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## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

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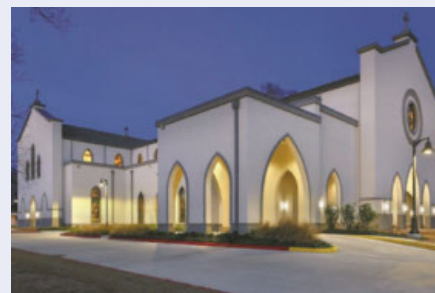
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Monday-Thursday | **8:30am- Noon**

**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 | **3:00 pm**

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

# LITURGICAL AND PRAYER LIFE



Happy Mardi Gras! This is the last weekend before we enter our time of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving!

Many of you will remember the times past when Lent was a truly a penance with lots of no's....no public celebrations like weddings or baptisms, no going out unless it was to church – especially on Friday's to pray the Stations of the Cross, no sweets in the house, basically no nothing for 40 days and nights, especially on Good Friday when from noon to 3pm you could do nothing but commemorate Jesus crucifixion and death on the cross! I once read an article from a Catholic Paper

from 1910 stating the rules of fasting; at that time Catholics were required to Fast all 40 days, nothing to eat from sun rise to sun set, unless you did hard manual labor.

Our Lenten tradition has changed a bit. The United States Conference of Bishops say: "Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by *reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting*. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ."

The guidelines for Lent are now: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence(no meat). For members of the Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. We also honor the tradition of "giving something up" during these 40 days as a sacrifice. Hopefully during this time, we all will pick up the bible and daily read, especially the passion narratives, and discipline ourselves to daily pray, maybe spend one hour a week at the Adoration Chapel or weekly pray the rosary as a family!

Lastly, we are called to give alms, to offer our time and talents as a sacrifice, like giving of our time to serve the poor at a feeding center, volunteering at the food bank, making blankets or food baskets for those who are sick or in need, or utilizing a Rice Bowl to collect money to feed to the poor.

Lent is an amazing time for us, a time to reset our walk with Christ as we prepare for the most important feast of the Liturgical year – Easter!

Enjoy the festivities of Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday is soon and very soon!

*What are your  
Spiritual Gifts?  
Come find out in a  
meeting led by  
Chloe and  
Father Lamar on  
February 24 from  
10-11 am in the  
Parish Hall*

## Readings for the week of February 11, 2024

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Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15



February  
14th



## St. John the Baptist

**8:00am: Mass with distribution of Ashes**

**11:00am-noon: Distribution of Ashes only**

**Noon: Mass with distribution of Ashes**

**6:00pm: Distribution of Ashes only**

## Our Lady of the Assumption

**6:00pm: Mass with Distribution of Ashes**

## Observances for the week of February 11, 2024

Sunday: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day

Saturday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Next Sunday: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent



# LITURGICAL AND PRAYER LIFE



## SANCTUARY LIGHT: February 10-16

The Sanctuary Light at SJB  
will burn in memory of  
**Stella & Marcus Ashford**

The Adoration Light  
will burn in memory of  
**Rita Patton**

The Sanctuary Light at OLA  
will burn in memory of  
**Michael Baker**

*In Sympathy* Our communities of faith extend our sympathy and prayerful support for the families of:  
**Verna Legier**, sister of Isaac & Dennis Bellard and  
**Judy Kitchen**, wife of Jim, mother of James.  
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: 02/10:** Todd & Mark Rioux, Charles Rissler, Bruce Pitre, Bernadette Tillman, Wayne Rabalais, Irene Lafleur, Ferioli family, David Litchliter, Luke Everett Fontenot, Verna Legier, Leslie Bounds

**Sunday: 02/11:**

**7:00 AM:** Huey Tullier, Brad Vince, the parishioners of St. John the Baptist and Our Lady of Assumption

**9:00 AM:** Evelyn Beauchamp, Jacob Meek, Willie Quinlan, Anthony Musso, Kathey & Charles Weaver, Joseph Lap Ngo, all souls in the Nguyen & Huynh family, all souls in most need, Peter Nguyen, Peter Huynh, Maria & Liem Vu, Maria Nguyen, Dominico Nguyen, Joseph Nguyen, Dominic Vu Terry Davis, Ronald Parker, Cliff Muller, Steve Jacobs, Grace Andes, Edgar Unay, Barry Hofmeester, Little & Davis family, Pat Terrell, Fr. Mark Beard, John Lewis Meeks, Joe Goudeau  
**11:00 AM:** Bernie & OD Nugent, John Pollet, Joe Anzalone family, Doris Tracy, Marianna Mayeaux, Rita O'Quinn, Ed Bridwell, Tyler Craig, Vernon Broussard, Hymel family, Neil & Cecile Vizinat, Luke Everett Fontenot, Burke Daigle

**Tuesday: 02/13:** Evelyn Beauchamp, all souls in the Nguyen & Huynh family, all souls in most need, Edgar Unay, Little & Davis families

**Wednesday: 02/14:** Austin & Orin Hollingsworth

**Thursday: 02/15:** Steve & Susan Rader healing

**Friday: 02/16:** for all souls in Purgatory



## 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  
Manly 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

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don't tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn't handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you've ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, **"If you will it, you can make me clean."** At this, just before the healing, Jesus was **"moved with compassion."** The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to "his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and love." In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it *feels like* to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus' heart.

What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it's exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will *feel what we are feeling*, and thereby heal us. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi



## New To the Parish

Chinh Nguyen & Huong Hoang,  
and their children: Thi and  
Khang Nguyen in Zachary  
and  
Andrew Sevario in Slaughter

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ZACHARY

## Lenten services at St. John the Baptist

**Wednesdays:** Perpetual Help Novena after 8am Mass

**Thursdays:** Chaplet of Divine Mercy after 8am Mass

**Fridays:** Stations of the Cross after 8am Mass

### **Friday Evenings**

5:45pm Reconciliation begins and Chaplet of Divine Mercy

6:00pm Stations of the Cross (Reconciliation continues)

Appx. 6:20pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,  
Short Reflective Talk on the *Physiological Sufferings of Christ*,  
and Benediction

Appx. 6:45pm Simple Lenten Meal

## **This Week at a Glance**

**Sunday, February 11**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

-6:30 am: KC Rosary

-7:00 am: Mass / Benediction

-8:00 am: Knights of Columbus meeting

-11:00 am: Mass / Benediction

**February 12 and February 13**

**OFFICES CLOSED**

**Wednesday, February 14**

-8:00 am: Mass with ashes

-11:00 am-11:50 am: distribution of ashes

-Noon: Mass with ashes

-6:00 pm: Women's Bible Study

-6:00 pm: Catholic Daughters

**Thursday, February 15**

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

-7:00 pm: OCIA (RCIA)

**Friday, February 16**

-8:00 am: Mass / Benediction / Stations

-8:30 am: Lite Breakfast

-5:45 pm: Reconciliation/Divine Mercy/  
Stations/Talk (Physiological Suffering)

-6:45 pm: Lenten meal

**Saturday, February 17**

-3:00 pm: Reconciliation

-4:30 pm: Mass

**Sunday, February 18**

**First Sunday of Lent**

-7:00 am: Mass

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

-11:00 am: Mass

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

Second Collection next weekend  
Black & Indian Mission

## CATFISH PLATE SALE

Hosted by:

SJB Men's Club,  
KC Council #10080 and  
Mayor David McDavid

Friday, February 16th

\$13.00 per plate

Lunch pick up begins at  
10:30am in Zachary  
City Hall parking lot

<b>COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>02/04/2024</b>
Identified	\$ 15,760.50
Unidentified Cash	\$ 1,109.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 1,445.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 130.00
Religious Education	\$ 35.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 20.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 5,696.00

# OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION ~CLINTON

**BIBLE STUDIES : Thursday, February 15 at 6:00pm**

**Friday, February 16 at 10:00am**

## **This Week at a Glance**

**Sunday, February 11**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

-9:00 am: Mass

-10:00 am: Class #11

**Monday, February 12 & 13**

**OFFICES CLOSED**

**Tuesday, February 13**

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

-6:00 pm: Mass

-6:30 pm: Altar Society

**Wednesday, February 14**

-1:00 pm: Eucharistic Adoration

-6:00 pm: Mass with ash distribution

**Sunday, February 18**

**First Sunday of Lent**

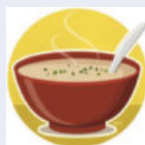
-9:00 am: Mass

Lenten services at  
Our Lady:

Stations of the cross  
will be done before  
mass on Tuesday.

Mass will be  
followed by the  
Soup Supper.

Contact the office if  
you can help.



**Altar Server  
TRAINING**

There will be an  
Altar server training

for all current servers and anyone  
considering becoming an Altar Server at  
Our Lady of Assumption on February 18  
after mass

<b>COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>02/04/2024</b>
Identified	\$ 3,915.00
Unidentified Cash	\$ 343.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 25.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 40.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 355.00

# PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## St. Vincent de Paul needs your "Helping Hands"

We are looking for parishioners or members of the community who are willing to be a part of our "Helping Hands Ministry" with our *St. Vincent de Paul Conference*. Occasionally we need **Electricians, Plumbers and HVAC technicians** that can diagnose an issue pro bono for our neighbors in need.

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There are other times that require the services of a **Carpenter, Auto Mechanic or other skilled professionals**.

A donation receipt will be made for services provided. It may result in a paying job for the repairs.

When we have a need, we will reach out to see who is available in our community to help.

The persons in need live within the Church parishes of *St. John and Our Lady*.

**The Lord has gifted us with all that we possess, especially our talents!** Let us offer our gratefulness to God by sharing those gifts and talents with those in need. If you or your company is interested in serving in this way, please contact Lori Parmelee at 225-939-3055 or bellelj@aol.com.

### LENTEN COMPANION

SIGN UP on our website at [sjb-ola.org](http://sjb-ola.org)  
You'll receive inspiring weekly video messages starting on Ash Wednesday.

*Walk with Jesus through Lent, reflecting on His suffering, death, and resurrection.*

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