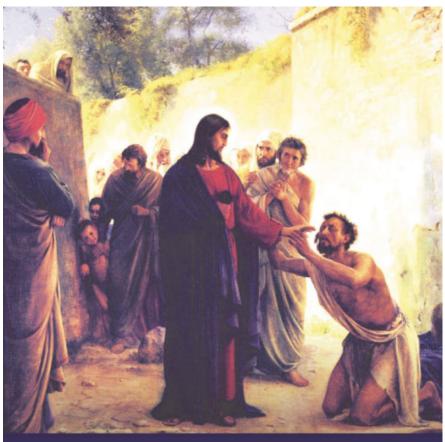


MARCH 19, 2023



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

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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

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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:

Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David. (1 Sm 16:13)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." (Eph 5:14)

Gospel:

He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent — .

So he went and washed, and came back able to see. (Jn 9:6-7)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

The blind man showed great bravery by speaking of Christ's miracle in the face of the Pharisees' disdain. But then, how could he ignore the truth, once he had seen it? It would be a form of blindness worse than the absence of physical sight. To deny Christ would be a blindness he chose for himself.

Observances for the week of March 19, 2023

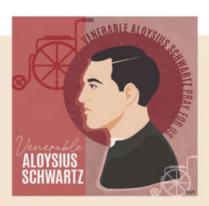
Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin

Mary

Thursday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop **Saturday:** The Annunciation of the Lord

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent



Saint of the week

Venerable Aloysius Schwartz (Father Al) spent his life embracing poverty, building hospitals, and supporting orphans in war-torn Korea, the Philippines, and the Americas. His legacy lives on through the religious orders he founded the Sisters of Mary and the Brothers of Christ.

Prayer

Prayer for Venerable Aloysius Schwartz's intercession

Almighty, ever-living God, giver of good gifts, You have filled Msgr. Al with an ardent love for You and for souls. You have inspired him to dedicate his life to relieve the suffering of the orphans, abandoned, the sick and poor, especially the youth, which he did with all humility and courage until the end of his life. May his holy life of love and service to the poor be recognized by the Church through his beatification and canonization.

For Your honor and glory, we pray that the life of Msgr. Al. be an inspiration for us in striving for perfection in the love of God and service to others. I ask You to bestow upon me, through the intercession of Fr. Al (your intention).

I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, and the maternal aid of Mary, the Virgin of the Poor.

Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 19, 2023

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps

23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9,

13-17, 34-38

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps

89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21,

24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6,

8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd

14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21

22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18,

19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2,

10, 25-30

Saturday: Is 7:10-14: 8:10/Ps 40:7

8a,8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10

Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4,

5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27,

33b-45



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

God asks a rhetorical and slightly sarcastic question to Samuel, the prophet: "How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I have rejected as king of Israel?" Like us, Samuel is depressed that the old king failed. It's painful to admit that the old regime is done. But God won't let us wallow our pityparty forever. "I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem," announces the Lord, "for I have chosen my king from among his sons." Samuel finally goes and anoints the young David as the new king. And his kingdom is glorious; it's the golden age of Israel's earthly history.

How discouraging to see that my own selfish ego is no longer in charge! How long will I grieve that money, power, pleasure, and reputation have been rejected as the ruler of my life? How wonderful that God has a new future in store for you and me. He is sending us to Bethlehem to anoint the new David as our king. His kingdom won't fail us. He'll slay our goliaths, unite our dispersed energies, and build a Temple where God himself will dwell.

So how long will you grieve? How long?

- Father John Muir

LITURGICAL AND PRAYER LIFE



SANCTUARY LIGHT: March 18-24

The Sanctuary Light at SJB will burn in memory of Ryan Rabalais

The Adoration Chapel will burn in memory of **Evelyn & Sally Naquin**

The Sanctuary Light at OLA will burn in memory of **Ann O'Brien**



Our Communities

of Faith extend our sympathy and prayerful support for the families of:

Tommy Cooper, parishioner of SJB and husband of Dora, and

Marilyn Poche, sister of Linda Cresap

and

Jackie Hutchinson, parishioner of OLA, wife of Warren Hutchinson.

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



New to the Parish

Travis & Lindsey Barr and their children, Catalina & Uriah in Zachary and Marie McGee in Zachary

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday: 03/18: 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, Frank Millican, Nida Cochran, L.C. Riche, Renee Fontenot, Ray Cooper, Burke Daigle, Fred Parker, Shane & Sylvia Bellard, Fr. Kenny Laird, Rita Patton, Judith Cutrer

Sunday: 03/19:

<u>7:00 AM</u>: Luke Everett Fontenot, Caleria Ranatza, Ed Bridwell, Mary Jane & Newman Matte, Brad Vince, Jane Ewell, Rusty Hagan, Alicia Summers, Frank Partin

<u>9:00 AM:</u> Jacob Meek, Evelyn Beauchamp, Edgar Unay, Georgia Honore, Charles Weaver, Jr., Anthony Musso, Beau Lobrano, Damin Vu, Peter Vu, Maria Vu, All souls in most need, Little family, Gabi Berger, Claudia Rocca, Patricia & Paul Davidson, Sr., Fr. Kenneth Laird, Frank Partin

11:00 AM: Charles Rissler, Joe Anzalone Family, Tyler Craig, Berni & OD Nugent, Kenneth Wilkewitz, Leroy Knaps, Dewey Hymel family, Huey Tullier, Kim Aitken, Mike Drago, Tommy Cooper

<u>Tuesday: 03/21:</u> Caleria Ranatza, Evelyn Beauchamp, Special healing, Jacob Jones

<u>Wednesday: 03/22:</u> Caleria Ranatza, Fr. Joe Doyle

<u>Thursday: 03/23:</u> Luke Everett Fontenot, Caleria Ranatza

<u>Friday: 03/24:</u> Caleria Ranatza, Rita Patton, special healing intention, John Dickinson, Jimmy McKenzie





COME AND SEE

Vocations Weekend Retreats
Thought about the priesthood lately?
Has it been on your mind a lot?
Come and see what God has to say
about it.

March 31st—April 2nd
No cost to you. Meals provided.
All Men 16 years and older.
Call the parish office.

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 Mike Prosser, USCG Jesse B. Richard, Army Nicholas Richards, USN James Rouchon, USMC David Welch, LaNG Gordon M. White, USAF Christopher Williston, USAF



12 Hour
Eucharistic Adoration
at SJB
Monday, March 20th
7am—7pm



The 2nd set of the SIX Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent

- Gracious

Vacations can be great times for refueling the body and renewing bonds within a family and between friends. No matter how good the vacation was, it is almost always good to get home when it is over. Sleeping in our own bed, taking a shower in our own bathroom, and resting on our own couch are some of the aspects of home we can miss while on the road. That's why encountering truly gracious and hospitable people while we are away is so important. These people are not family, but they sure can provide for us a glimpse of home. They can be waiters at a restaurant, desk hosts at a hotel, or even Uber drivers. They enrich our lives if for only a moment, yet that moment can make all the difference.

When disciples of Jesus Christ act in a gracious manner to all those they meet, they provide a glimpse of home. This home is not in a house in a particular location, but it is a home prepared for all of us for eternity. No matter how comfortable we may be in our earthly homes, it truly pales in comparison to eternity with God. In that heavenly home, there is no darkness, only light. There are no tears, only joy. There is no hate, only love.

We are ambassadors for heaven by how we offer ourselves to others. Our stewardship of hospitality allows others to see a glimpse of what God promises to us. Unless we truly step up and act in a gracious manner, will those we encounter ever know the Truth? I hate it when I am on the road and fail to meet people full of joy and welcome. At least I can look forward to coming home. What do those along the way look forward to in the next life that you can't show them a glimpse of in this one?

- Committed

I remember Jim Valvano, Jimmy V to many, saying the iconic words, "Don't give up; you can never give up." The former coach of the NC State men's basketball team was dying of cancer, yet he refused to throw in the towel and give in to his disease. His words exemplified the best of the human spirit we all share. Sometimes, living out those words seem much more difficult than saying them.

These words are also important for our faith life. The life Jesus calls us to is not easy. When working toward a life of greater generosity and surrender of all to God, we are prone to fall flat on our face many times. We are not called to this life only when we are strong. It is how we respond when times are the most difficult that truly defines us as disciples and stewards. The world may think we are down for the count, but rising again gives testimony that in Christ we are stronger.

Commitment takes a willingness to do the things needed to get stronger and build our spiritual muscles. We cannot expect to find success in the spiritual life unless we continue to work on our resolve and grow in our knowledge of the faith. A marathon runner would never be able to make it to the finish line unless they have trained and prepared in advance. We must work hard to stay the course and prepare for the race at hand. No matter what this life may have in store for us, we are called to not give up. God will never give up on us.

- Accountable

Easter is only a week away, and churches everywhere in the West are beginning the holiest of weeks. For a moment, even the secular world will bow to religious observances: closings on Good Friday, Easter baskets filled with treats, and television specials featuring Biblical figures. You and I will be reflecting on the meaning of Lent and how we have died and risen with Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Either we have prepared well for this Holy Week observance, or we are left lamenting that maybe next year will be when we get back on track.

The question before us is: "To whom are we accountable?" Did our Lenten observance only have to do with us? Does it matter to anyone if we really took this time seriously or not?

Both faith and community are gifts from God to us. The Church exists so we may live out that faith and respond to God's call, being strengthened by the grace imparted through the sacraments and the community in which we find ourselves. If we are accountable to no one, then the community is simply an option on a Sunday morning, much like golf or household chores. If we are not accountable to God, then our faith is simply something we look to periodically when we are sad or frightened.

However, if we are accountable to each other and to Jesus Christ, then we must answer for our stewardship gifts of faith and community. The Body of Christ is counting on us. Without a strong sense of accountability, we think our actions only affect us. In the end, we are connected to each other through Christ in such a manner that no one ever stands alone.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 19 **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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

-4:00 pm: High School Religious Ed

-4:15 pm: Bible Study Monday, March 20

-7:00 am: 12-hour adoration

Tuesday, March 21

-5:30 pm: Children Choir Practice -6:00 pm: Adult Choir Practice

Wednesday, March 22

-8:00 am: Mass / P.H. Novena

-5:00 pm: St. Vincent dePaul Easter baskets

-5:30 pm: Middle & High School Youth

-Thursday, March 23

-8:00 am: Mass / Divine Mercy -5:30 pm: Made 4 More Prep 6:00 pm: Handmaids Bible Study

Friday, March 24

-8:00 am: Mass /Stations of the Cross -8:45 am: Lite Breakfast & Coffee -5:45 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy &

Reconciliation

-6:00 pm: Lenten Mission / Stations of the

Cross / Benediction / Meal

-Saturday, March 25

-3:30 pm: Reconciliation -4:30 pm: Vigil Mass Sunday, March 26 Fifth Sunday of Lent

-7:00 am: Mass

-9:15 am: K-5 Religious Ed Class -11:00 am: Mass / Baptisms

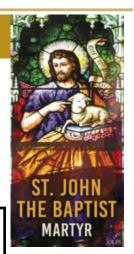
-4:00 pm: Middle School Religious Ed.

-4:15 pm: Bible Study

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EASTER BASKETS

SVDP will be assembling the Easter Baskets for children in need on Wednesday 3/22. Please bring vour donated items to the office no later than Tuesday, March 21st.



FRIDAY MORNINGS:

Stations of the Cross after 8:00am Mass



FRIDAY EVENINGS/Mission and a Meal

5:45pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Reconciliation

6:00pm: Stations of the Cross, Meditation, Benediction, Free

Lenten Meal to Follow: March 17th provided by St. Vincent dePaul

March 24th provided by Rel Ed / Youth Min

Thank you to these organizations for providing volunteers for the Mission and the Meal!



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St. Vincent de Paul sends a big **THANK YOU** to everyone that purchased tickets and supported their fundraising event "Count Your Blessings" soup supper with Chef John Folse.

SVDP is very appreciative for all your support to their conference at SJB as they strive to help those in need in our area.



Book Club— We have completed two books with great success. Our current reading is *The Gospel Reset* by Ken Ham; a great guideline to help bring others to Christ in today's culture. If interested in joining the group, contact Brian Capone at briancapone7@gmail.com or text at 225-247-5072. Meetings are held periodically to discuss the books impact and to share ideas.

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION



SEDER PASSOVER MEAL

with Mike Fulmer

Monday, March 20th at 6:00pm

All Parishioners are invited.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 19 Fourth Sunday of Lent

-9:00 am: Mass

-10:00 am: Confirmation Class

-Monday, March 20

-6:00 pm: Seder Passover Meal

Tuesday, March 21

-5:30 pm: Stations of the Cross /

Reconciliation

-6:00 pm: Mass

-6:30 pm: Soup Supper Wednesday, March 22

-1:00 pm: Adoration -6:15 pm: Vespers Sunday, March 26 Fifth Sunday of Lent

-9:00 am: Mass

-10:00 am: Religious Ed Class #14 -11:00 am: Religious Ed Stations of the

Cross

RELIGIOUS

Today: Confirmation Class

March 26: Class #14 followed by Stations of

the Cross

COLLECTIONS 04/12/2023 Identified \$ 3.560.00 \$ Unidentified Cash 426.00 \$ **Building Maintenance** 35.00 \$ Landscape Project 200.00 Easter Flowers \$ 25.00 \$ Religious Education 25.00 Capital Campaign Drive \$ 430.00 Total C.C. Received 527,741.80

Next Tuesday,
March 21,
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Soup
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Following
Mass



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