

The HERALD



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ONE FAITH COMMUNITY

JANUARY 28, 2024



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

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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 | **3:00 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



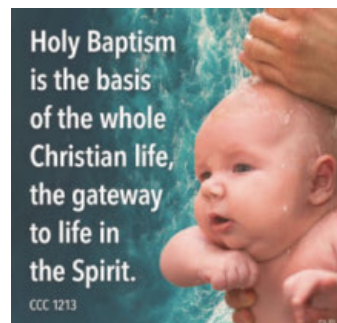
The days are getting longer, minute by minute! We know the grayness of Winter is ebbing away! This was a very gray and wet week, what is referred to as a "Soft" day/week. But we are called to have a sunny day today, I hope the forecast is correct.

The weather can be likened to life, there are bright periods and gray periods. We all have our ups and downs, tribulations and celebrations, and St Paul calls us to Rejoice through it all! Rejoicing in knowing that our God is with us through it all. This is what I keep reminding myself as good news and distressing news comes to my desk. Good news in the form of people coming forward wanting to serve and the Bad news of maintenance issues. When the arctic blast came through, the heat in the gym started off good but pattered out, and the heat in the PAC and Parish Hall, though working, struggled to keep up. Unfortunately, we had a pipe burst in the gym. Once upon a time there was a water fountain outside the gym door going out to the parking lot, that was the pipe that burst. There is no telling when the plumber will be able to come out and repair it, but until then the water has been turned off to the gym! The HVAC guys came out this week and are figuring out the poor performance of the PAC and Hall AC's and why the gym quit working. We also realized that the restroom in the New Adoration Chapel does not have any heating or cooling, unless the door is left open. We will have to remedy this so we will not have any issues in the future.

This coming week we will have the building committee meeting to start a Master Plan of the Zachary Campus, looking at the usage of the buildings, the planned and needed maintenance; any input is appreciated, please send me an email.

Just to let you know all the priest of the Diocese of Baton Rouge will be on retreat February 5th -8th, so I will be in Manresa for the retreat, and I will also be taking off the 3rd and 4th of February; during this time Fr Jeff Bayhi and Fr Chuck Swanson will be covering all the Masses. Please keep me in your prayers that this may be a prayerful time of rest with the Lord.

~Fr. Lamar



Readings for the week of January 28, 2024

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

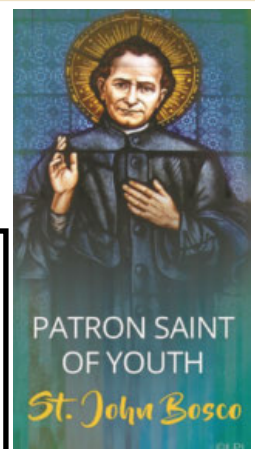
Observances for the week of January 28, 2024

Wednesday: St. John Bosco, Priest
Friday: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life
Saturday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop



There will be a
Baptismal Seminar
on Thursday, **February 1** at 7:00 pm
in Classroom 1 at SJB.
Seminars will now be held the first
Thursday of every month.

February 3rd
FEAST OF ST. BLAISE
We will have blessing of the
throats following 4:30pm Mass
on Saturday.



LITURGICAL AND PRAYER LIFE



SANCTUARY LIGHT: Jan 27—Feb 2

The Sanctuary Light at SJB
will burn in memory of
Deceased members of St. John

The Adoration Light
will burn in memory of
Edward Terrell

The Sanctuary Light at OLA
will burn in memory of
All Souls in Purgatory



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday: 01/27: Todd & Mark Rioux, Charles Rissler,
Bruce Pitre, David Litchliter, Ryan Rabalais

Sunday: 01/28:

7:00 AM: Huey Tullier, Brad Vince, SJB/OLA Parishioners

9:00 AM: Evelyn Beauchamp, Jacob Meek, Willie
Quinlan, Anthony Musso, Kathy & Charles Weaver,
Terry Davis, Steve Jacob, Cliff Muller, Grace Andes,
Monsignor Cage Gordon, Edgar Unay, Barry Hofmeester,
Fr. Mark Beard, Little & Davis families, Pat Terrell

11:00 AM: Joe Anzalone Family, Bernie & OD Nugent,
Anna & Augustino Marchiafava, John Pollet, M/M Eldred
Babin, the Steib Family, Ron Parker, Rita O'Quinn,
Austin & Orin Hollingsworth, Doris Tracy, Ed Bridwell,
Tyler Craig, Merlin Lacombe Family, William Andrepont

Tuesday: 01/29: Monsignor Cage Gordon,
Evelyn Beauchamp

Wednesday: 01/30: deceased members of St. John

Thursday: 02/01: Vernon Broussard

Friday: 02/02: Fr. Aloysius Ignatius English

Today. Place your *Called by Name*
response card in the collection basket or
return it to the parish office. Continue to
pray for the success of this program in our
parish and our diocese, especially during
these weeks of prayer for vocations.

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS, THEIR FAMILIES & OUR COUNTRY

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie “Nefarious” features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like multiple persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel fake sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, “**What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?**” Notice the plural, us. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man’s identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, “**Quiet! Come out of him!**” Jesus’ word has the power to restore the man’s singularity — *him* — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

— Father John Muir ©LPi



February 2: Bring your candles to
be blessed following 8am Mass.

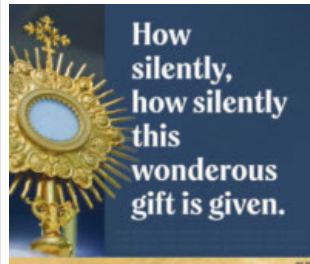
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ZACHARY

CANDLEMAS MASS—February 2nd
Bring your candles to 8:00am Mass to be blessed.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE—February 3rd
Blessing of the Throats following Mass and Benediction on Saturday.

COLLECTIONS	01/14/2024
Identified	\$ 9,649.00
Unidentified Cash	\$ 1,064.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 510.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 122.69
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 360.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,693.00

Our next
**Eucharistic Encounter
Night**
will be held on
February 8 at 6pm
in the church.



COLLECTIONS	01/21/2024
Identified	\$ 9,795.00
Unidentified Cash	\$ 1,155.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 517.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 200.00
Religious Education	\$ 225.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 475.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,985.00

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 28
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Tuesday, January 30
-5:30 pm: Children's Choir Practice
-6:00 pm: Adult Choir Practice

Wednesday, January 31
-8:00 am: Mass

Thursday, February 1
-8:00 am: Mass / P.H. Novena
-6:00 pm: Presence Series
-7:00 pm: Baptismal Seminar

Friday, February 2
Candlemas
-8:00 am: Mass / Divine Mercy
-8:30 am: Lite Breakfast

Saturday, February 3
-3:00 pm: Reconciliation
-4:30 pm: Mass/ Benediction/ Bless Throats

Sunday, February 4
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
-7:00 am: Mass / Benediction
-8:00 am: First Sunday Coffee & Donuts
-9:15 am: K-5 Rel Ed
-11:00 am: Mass /Benediction/ Church Tour
-4:00 pm: Middle and High School Rel Ed

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION ~CLINTON

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 28
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-9:00 am: Mass
-10:00 am: Religious Ed Class and
1st Reconciliation Prep

Tuesday, January 30
- 5:30 pm: Reconciliation / P.H. Novena
-5:30 pm: First Reconciliation
-6:00 pm: Mass

Wednesday, January 31
-1:00 pm: Eucharistic Adoration
-6:15 pm: Vespers with the Sisters

Friday, February 2
-10:00 am: Salvifici Doloris Bible Study
Sunday, February 4

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
-8:30 am: First Sunday Rosary
-9:00 am: Mass / Benediction
-10:00 am: First Sunday Coffee & Social

Salvifici Doloris
St. Pope John Paul II
Apostolic Letter on
Human Suffering

Friday mornings
at 10:00am
in the Parish Hall

Inviting women to
ask the question of
why God allows
suffering; this study
helps women to
ponder its meaning
in their lives.

COLLECTIONS	01/14/2024
Identified	\$ 3,185.00
Unidentified Cash	\$ 382.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 30.00
Religious Education	\$ 25.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 25.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 210.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 380.00

COLLECTIONS	01/21/2024
Identified	\$ 2,598.00
Unidentified Cash	\$ 282.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 90.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 25.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 100.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 100.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 1,711.00

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When I reflect on the many years of my life, there are many people who were influential on my development as a person, a student, and a Christian. Through their graciousness and generosity, I was able to work through challenges and difficulties, becoming stronger in the end. They pushed me to become better than I was at the time and helped me to see what I could eventually become. Without them giving of themselves to me I am unsure where I would be today.

Because others were good stewards of the gifts and talents God gave them, I now strive to use wisely what I have been given as well. Yes, I spend much of my time on the road speaking in churches about stewardship and I write books and articles about this way of life, but my real desire is to impact those around me. I want my children to see how I am growing in this life and be an example to them. I want my wife and I to grow in generosity together. My hope is that my friends see a light in me and inquire about how and why it is there. Above all, I want to live with a graciousness and hospitality that others find welcoming.

I believe that through our kindness and grace-filled existence God can touch others, heal others, and embrace others. We are the hands and feet of Christ. May we, today and every day we hear his voice, harden not our hearts.

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