION

Tuesdays:

5:30pm Stations of the Cross

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Wednesdays: 8:30am Perpetual Help Novena

Thursdays: 8:30am Divine Mercy

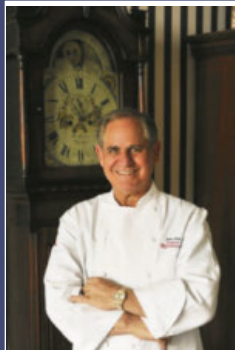
Fridays: 8:30am Stations of the Cross

5:45pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy

6:00pm Stations of the Cross / Reconciliation

6:20pm Exposition, Adoration, Meditative Talk, Benediction

7:00pm Lenten Meal (Feb. 24th—Fish Fry Fundraiser)



"Count Your Blessings" St. Vincent de Paul Fundraiser

Join us for a simple supper of soup and bread prepared by Chef John Folse
BELLE RIVER CRAB AND ARTICHOKE BISQUE

Wednesday, March 1st ~ 6:30pm in the Parish Activity Center

Tickets are \$10.00 each ~ Only 200 tickets will be sold



Feelings and Shiny Things

A friend of mine has a tradition on the first birthday of her children. Three items — a coin, a shot glass, and a rosary — are placed in front of the one-year-old, and whatever object he grasps supposedly bears insight into his future. A coin promises wealth, the rosary indicates holiness, and the shot glass...well, I'm sure you can guess.

Of course, the kid just grabs whatever looks coolest. They're not really choosing money or God or a party. Their choice is ruled by impulse.

These days, "I'm not feeling it," is a genuine excuse to avoid something. "I feel that," we say to indicate agreement. "I feel like..." is an acceptable way to offer our opinion. Feelings carry a lot of weight.

Before Christ, there was only the law, and the law dealt primarily with actions. Do this. Do not do this. All well and good. But with the fulfillment of the law, Christ wants us to look inwardly. He wants us to consider the influence of our feelings on our actions, and to understand how our chosen actions can, in turn, inspire certain feelings.

I'm a millennial, so, depending on your age, you may think that I feel either too much or too little. One thing I have learned, though, is that when I give my feelings free rein, my instincts immediately turn into actions. I become the toddler grasping at shiny objects with no thought for what they represent. Anger becomes unkindness. Jealousy becomes cruelty. Fear becomes selfishness.

Free will, I have come to understand, means freedom from the tyranny of feelings. If a feeling is strong enough, it can build a prison.

"If your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away." — Matthew 5:30

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 12

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 am: KC Rosary
- 7:00 am: Mass
- 8:00 am: KC meeting
- 10:30 am: Catholic Daughter Rosary
- 11:00 am: Mass
- 4:00 pm: High School Religious Ed class

Tuesday, February 14

- 9:00 am: Dusters
- 11:30 am: Chapter Two
- 4:00 pm: Homeless Shelter
- 5:30 pm: Children Choir Practice
- 6:00 pm: Adult Choir Practice

Wednesday, February 15

- 8:00 am: Mass
- 5:00 pm: St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
- 5:30 pm: Middle & H. S. Youth Meeting

Thursday, February 16

- 8:00 am: Mass / P.H. Novena
- 6:00 pm: Handmaids
- 7:00 pm: RCIA

Friday, February 17

- 8:00 am: Mass / Divine Mercy
- 8:30 am: Lite Breakfast & Coffee

Saturday, February 18

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

Sunday, February 19

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 am: Mass
- 11:00 am: Mass

CHAPTER TWO: Widows Support Group
next gathering—

Tuesday, February 14th

Contact Dot at 225.405.6892

COLLECTIONS

02/05/2023

Identified	\$ 15,116.00
Unidentified Cash	\$ 1,038.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 1,265.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 320.00
Religious Education	\$ 285.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 6,591.00

DEBT REDUCTION REPORT

Loan Balance as of 2/1/2023: \$ 818,018.02

Original Loan (\$1,590,000) was made from the Diocese of Baton Rouge in 2017

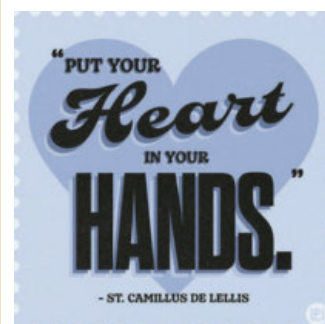
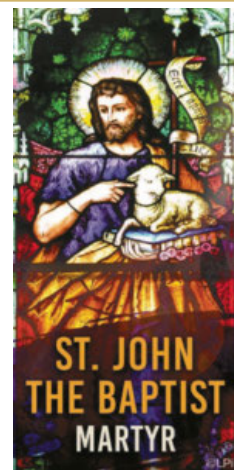
Monthly Payment Requirement \$11,172.50

ADORATION CHAPEL REPORT

A benefactor has pledged and is currently paying a large portion of the chapel construction costs. Funds raised by you are available in the savings account to complete the project.

We hope to have it completed by April 1st.

Please direct future donations to Debt Reduction. Thank you!



Religious Education

CLASSES

K-5: February 26th

6-8: February 26th

9-11: Today

youth ministry

February 15: Middle & High School Youth



ASH WEDNESDAY ~ MASS SCHEDULE

7:00am, Noon, 6:00pm

Parish Offices will be closed Monday (Feb. 20) and Tuesday (Feb. 21) for Mardi Gras.



The Dusters are meeting on Tuesday, February 14th at 9:00am.

"Prosper the work of our hands!" Psalm 90:17

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OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION



Attention Ladies:
Meeting on Tuesday
and
2023 Annual Dues (\$10.00)
are due!

Religious Education

CLASSES

Today: K-11th Class
Feb. 19th: Confirmation
Feb 26 : K-11th Class



Join us **this Tuesday**
for our SOCIAL. This
month's social has
been moved due to
Mardi Gras holiday.



ASH WEDNESDAY—Feb. 22
6:30pm Mass

Please note:
No Mass on Tuesday, Feb. 21

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 12
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
-9:00 am: Mass
-10:00 am: Religious Ed Class #11
Tuesday, February 14
-5:30 pm: Reconciliation /P.H. Novena
-6:00 pm: Mass
-6:30 pm: Social /Altar Society
Wednesday, February 15
-1:00 pm: Adoration
-6:15 pm: Vespers
Sunday, February 19
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
-9:00 am: Mass
-10:00 am: Confirmation Class

COLLECTIONS

02/05/2023

Identified	\$ 3,353.00
Unidentified Cash	\$ 308.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 25.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 100.00
Capital Campaign Drive	\$ 596.00
Total C.C. Received	\$ 522,698.80

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