

The HERALD



TWO CATHOLIC PARISHES
ONE FAITH COMMUNITY

FEBRUARY 19, 2023



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those
who persecute you." - Mt 5:44

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PARISH INFORMATION

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Monday-Thursday | 8:00am-5:00pm

Friday | 8:00am-3:00pm



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:

"Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people.
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
I am the LORD." (Lv 19:18)

Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

Second Reading:

All belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.
(1 Cor 3:22-23)

Gospel:

"You have heard that it was said,
You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.
But I say to you, love your enemies
and pray for those who persecute you." (Mt 5:43-44)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Want to be a real revolutionary? Defy the fallen impulses of human nature. Love your enemy. Pray for your persecutor. Give to those who would take. We can do hard things, Christians. We aren't perfect, but our God is.

Observances for the week of February 19, 2023

Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Presidents' Day
Tuesday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday
Thursday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent



Saint of the week

Venerable Félix Varela was a thought leader, professor, scholar, political leader, and cultural champion for immigrant families. Originally from Cuba, he served in Spain and in the United States as a pastoral luminary in every community he engaged.

Prayer

Prayer for Venerable Félix Varela y Morales's intercession

Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image.

Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and make no peace with oppression.

Help us, like your servant Venerable Felix Varela,

to work for justice among people and nations, to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: -Adapted from Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006), page 60
<https://neatnik2009.wordpress.com/2016/12/10/feast-of-venerable-felix-varela-february-25/>)

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of February 19, 2023

- 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
- Monday:** Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday:** Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20 6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
- Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
- Next Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Of all the things Jesus says which seem totally bat-crazy, this one might take the cake: **"But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you."** An enemy is someone who desires the destruction of you, your projects, or those you care about. To love and pray for them is to want their health, strength, and flourishing. But if they thrive, they are more likely to hurt you and others. So, aren't you indirectly willing your own destruction, or that of your friends? If you doubt that this problem is embedded in this teaching, when was the last time you actually prayed honestly for the people you really hate? How can we solve this riddle so we might actually live this command? Recall that enemy-love is the surest sign that you love someone with God's love, and not with indirect egotism. After all, if my love for my enemy ends up hurting me or my loved ones, it can't be for me. Enemy-love costs more because there are no tit-for-tats. No reciprocity — just love poured out, and often pain in return. That's why it is so precious and rare. "What is unusual about that?" asks the Lord about love for our friends. Jesus wants us to experience the unusual love which only comes from him. When Jesus was being killed on the cross, he was loving his executioners. In fact, he was holding them in being as they nailed him to the cross. He loved those who were spiritually piercing his Mother's heart, while they were doing it. And when he rose from the dead, he showed us that this kind of love is always worth it. It's stronger than death. Real love is unusual.

— Father John Muir

LITURGICAL AND PRAYER LIFE



SANCTUARY LIGHT:

February 18—24

The Sanctuary Light at SJB
will burn in memory of
Lucy Maggio

The Adoration Chapel
will burn in memory of
Thomas Rabalais

The Sanctuary Light at OLA
will burn in memory of
Rita & Joseph Landry, Jr.

"BUT I SAY TO YOU,
**love your
enemies**
AND PRAY FOR
**those who
persecute you."**

MATTHEW
5:44

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday: 02/18: Caleria Ranatza, Dana Baker Othmer, Louis Baker, Jr., Bruce Pitre, Luke Everett Fontenot, Austin Hollingsworth, Chris Cosse, Joseph Ritter, Joyce Bailey, Orin Hollingsworth, John Dickinson, Frank Millican, Nida Cochran, Margaret & Buck Bayhi, Wayne Rabalais, LC Riche, Renee Fontenot, Ray Cooper, Tyler Pate, Burke Daigle, Fred Parker, Shane & Sylvia Bellard, Mary Pourciau

Sunday: 02/19:

7:00 AM: Luke Everett Fontenot, Caleria Ranatza, Ed Bridwell, Mary Jane & Newman Matte, Jane Ewell, Joseph & Eva Ballard, Glenn & Elizabeth Connor, Rusty Hagan, Alicia Summers

9:00 AM: Jacob Meek, Evelyn Beauchamp, Edgar Unay, Beau Lobrano, 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, Little family, Georgia Honore, Patricia Davidson, Gabi Berger, Claudia Racca

11:00 AM: Charles Rissler, Joe Anzalone Family, Tyler Craig, Berni & OD Nugent, Kenneth Wilkewitz, Leroy Knaps, Donald Langley, Marianne Lewis, Dewey Hymel Family

Wednesday: 02/22: 7am: Caleria Ranatza, Fred Parker
12pm: Fr. Joseph Doyle, Fr. Kenny Laird, all souls in Purgatory, **SJB 6pm:** Fr. Jerry Siebold, Fr. Joseph Carlo
OLA 6pm: Caleria Ranatza, Evelyn Beauchamp, Special Healing, Jacob Jones

Thursday: 02/23: Caleria Ranatza, Luke Everett Fontenot, Roseanne & Thomas Scruggs

Friday: 02/24: Caleria Ranatza, John Dickinson, Don Metcalf, Henry Rathcke



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

Daniel Clesi, USAF

LeLand Crochet, III, USMC

Matthew Charlet Dart, USN

Jeffrey Oliver Davis, 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

James Anthony Johnson, USAF

Sabrina Jones, LaNG

Markus Kippers, USN

Dustin Knight, USN

Joshua Knight, LaNG

Laura Clesi Knight—LaNG

Joseph L. LeBlanc Jr., Army

Stanley Mays, USAF

Andrew Metcalf, Army

Gordon Newman, Army

Robert Brett Parker, LaNG

Brian Plauche, USAF

Andrea Byrd Prosser, USCG

Jesse B. Richard, Army

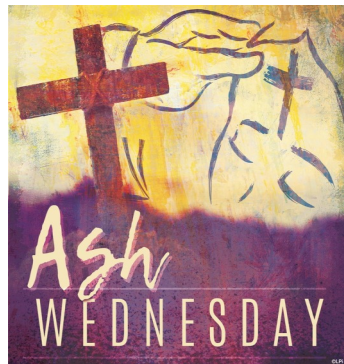
Nicholas Richards, USN

James Rouchon, USMC

David Welch, LaNG

Gordon M. White, USAF

Christopher Williston, USAF



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



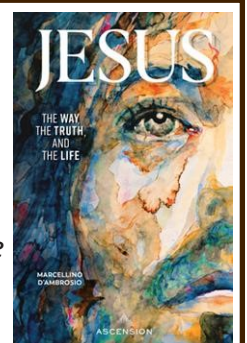
New to the Parish
Vera Decuir
in Zachary

Please take home a complimentary copy of:
Magnificat Lenten Companion
OR
The Word Among Us for Lent

Enrich Your Lenten Faith Formation

Sundays beginning February 26th at
4:15pm

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





Garden
Of
Eternity



PROPOSED Mausoleum and Columbarium Project
(Next to SJB Church)
Construction dependent on level of interest shown by March 1st.

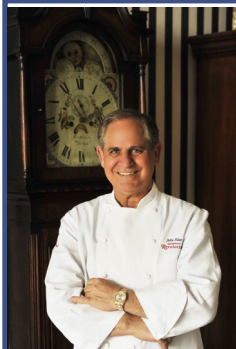


OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION

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



The Hardness of Holiness

I’m really good at finding excuses for myself, especially when it comes to holiness. Holiness, often (not always, but often), is about choosing the hard, but right, thing. The invitation to holiness is whispered in the hardest moments of my day when I am the most hopelessly human. After the kids’ bedtime, when I really just want to watch Dateline and eat too much ice cream instead of saying the Rosary. When I’ve committed to helping someone, but it suddenly becomes incredibly inconvenient. When I see a social media post that’s just begging for a snarky reply. When the conversation becomes gossip and I’m dying to make myself feel superior to someone.

The reason it’s so difficult for me to mutter these five simple words “Lord, give me the strength” because I know that if I say them and I mean them, they form a prayer that God will always answer in the affirmative. He will give me the strength I ask for, and then I will have no excuse.

It’s not unlike my kids claiming they’re too tired to clean up the playroom. If they would just ask me for help, it would all be so doable. But where would that leave them?

With a job to do, that’s where.

“Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.” — Leviticus 19:2

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 19

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

-7:00 am: Mass

-11:00 am: Mass

Monday, February 20

Office Closed

NOTE: Monthly Adoration Cancelled

Tuesday, February 21

Office Closed

(Mardi Gras)

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

-7:00 am: Mass

-Noon: Mass

-6:00 pm: Mass

-Thursday, February 23

-8:00 am: Mass / Divine Mercy

-6:00 pm: Handmaids Bible Study

Friday, February 24

-8:00 am: Mass / Stations of the Cross

-8:40 am: Lite Breakfast & Coffee

-5:45 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy/

Reconciliation

-6:00 pm: Lenten Mission

-6:45 pm: Fish Fry Fundraiser

-Saturday, February 25

-3:30 pm: Reconciliation

-4:30 pm: Vigil Mass

Sunday, February 26

First Sunday of Lent

-7:00 am: Mass

-9:15 am: K-5th Religious Ed Class

-11:00 am: Mass/RCIA Rite of Sending

-4:00 pm: Bible Study

-4:00 pm: 6-8th Religious Ed Class

COLLECTIONS

02/12/2023

Identified	\$ 12,978.00
Unidentified Cash	\$ 883.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 255.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 145.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 60.00
Central & E. Europe	\$ 185.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 2,090.00

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

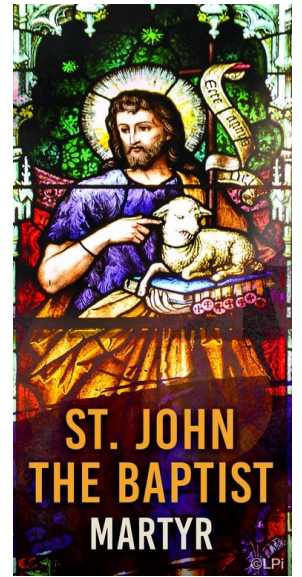
Monthly Payment Requirement \$11,172.50

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



ASH WEDNESDAY ~ MASS SCHEDULE

7:00am, Noon, 6:00pm

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

Please note:

12-Hour ADORATION
scheduled for Monday, February 20th
has been CANCELLED.

OUR CURRENT ADORATION CHAPEL IS CLOSED
DUE TO MAINTENANCE ISSUES.

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Religious Education

CLASSES

Today: Confirmation Class

Feb 26 : K-11th Class



ASH WEDNESDAY—Feb. 22

6:00pm Mass

Please note:

No Mass on Tuesday, Feb. 21

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 19

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

-9:00 am: Mass

-10:00 am: Confirmation Class

Tuesday, February 21

Mardi Gras

No Services

Wednesday, February 12

Ash Wednesday

-1:00 pm: Adoration

-5:30 pm: Reconciliation / P.H. Novena

-6:00 pm: Mass

Sunday, February 26

First Sunday in Lent

-9:00 am: Mass

-10:00 am: Religious Ed Class #12

COLLECTIONS

02/12/2023

Identified	\$ 3,580.00
Unidentified Cash	\$ 444.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 35.00
Central & E. Europe	\$ 200.00
Capital Campaign Drive	\$ 495.00
Total C.C. Received	\$ 523,193.80

