

The HERALD



TWO CATHOLIC PARISHES
ONE FAITH COMMUNITY

FEBRUARY 26, 2023



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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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:

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. (Gn 2:7)

Psalm:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)

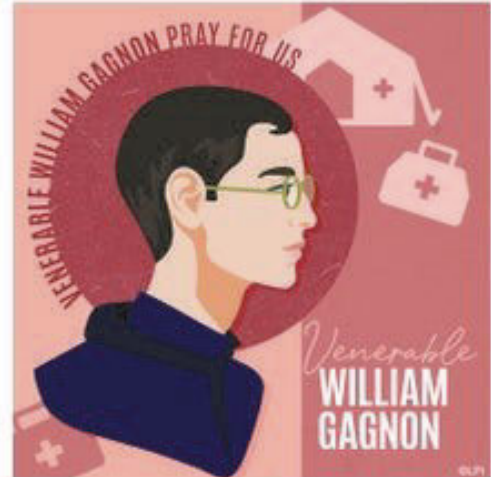
Second Reading:

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous. (Rom 5:19)

Gospel:

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights. (Mt 4:1-2)

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Saint of the week

Venerable Brother William Gagnon cared for every victim of war who entered his hospital regardless of military affiliation. A missionary to Vietnam between 1952 and 1972, he is remembered as a true servant leader who loved Jesus and his fellow man.

Prayer

Prayer for Venerable Brother William Gagnon's intercession

Lord, Jesus, your mercy inspired the Venerable William Gagnon, O.H., to live hospitality with the ill, the refugees and the poor. Grant that we may always minister to all suffering people with charity, as did this son of St. John of God. Lord, hear the prayer that we address to you [personal intention] by the intercession of the Venerable William Gagnon, in order that we may be affirmed in our faith and that your glory and the joy of the Church be proclaimed. Amen.

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We worship a God who understands human limitation. A God who has felt the pangs of fasting and the enticements of the tempter. Our God, hungry and tired and weakened, has stared into the face of the devil and said: "I am stronger than you."

Observances for the week of February 26, 2023

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
Saturday: St. Casimir
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

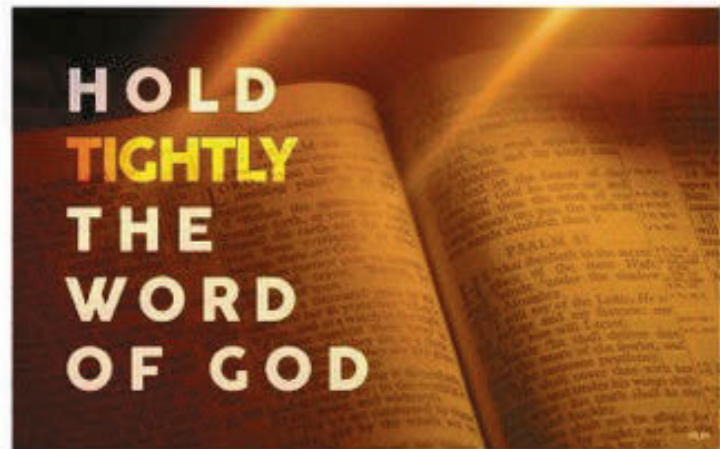
Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of February 26, 2023

- 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
- Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
- Next Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The Spirit leads Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and we hear this: **"He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry."** Seems like a questionable battle preparation plan. When I fast, I usually feel grouchy at best, and at worst, like I might pass out from longing for a hamburger. Isn't it better to be well-fed and fully hydrated, especially to face spiritual struggles? Why fast?

This might help. The origin of the word "fast" means to "hold firmly." We still use it that way when we say, "I held fast to my original decision." We human beings are a bundle of desires which vie for our attention: food, drink, comfort, safety, sex, laughter, beauty, and so on. If we can't manage to have firm grip on them, in short order they'll have a firm grip on us. By fasting from our lower desires, we learn to firmly grip on to what is greater. Fasting leads to us to a firmer hold on our body and mind.

Jesus fasts for us. He's showing us that his grace can help us regain this firm hold of our lives, which makes it more difficult for the devil to tempt us. But take it one more step. Fasting also teaches us to finally hold fast to Jesus, the Word of God in flesh. **"Man does not live by bread alone,"** he says, **"But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."** Jesus' fasting reveals his fast hold to the Father in everything. May our fasting help us to grasp ourselves more firmly, and then to hold fast to Jesus alone.

— Father John Muir

LITURGICAL AND PRAYER LIFE



SANCTUARY LIGHT: February 25-March 3

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

The Adoration Chapel
will burn in memory of
Mark Rioux

The Sanctuary Light at OLA
will burn in memory of
Michael Baker



BAPTISMAL SEMINAR Saturday, March 4th 8:30am @ SJB

Baptismal Seminars are
every other month.
If you are expecting a baby or
will serve as godparents,
please plan to attend.
No need to register.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday: 02/25: 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, James & Mary Poston, Tyler Pate, Burke Daigle, Fred Parker, Shane & Sylvia Bellard, Fr. Kenny Laird, Rita Patton

Sunday: 02/26:

7:00 AM: Luke Everett Fontenot, Caleria Ranatza, Ed Bridwell, Mary Jane & Newman Matte, Jane Ewell, 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, Davis 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, Ron Parker, the Steib family, Marianne Lewis, Mary Pourciau

Tuesday: 02/28: Caleria Ranatza, Evelyn Beauchamp, Jacob Jones

Wednesday: 03/01: Caleria Ranatza

Thursday: 03/02: Caleria Ranatza, Luke Everett Fontenot

Friday: 03/03: Caleria Ranatza, John Dickinson, Rita Patton



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, USMC

Matthew Boyd, Army

Cody Castello, USMC

Eugene Cazedessus, USMC

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Laura Clesi Knight—LaNG

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James Rouchon, USMC

David Welch, LaNG

Gordon M. White, USAF

Christopher Williston, USAF

Catholic Daughters Retreat ~ Saturday, March 18th ~ St. Helena, Amite

CDA Members are free. All other ladies are \$25.00.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: MARCH 10

9:00am meet at St Helena's gift shop

10:00-11:30am: Father Mark Beard speaks to the group

Noon-1:15pm: Lunch (local restaurant—each person pays own way)

1:15-3:15pm: Tour of church grounds

3:40pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy

4:00pm: Mass

5:00pm: Return to Zachary



New to the Parish

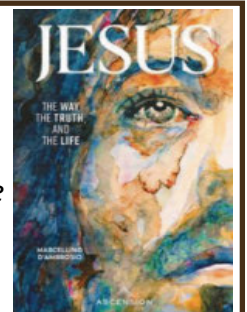
Roy & Jerrolyn Brees
and their children,
Jerrolyn and Bonnie,
in Zachary

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

Bible Study Starting TODAY

Sundays at 4:15pm

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





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)

Garden

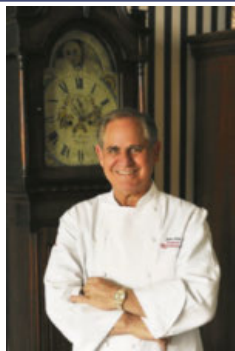
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PROPOSED Mausoleum and Columbarium Project

(Next to SJB Church)
Construction dependent on level of interest shown by March 1st.
FINAL WEEK to make your deposit.



“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 ~ **SOLD OUT**



Everyday Stewardship

Can you believe Lent is here already? It seems like not that long ago I was decorating a Christmas tree! Time waits for no one and that is why it is important to make a mindful commitment now to not let this Lenten season pass you by. It is a great time to focus on growing as an everyday steward. The temptations are always there to procrastinate or to give in to spiritual laziness, but the Church's observation of Lent offers us so many tools to help us get on track. Increased devotions such as Stations of the Cross, various parish missions, or Lenten-focused literature are all gifts that your parish may be offering to assist you in this season.

With the Passion being the focus of Lent, it is easy to contemplate the value of true generosity. How could someone give more than Jesus? He gave until his life was spent on a cross. When contemplating how we can increase our generosity in all aspects of our life, we only need to look to the cross. Of course, this also brings home to us that more may be asked of us than we bargained. The temptation is to not give too much, out of fear that we might face persecution or worse.

But we take solace in the fact that we are disciples of One who had the same temptations. He overcame those temptations. He rejected the easy way out. His love and generosity could not be contained. He gave it all so that you and I have the chance to do the same. This Lent, look to the greatest example of stewardship that ever lived. Jesus will show us the way to observe a Lent that will soon bring forth great Easter fruit.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

This Week at a Glance

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

Tuesday, February 28

- 9:00 am: Dusters
- 5:30 pm: Children's Choir
- 6:00 pm: Adult Choir

Wednesday, March 1

- 8:00 am: Mass / P. H. Novena
- 6:30 pm: SVDP Chef Folse Soup Supper

Thursday, March 2

- 8:00 am: Mass / Divine Mercy
- 10:00 am: Altar Society
- 5:30 pm: Ministry Meeting
- 6:00 pm: Handmaids Bible Study

Friday, March 3

- 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 / Meal

Saturday, March 4

- 8:30 am: Baptismal Seminar
- 3:30 pm: Reconciliation
- 4:30 pm: Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 5

Second Sunday of Lent

- 7:00 am: Mass
- 8:00 am: 1st Sunday Coffee & Donuts
- 11:00 am: Mass
- 12 Noon: Church Tour
- 4:00 pm: 6-8th Religious Ed Class
- 4:15 pm: Bible Study



Next Sunday,
March 5th
Join us after 7am Mass
For Coffee, Donuts &
FELLOWSHIP

Location to be announced at Mass.

COLLECTIONS

02/12/2023

To be reported next week

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*

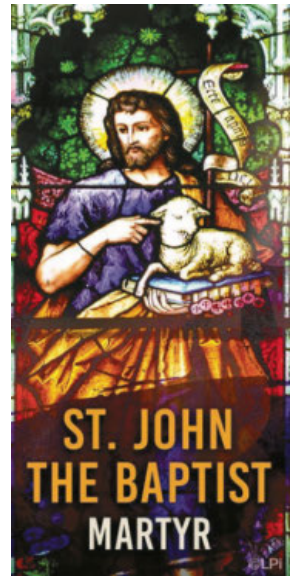
Monthly Payment Requirement \$11,172.50

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 or Building Maintenance.
Thank you!*



Religious Education

CLASSES

K-5: Today, March 12th and March 26th

6-8: Today, March 12th and March 26th

9-11: March 5th and March 19th

SACRAMENTS

March 15th: Confirmation Session

MADE FOR MORE

March 16th: Prep Session #1

March 23rd: Prep Session #2

March 30th: Ceremony



Monthly Meeting
Thursday, March 2nd
10:00am

ALL LADIES INVITED TO JOIN!
This month we will meet in Classroom #1

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OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Tuesday of Lent at 5:30pm

Religious Education

CLASSES

Feb 26 : K-11th Class
March 12: Class / Stations of the Cross
March 19: Confirmation Class
March 26: Class / Stations of the Cross

**Next Sunday, March 5th,
First Sunday of the Month**



Join us
for 8:30am
Rosary
and Social of
food &
fellowship after Mass.



This Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 26

First Sunday in Lent

-9:00 am: Mass

-10:00 am: Religious Ed Class #12

Tuesday, February 28

-5:30 pm: Stations of the Cross

-5:30 pm: Reconciliation

-6:00 pm: Mass

Wednesday, March 1

-1:00 pm: Adoration

-6:15 pm: Vespers with the Sisters

Sunday, March 5

Second Sunday in Lent

-8:30 am: Rosary

-9:00 am: Mass

-10:00 am: First Sunday Social

COLLECTIONS

02/12/2023

To be announced next week

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