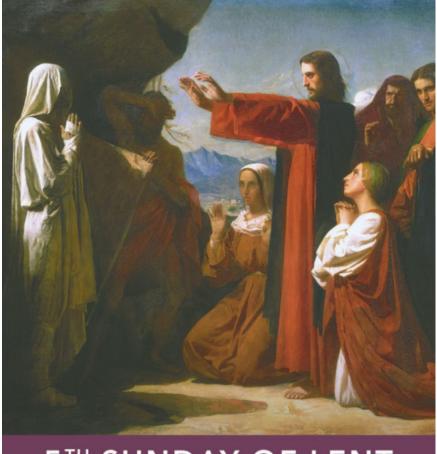


### **MARCH 26, 2023**



### 5<sup>™</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." - Jn 11:25

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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:

I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. (Ez 37:14)

#### Psalm:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. (Ps 130)

### Second Reading:

If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,

the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Sprit dwelling in you. (Rom 8:11)

#### Gospel:

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (Jn 11:25-26)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Though weighed down by grief, Martha rushes out to meet Jesus. She may not understand why he was absent upon the death of her brother, but her faithfulness is undeterred. In the hour of her heartbreak, she knows her only solace is in the embrace of the Lord.

# Observances for the week of March 26, 2023

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent Saturday: April Fools' Day

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord,

Holy Week begins



### Saint of the week

Servant of God Joseph Dutton served as a lay missionary alongside Saint Damian and Saint Marianne of Molokai. Upon his 40th birthday he converted to Catholicism, dedicated his life to service, and spent the rest of his days joyfully ministering inside a Hawaiian leper colony.

### **Prayer**

Prayer for Servant of God Joseph Dutton's intercession

God our Father, by the grace of conversion you raised your servant, Joseph Dutton, from the darkness of war, and despair. Wounded by the shock of battle and chained by addiction, he searched for You and found Your abundant mercy. In Joseph Dutton we see Your providence in his conversion from darkness to the light of the Gospel. May his total submission to Your purifying will encourage us on our own way of conversion. Hear our prayer now as we thank You for the gift of his life and the wonder of his witness. If it be for Your glory and the growth of Your Church in holiness, may he be counted among Your saints for all eternity.

Joseph Dutton, please intercede for us and present our requests to God through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

### Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of March 26, 2023

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

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62

or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b

4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18,

19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn

3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7,

8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a.

3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11

12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14

Jn 12:1-11



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### Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Of all Jesus' miracles, the most unsettling might be when he made a dead person alive. We know of three times when he did so: a girl, a young man, and Lazarus. The miracle teaches us he has the power of life and death. He anticipates his resurrection. Sin hurts us. Some sin kills us, spiritually. The three miracles reveal to us that no matter our circumstances, Jesus can give life to us.

The three miracles are instructive of the three ways we feel dead. The little dead girl symbolizes sin before it has time to mature. She's in bed and, once alive, gets right back to her life. The young man is lying in his casket in a funeral procession. This is sin allowed to fester, to grow and become somewhat normalized. Once raised, he has a short walk back home. Lazarus, a full-grown dead man, lies wrapped in burial bands in the tomb. Once he is raised, much needs to be done. He'll need to remove those bands, find new clothes, and travel all the way back home. That is sin allowed to go all the way, unchecked for months or years. It's the most spectacular of the three and reveals Jesus' glory more than the others. What hope that should give us, for us and those whom

What hope that should give us, for us and those whom we love! Jesus knows our sin hurts us and can even kill us spiritually. No matter the extent of the damage, he is always ready for the miracle of making the dead fully alive.

- Father John Muir

### LITURGICAL AND PRAYER LIFE

### SANCTUARY LIGHT: March 25-31

The Sanctuary Light at SJB will burn in memory of Joe & Mary Ann Bergeron

The Adoration Chapel will burn in memory of Louis & Carolyn Ard

The Sanctuary Light at OLA will burn in memory of Joseph Goudeau, Jr.



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Marguerite Richey, sister of Mary Ludie Baker and Betty Mclellan.

May the Lord grant comfort and peace to this family. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



COME AND SEE

#### **Vocations Weekend Retreats**

Have you Men ages 16 years and older thought about the priesthood lately?
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March 31st—April 2nd
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#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday: 3/25: Caleria Ranatza, Dana Baker Othmer, Louis Baker, Jr., Bruce Pitre, Luke Everett Fontenot, Austin Hollingsworth, Chris Cosse, Joseph Ritter, Joyce Bello Bailey, Orin Hollingsworth, Mark Rioux, John Dickinson, Frank Millican, Nida Cochran, Wayne Rabalais, James & Mary Poston, Burke Daigle, Shane & Sylvia Bellard, Fr. Kenny Laird, Rita Patton, Joseph & Eva Ballard, Glenn & Elizabeth Connor, Judith Cutrer Sunday: 3/26:

7:00 AM: Luke Everett Fontenot, Caleria Ranatza, Ed Bridwell, Mary Jane & Newman Matte, Brad Vince, Jane Ewell, Rusty Hagan, Alicia Summers, Frank Partin 9:00 AM: Jacob Meek, Evelyn Beauchamp, Edgar

Unay, Georgia Honore, Charles Weaver, Jr., Anthony Musso, Beau Lobrano, Damin Vu, Peter Vu, Maria Vu, Davis family, Gabi Berger, Claudia Racca, Patricia & Paul Davidson, Sr., Fr. Kenny Laird, Frank Partin, Jackie Hutchinson 11:00 AM: Charles Rissler, Joe Anzalone

Family, Tyler Craig, Berni & OD Nugent,
Johnny Wales, Kenneth Wilkewitz, Ron Parker, the
Steib family, Leroy Knaps, Huey Tullier, Kim Aitken,
Mike Drago, Tommy Cooper

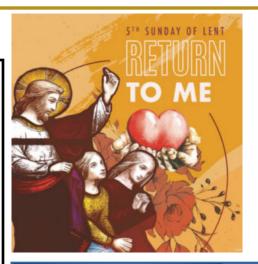
<u>Tuesday: 3/28:</u> Caleria Ranatza, Evelyn Beauchamp, Jacob Jones

<u>Wednesday: 3/29:</u> Caleria Ranatza, Faye Denham, special healing intention

<u>Thursday: 3/30:</u> Luke Everett Fontenot, Caleria Ranatza, Bea & Charlie Schmid

Friday: 3/31: Caleria Ranatza, John Dickinson, Rita

Patton, special healing intention



### PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS, THEIR FAMILIES & OUR COUNTRY

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### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### **Offerings**

Offer it up. My grandmother used this phrase with her children, and my mother, in turn, used it with me. It's a kind of verbal heirloom, a gift of wisdom from a generation that knew suffering all too well.

We know it to be true that God will work through our suffering if we invite him to. We know it and we have seen it — we have only to look at Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary.

But, often, I invite God into my suffering only to tell Him where I want Him to stand. I make an offering of suffering but expect God to do something very specific with it. Teach me this, please. Give me this specific grace. Show me this specific answer.

The happy ending in today's Gospel is not the alleviation of the sorrow Martha and Mary feel because it isn't alleviated, Lazarus is still human, and death still awaits him. Someday, his sisters will have to mourn at his tomb. That loss and pain will not be avoided.

The happy ending is that he is resurrected now, and in doing so, brings so many to belief. The happy ending is that Martha and Mary do not abandon discipleship because things didn't work out exactly the way that they wanted. They run out to meet Christ, eyes dim with tears. They fling themselves into his company and onto his providence.

They made an offering of their suffering, and their happy ending is that their offering was accepted.

"You are not in the flesh, on the contrary, you are in the spirit." — Romans 8:9

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### **Early Stewardship**

When I am driving throughout the United States, I enjoy seeing the billboards that dot the highways speaking for God. A couple of my favorites: "Life is short. Eternity is not. --God"; and "Let's meet at my house this Sunday, before the game. --God." God must have a pretty big advertising budget because he has billboards in pretty much every state!

One billboard I saw read, "You asked God for a sign, and here it is!" After a chuckle, I realized that we are always looking for a sign. We say we believe, but sometimes, we act like we just want to be sure.

In the Gospels, Jesus performs miracles and healings so that people would believe. The healing of Lazarus was surely a profound moment for all who were there. Jesus was able to show that he has power over even death itself, a foreshadowing to his resurrection that will occur in the not too distant future. For all who doubt, be assured that Jesus is the giver of life. He has given living water to the woman at the well, sight to the blind, and now has raised a man from the grave.

As Easter draws ever closer, how many more signs do you need? What else can Jesus do to convince you that his call on your life comes from the source of all life? As the US Bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship lays out, we have been challenged, we are asked to choose, and then our lives will be transformed. May all the signs of God around us, even billboards on the side of the road, move us to choose a path of giving of ourselves like Jesus.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS @LPi

### PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

### This Week at a Glance

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 class

-4:15 pm: Bible study **Tuesday, March 28** -9:00 am: Dusters

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

Wednesday, March 29

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

-Thursday, March 30

-8:00 am: Mass / Divine Mercy -6:00 pm: Made for More Ceremony

Friday, March 31

-8:00 am: Mass / Stations of the Cross-8:30 am: Lite Breakfast & Coffee-5:45 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy &

Reconciliation

-6:00 pm: Lenten Mission / Stations of the Cross / Benediction / Meal

-Saturday, April 1

-3:30 pm: Reconciliation

-4:30 pm: Vigil Mass / Bake Sale

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

-7:00 am: Mass / Bake Sale -9:15 am: K-5 Religious Ed class -11:00 am: Mass / Men's Club Dinner /

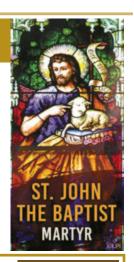
Bake Sale

-12:00 pm: Church Tour

-4:00 pm: High School Religious Ed class

-4:15 pm: Bible Study

COLLECTIONS	03/19/2023	
Identified	\$	10,664.00
Unidentified Cash	\$	1,059.00
Building Maintenance	\$	
Youth Ministry	\$	115.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	130.00
Easter Flowers	\$	220.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$	420.00
Debt Reduction	\$	1,190.00





#### **FRIDAY MORNINGS:**

Stations of the Cross after 8:00am Mass

PRAYER FASTING ALMSGIVING

### 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 31—Catholic Daughters

Thank you to this organization for providing volunteers

for the Mission and the Meal!

### **HOLY WEEK / EASTER SCHEDULE**

Holy Thursday: 6:00 pm @ SJB

Good Friday: 3:00 pm @ OLA and 6:00 pm @ SJB

Holy Saturday: 7:30 pm @ SJB

Easter Sunday: 7:00 am & 11:00 am @ SJB

9:00 am @ OLA

The offices will be closed Good Friday and the Monday & Tuesday following Easter. There will be NO MASS Wednesday after Easter.

### keligious Education

Today: K-5 & Middle School Class April 2nd: K-5 & High School Class

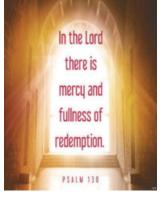


### Ladies Altar Society's Annual Palm Sunday BAKE SALE

Next weekend after ALL Masses

Don't forget to get your delicious goodies next weekend and support the Ladies Altar Society.





### **OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

#### **HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE**

Good Friday: 3:00 pm @ OLA Easter Sunday: 9:00 am @ OLA

The offices will be closed Good Friday and the

Monday and Tuesday following Easter.

There will be NO MASS on Tuesday evening after

Easter.

### Religious Education

Today: Religious Ed class @ 10:00am followed by the Stations of

the Cross

Sunday, April 16: First Communion @ 9:00 am.

COLLECTIONS	(	03/19/2023		
Identified	\$	3,184.00		
Unidentified Cash	\$	524.00		
Building Maintenance	\$	185.00		
Easter Flowers	\$	75.00		
Capital Campaign Drive	\$	545.00		
Total C.C. Received	\$	528,286.80		



Join us on Tuesday for our Lenten Soup Supper following Mass.

### This Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 26 Fifth Sunday of Lent

-9:00 am: Mass

-10:00 am: Religious Ed Class

-11:00 am: Rel Ed. Stations of the Cross

Monday, March 27 -5:30 pm: Bible Study Tuesday, March 28

-5:30 pm: Stations of the Cross /

Reconciliation

-6:00 pm: Mass

-6:30 pm: Lenten Soup Supper

Wednesday, March 29 -1:00 pm: Adoration -6:15 pm: Vespers Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

-9:00 am: Mass



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