

# The HERALD



TWO CATHOLIC PARISHES  
ONE FAITH COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 10, 2023



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. - Mk 1:4

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### PARISH INFORMATION

[WWW.SJB-OLA.ORG](http://WWW.SJB-OLA.ORG)

**St. John the Baptist**

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Monday-Thursday | 8:30am-Noon

1:00pm-5:00pm

Friday | 8:30am-1:00pm



### **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 | 3:00pm

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



Today we light the 2nd candle of our Advent wreath further pushing back the darkness with the Light of Christ! Traditionally the second candle symbolizes Faith and the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem. As we light this candle may it remind us that we are to prepare the way of the Lord, in our own heart and in the heart of the world. Of course, we know to prepare the way of the Lord in our own heart takes setting time daily to pray and reflect upon the scriptures, the daily examine our conscious to see how we are growing in the virtues, and to challenge ourselves in devoting ourselves to corporal works of mercy.

The virtue we are called to look at this week is Faith. As you know, Faith is a gift from God, yet we are called to nurture that gift in our lives through prayer, reflection on scripture and studying the teaching of the faith. Over the last 50 years since the Vatican II Council the laity was challenged to be more involved in the church. Since that time many different ministries led by the people of God have flourished and many of those ministries use modern technology to help us grow in our faith. Now there are countless podcasts, apps, YouTube channels and websites that make studying the faith so readily available. I personally use the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website to access the daily scripture readings and the bible, and I use Formed, which is available through the SJB-OLA website for daily reflections and other educational content. So many opportunities to grow our Faith, I hope you are using them all! This weekend we will have the Second collection for retired religious. These monies go toward supporting the woman and men who did devote their entire lives to Christ and the Church. As many of you remember, many of those religious received very little in terms of a salary, and what little was given to them was held by their orders to support the elderly members of their communities. As a Redemptorist priest we usually only draw one salary from a parish and that salary is used to support 4 or 5 men in the house. From that one salary we pay our insurance, our food and board; not much, if any, is left to put aside for retirement. The collection next weekend helps the sisters, nuns, brothers, monks and priests not only retire with dignity, but to continue to minister as they can in their later years. Thank you for all the support you give to the women and men who have given their all in service to Christ and the church!



#### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Thursday, December 14th at 6:00pm

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

There will be four priests available.

*This service of penance is meant to make us ready in mind and heart for the birth of Christ, which we are soon to celebrate in the Mass of Christmas.*



# LITURGICAL AND PRAYER LIFE



## SANCTUARY LIGHT: December 9 - 15

The Sanctuary Light at SJB  
will burn in memory of  
**Orin Hollingsworth**

The Adoration Light  
will burn in memory of  
**L. C. Riche**

The Sanctuary Light at OLA  
will burn in memory of  
**A. J. "Brother" LeBourgeois  
and Lula Mae Hock**

Our Communities of Faith

*In Sympathy* extend our  
sympathy and  
prayerful support for the  
families of:

**Vernon Joe Broussard**, brother  
of Mima Mathews, and  
**Dorothy Reese Jones**, mother  
of Gary Reese.

May the Lord grant comfort  
and peace to these families.  
May their souls and the souls  
of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace. Amen



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

**Saturday: 12/9:** Caleria Ranatza, Bruce Pitre, Luke Everett Fontenot, Austin & Orin Hollingsworth, John Dickinson, Ryan Rabalais, Herman & Mickey Ditcharo, Todd Rioux, Kenneth Wilkewitz, David Litchliter, Gloria Stevens, Rita O'Quinn, Frank Partin, Nick Adams, John Chaney, Ida Guidry

### **Sunday: 12/10:**

**7:00 AM:** Luke Everett Fontenot, Caleria Ranatza, Ed Bridwell, Brad Vince, Huey Tullier, Maxine Rupeter, Fr. Mark Beard, Alicia Summers, Doris Tracy

**9:00 AM:** Jacob Meek, Evelyn Beauchamp, Kathy & Charles Weaver, Jr., Anthony Musso, Little family, Terry Davis, Steve Jacob, Leslie Ligon, Cliff Muller, Grace Andes, Kathy Weaver, Fr. Mark Beard, James Abadie, Sr., Harry Roland, Ethel Roland, Msgr. Cage Gordon

**11:00 AM:** Charles Rissler, Joe Anzalone Family, Tyler Craig, Berni & OD Nugent, Marianne Lewis, Anna & Augustino Marchiafava, Ron Parker, Laura Gremillion, Newman & Jane Mary Matte, Gloria Stevens, Rita O'Quinn, John Pollet, Ida Guidry

**Tuesday: 12/12 8:00am:** Caleria Ranatza, Nan Johnson, deceased members of the Naquin and Parker families, Frank Partin, Evelyn Beauchamp, Kathy Weaver, Msgr. Cage Gordon

**Wednesday: 12/13 8:00am:** Caleria Ranatza, Ruth & Erin Delahoussaye

**Thursday: 12/14 8:00am:** Luke Everett Fontenot, Caleria Ranatza, Jimmie McKenzie,

**Friday: 12/15 8:00am:** Caleria Ranatza, Todd Rioux, David Litchliter, Moise & Virginia Deslatte, M.E. & Mary Deslatte, Jimmie & Olga Lambert, George & Carol Wysor, Dennis & Rena Trosclair, Don Metcalf, Rita O'Quinn

## 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

Matthew Thomas Cazedessus, USAF

Allen Jude Charlet, Army

Daniel Clesi, USAF

LeLand Crochet, III, USMC

Matthew Charlet Dart, USN

Jeffrey Oliver Davis, USN

Stephen DiLorenzo, Army

Thomas Foster, USN

Neil Ahldwin Garcia, US Army

Brad Gautreaux, USMC

Nesta Gross, USAF

Dylan Gustafson, USMC

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

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



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

St. John the Baptist

Sunday, December 24th: 4:00pm

Monday, December 25th: 9:00am

Our Lady of the Assumption

Sunday, December 24th: 6:00pm

## CHAPTER TWO

**A support group for widows of  
SJB & OLA**

Next gathering:

**Monday, December 11th**

at Café Phoenicia at 11:30am

RSVP to Dot TODAY!

We will have the regular weekend Mass schedule on December 23/24.

## Jubilation to Share

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## Readings for the week of December 10, 2023

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

## Observances for the week of December 10, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Damasus I, Pope

Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church



## St. Lucy | Feast Day December 13

A name that means "light," St. Lucy (283 – 304) is the patron saint of those blind or suffering with eye trouble. Not much is known about her life, except that she was determined to remain a virgin and thus refused marriage. History tells the story of a frustrated suitor who eventually accused St. Lucy of being a Christian (at crime at the time), and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304.

Today, we celebrate a number of traditions that incorporate symbolic meaning of St. Lucy as the "bearer" of light in the darkness of winter. This is particularly seen in Scandinavian countries, with their long dark winters. There, a young girl dressed in a white dress and a red sash (as the symbol of martyrdom) carries palms and wears a crown or wreath of candles on her head. In Denmark, Norway and Sweden, girls dressed as Lucy carry rolls and cookies in procession as songs are sung.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH  
OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION MISSION

# *Now is the Time for Eucharistic Missionaries*

*Bringing Jesus to Work, School,  
and Your Neighborhood*



**St John the Baptist Catholic Church**  
**4826 Main Street, Zachary, LA 70791**



Featuring Dr. Brian  
Pedraza, Director of  
Theology at FranU  
and member of the  
diocesan Eucharistic  
Revival Committee.

***Wed, Dec. 13th***  
***6:30pm***

# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

### This Week at a Glance

**Sunday, December 10**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

-6:30 am: KC Rosary

-7:00 am: Mass

-7:30 am: Blood Drive

-11:00 am: Mass

**Monday, December 11**

-11:30 am: Chapter Two at Café Phoenicia

**Tuesday, December 12**

-9:00 am: Dusters

-5:30 pm: Christmas Play Practice

-5:30 pm: Childrens Choir practice

-6:00 pm: Adult Choir practice

-6:00 pm: Catholic Daughters

**Wednesday, December 13**

-8:00 am: Mass

-6:30 pm: Eucharistic Rev Guest Speaker

**Thursday, December 14**

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

-6:00 pm: Advent Penance Service

-7:00 pm: O.C.I.A.

**Friday, December 15**

-8:00 am: Mass/Div Mercy/Benediction

-8:30 am: Breakfast

-6:00 pm: Men's Club Christmas Party

**Saturday, December 16**

-3:00 pm: Reconciliation

-4:30 pm: Vigil Mass

-5:30 pm: Christmas Play / Hot Chocolate & Cookies

**Sunday, December 17**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

-7:00 am: Mass

-9:15 am: K—5 Rel Ed Classes

-10:30 am: Cath Daughters Rosary

-11:00 am: Mass

-4:00 pm: Middle/High Rel Ed Classes



### COLLECTIONS

**12/03/2023**

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| Identified           | \$ 15,307.00 |
| Unidentified Cash    | \$ 1,080.00  |
| Building Maintenance | \$ 1,742.00  |
| Youth Ministry       | \$ 82.00     |
| Religious Education  | \$ 55.00     |
| St. Vincent de Paul  | \$ 153.00    |
| Christmas Flowers    | \$ 385.00    |
| Debt Reduction       | \$ 5,701.00  |



Our annual ADVENT GIVING TREE is now set up in the vestibule of church. This year, we are asking you to choose how you would like your donation used:

**La. War Vets** –provides a Christmas gift for the Catholic residents at the home

**St. Vincent the Paul**– provides assistance with rent, utility bills, food & other needs for those in our area

**Zachary Food Bank** –provides food for the hungry in our area

**Church Projects**–current project is a screen and projector system for the PAC and Parish Hall

*Take an envelope from the tree. Check off your choice on the front of the envelope and place your donation inside. Return the envelope in the basket under the tree, in the collection at Mass or to the office.*



Join us on  
**Saturday, December 16th**  
at 5:30pm (following 4:30 Mass)  
in the PAC

for our annual **Children's Christmas Program** followed by a reception of cookies and hot chocolate provided by Catholic Daughters.



Without cost you have received.  
without cost you are to give.



### Youth News

Tuesday, Dec. 5: Choir Practice at 5:30pm

Tuesday, Dec. 12: Choir Practice at 5:30pm  
Play Practice at 5:30pm

Saturday, Dec. 16: Christmas Play at 5:30pm

Sunday, Dec. 17: Religious Ed Classes

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# OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

## ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday during Advent  
5:00pm Parish Hall



## This Week at a Glance

**Sunday, December 10**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

-9:00 am: Mass

**Tuesday, December 12**

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

-6:00 pm: Mass

-6:30 pm: Altar Society

**Wednesday, December 13**

-1:00 pm: Adoration

-6:15 pm: Vespers

**Sunday, December 17**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

-9:00 am: Mass



The Children's Annual Christmas Program  
is **Tuesday, December 19th at 6:30pm**

POTLUCK to follow the program...

Please **SIGN UP** in the entrance of church to bring your favorite dish to the potluck.



Our annual GIVING TREE is set up in church.  
Please take an "ornament" from the tree and purchase  
the items listed on the ornament. Please return your  
gift "wrapped and ready" by December 19th.  
Remember to attached the ornament to the gift  
so we can identify the recipient .

## COLLECTIONS

**12/03/2023**

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|------------------------|----|----------|
| Identified             | \$ | 5,070.00 |
| Unidentified Cash      | \$ | 383.00   |
| Building Maintenance   | \$ | 30.00    |
| Religious Education    | \$ | 1,000.00 |
| Youth Ministry         | \$ | 20.00    |
| Christmas Flowers      | \$ | 45.00    |
| Capital Campaign Drive | \$ | 789.00   |