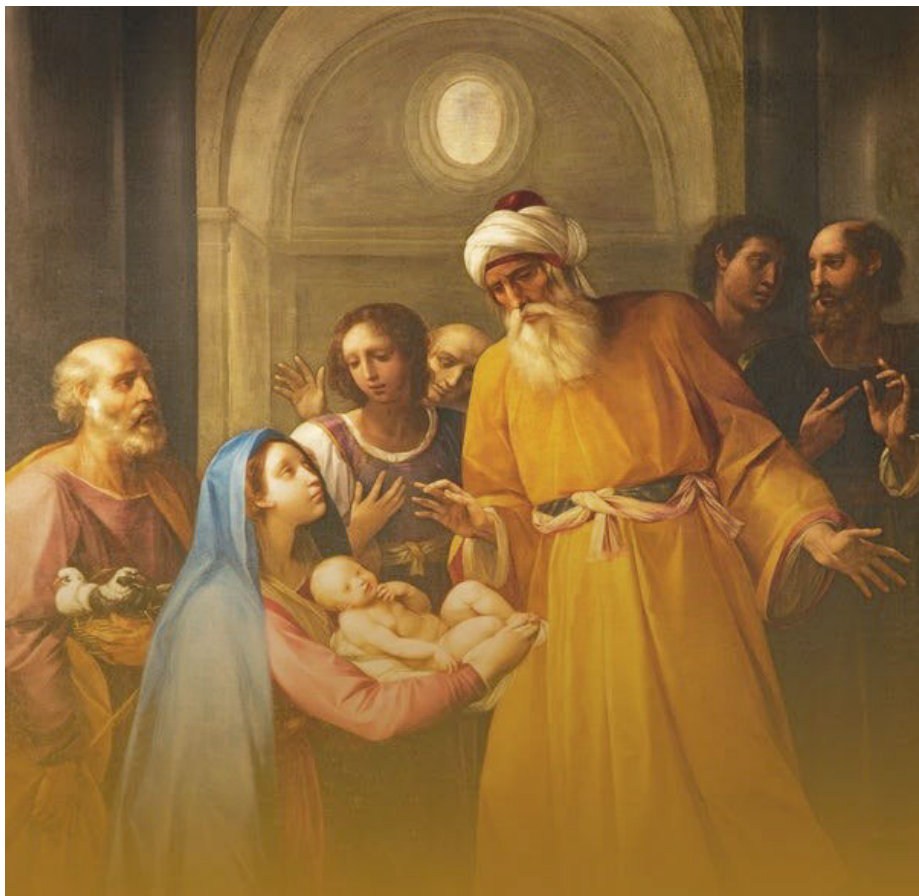


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## THE HOLY FAMILY

"For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples."

- Lk 2:30-31

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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 | **3:00 pm**

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

# LITURGICAL AND PRAYER LIFE



We have come to the end of our calendar year as we are entering the middle of the Christmas season. As many people are taking down their Christmas decorations, we are still going strong celebrating the birth of the Son of God, Emmanuel - God is with us! Our celebrations will continue for yet another week as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany and then Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist in the Jordan river; it is then that we conclude our Christmas celebrations. In the heart of our Christmas celebrations lies our grateful hearts; that is what we carry into the new calendar year. Grateful for Christ coming at his birth to walk with us, grateful for Christ coming to us in the Eucharistic to walk with us, grateful for knowing that Christ will come again to walk with us for all eternity. This is what fills me with hope as I move into the upcoming year, that Christ is always with me, knowing that Christ is always with you as well. We will face trials and tribulations this coming year, but we know we will not face them alone; we will face joys and blessings and we know the Lord will be with us! As we continue to grow in our knowledge that the Lord is with us, especially in the Eucharistic, may we rejoice and lift our voices in thanksgiving!

Happy New Year, and many blessings in 2024!

~Fr. Lamar

## Readings for the week of December 31, 2023

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38



## Observances for the week of December 31, 2023

Sunday: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

Monday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation) New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

Tuesday: Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

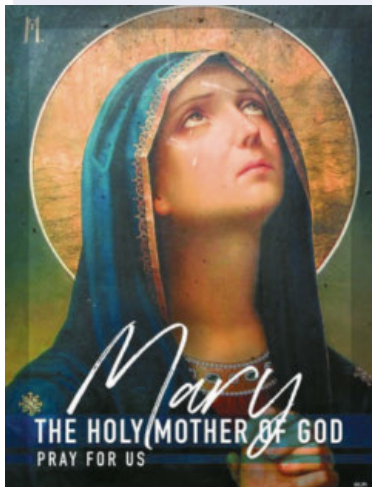
Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Friday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Saturday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord



HAVE A BLESSED  
*new year*



# LITURGICAL AND PRAYER LIFE



## SANCTUARY LIGHT: December 30—January 5

The Sanctuary Light at SJB  
will burn in memory of  
**Mark & Todd Rioux**

The Adoration Light  
will burn in memory of  
**Louis Baker, Jr. &  
Dana Baker Othmer**

The Sanctuary Light at OLA  
will burn in memory of  
**Edgar Unay**

*In Sympathy*

Our communities  
of faith  
extend our sympathy and  
prayerful support for the  
families of: **Pat Terrell**, father  
of Tiffany Bankhead and  
**Ervin Spangler, Jr.**, son of  
Beverly Spangler and brother  
of Clarence Spangler.  
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: 12/30:** Caleria Ranatza, Bruce Pitre, Luke Everett Fontenot, Austin & Orin Hollingsworth, John Dickinson, Ryan Rabalais, Todd Rioux, David Litchliter, Kenneth Wilkewitz, Frank Partin, and Ida Guidry

**Sunday: 12/31:**

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

**9:00 AM:** Jacob Meek, Evelyn Beauchamp, Kathy & Charles Weaver, Jr., Anthony Musso, Davis Family, Steve Jacob, Terry Davis, Cliff Muller, Fr. Mark Beard, James Abadie, Sr., Harry Roland, Ethel Roland, Joe & Doris Caldwell, Monsignor Cage Gordon, Elizabeth Cazedessus, Daniel Cazedessus, Becky Glover, Eugene & Virginia Cazedessus

**11:00 AM:** Charles Rissler, Joe Anzalone Family, Tyler Craig, Newman & Jane Mary Matte, Marianne Lewis, Bernie & O. D. Nugent, Charles Rissler, Anna & Augustino Marchiafava, and John Pollet

**4:00 PM:** Todd Rioux, David Litchliter, Rita O'Quinn

**6:00 PM:** Lillie & Paris Raines, General & Elizabeth Caldwell, Philip & Edie Schwindt, Gene & Betty Michner, Elizabeth Cazedessus, Daniel Cazedessus, Barry Hofmeester, Evelyn Beauchamp, Cliff Muller, Grace Andes, Kathy & Charles Weaver, Fr. Mark Beard

**Monday: 1/1/2024:**

**9AM:** Bernie & O. D. Nugent, Laura Gremillion, Anna & Augustino Marchiafava, Rita O'Quinn, Frank Partin, Doris Tracy, Don Metcalf, David Litchliter, Todd Rioux, M. E. & Mary Deslatte, Moise & Virginia Deslatte, Jimmie & Olga Lambert, George & Carol Wysor, Dennis & Rena Trosclair, Ed Bridwell, Fr. Max Klingkowstrom, and Vernon Broussard

**Tuesday: 01/02:** Monsignor Cage Gordon, Edgar Unay, Evelyn Beauchamp

**Wednesday: 01/03:** Matt Engler

**Thursday: 01/04:** Vernon Broussard

**Friday: 01/05:** Don Metcalf

## 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  
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Matthew Charlet Dart, USN  
Jeffrey Oliver Davis, USN  
Stephen DiLorenzo, Army  
Thomas Foster, USN  
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Gordon Newman, Army  
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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

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

*Welcome*

New  
to the  
Parish

Gene and Julie Adolph  
in Zachary

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ZACHARY

## This Week at a Glance

**Sunday, December 31**

**The Holy Family (New Year's Eve)**

-7:00 am: Mass

-11:00 am: Mass

-4:00 pm: Holy Day Vigil Mass

**Monday, January 1**

**Mary, Most Holy Mother of God**

**Holy Day of Obligation (Office Closed)**

-9:00 am: Mass

**Tuesday, January 2**

-NO Choir

**Wednesday, January 3**

-8:00 am: Mass

**Thursday, January 4**

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

**Friday, January 5**

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

-8:45 am: Lite Breakfast

**Saturday, January 6**

-3:00 pm: Reconciliation

-4:30 pm: Mass/Benediction

**Sunday, January 7**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

-7:00 am: Mass / Benediction

-8:00 am: 1st Sunday Donuts & Coffee

-9:15 am: K-5 Rel Ed Class

-11:00 am: Mass / Benediction

-12 noon: Church Tour

-4:00 pm: Middle & High Rel Ed Class

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes resume next Sunday, January 7th  
9:15am: K-5 and 4:00pm: Middle and High

**CONFIRMATION SESSION**

Wednesday, January 10 at 5:30pm

**FIRST RECONCILIATION / Retreat and Sacrament**

Sunday, January 27th at 8:30am

## Advent Giving Tree Collection as of

**12/17/23: \$10,813.50**

Church Projects: \$8,883.50

St. Vincent de Paul: \$1,060.00

La. War Vets: \$ 600.00

Zachary Food Bank: \$ 270.00

## Choir Practice for

Tuesday, January 2

is CANCELLED

due to the holidays.

Choir Practices will

resume on Tuesday,

January 9th.

## HEALING ROSARY

Rescheduled for

Monday, January 8th

(due to holiday)

9:00am at the

Holley residence.

## COLLECTIONS

**12/17/2023**

Identified \$ 12,439.00

Unidentified Cash \$ 984.00

Building Maintenance \$ 279.00

Youth Ministry \$ 244.25

St. Vincent de Paul \$ 130.00

Christmas Flowers \$ 380.00

Priest Retirement \$ 200.00

Debt Reduction \$ 1,420.00

# OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION ~CLINTON

## This Week at a Glance

**Sunday, December 31**

**The Holy Family (New Year's Eve)**

-9:00 am: Mass

-6:00 pm: Holy Day Vigil Mass

**Tuesday, January 2**

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

-6:00 pm: Mass / Benediction

-6:30 pm: Men's Club

**Wednesday, January 3**

-1:00 pm: Eucharistic Adoration

-6:15 pm: Vespers with the Sisters

**Sunday, January 7**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

-8:00 am: Rosary

-9:00 am: Mass / Benediction

-10:00 am: 1st Sunday Social

-10:00 am: First Reconciliation Retreat

**Mary, Most Holy Mother of God**

**(Holy Day of Obligation)**

**Mass on Sunday, December 31st at 6:00pm**



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**2nd GRADERS**

**RETREAT**

Saturday, Jan. 27th at 8:30 am at St. John

with the Sacrament being received during the retreat.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes resume on  
Sunday, January 14th

## COLLECTIONS

**12/17/2023**

Identified \$ 2,420.00

Unidentified Cash \$ 484.00

Building Maintenance \$ 40.00

Youth Ministry \$ 25.00

Christmas Flowers \$ 90.00

Retirement Fund \$ 205.00

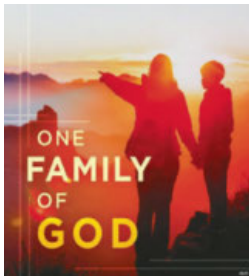
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# EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

## BELONGING TO THE FAMILY OF CHRIST

I have heard people say, "You don't get to choose your family!" I believe that to be only partially true. I did not choose my father and mother, but my family is greater than my family tree of ancestors. My family includes those who have been there when both my father and mother passed away. My family includes those who came to see my newborn children in the hospital. My family includes those who celebrated with me my greatest triumphs and consoled me in my greatest times of trial. Each and every one of them I have chosen to be a part of my family.

Most of the time we talk about stewardship in terms of time, talent, and treasure. We quantify the size of our gifts, seeing them as things that have a finite value. However, true stewardship has no limits. What we are called to give is everything. When we fully empty ourselves into another and into the reality of God we find ourselves transformed. We truly grow into our own as the creations we became at baptism.



It is in that transformation that we find ourselves connected to others in a profound way. Those who were not connected to us by blood are now connected to us by spirit. Our family, the body of Christ, grows and becomes stronger. In this family, a man can be father to a Son not of his flesh and a woman mother to a Son of a divine origin. In this family, we find our hope and our home. And we must never make the mistake of thinking that is not a choice.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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