Mass Readings and the Saints of the days for the Week of March 5 thru March 11, 2022

March 5th, Saturday after Ash Wednesday – Readings: Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32. We are called to a change of heart, to be renewed in the Lord by following his, not our, ways.
Sickness is subject to Christ's healing power, celebrated through anointing and prayer. Jesus extols the simplicity of faith.
March 6th, First Sunday of Lent – Readings: Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2, 10-15 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13. Moses recounts great events of salvation history which find their fulfilment in Jesus Christ. We confess him to be Lord, for God raised him from the dead. He is ever faithful, resisting temptation to forsake his Father's mission, trusting in God's love.
March 7th, First Monday of Lent – Readings: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mt 25:31-46. The command of the Lord is clear, love one another, for "whatever you do to these least ones, you do it to me". **Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs** -Perpetua, a noble lady, and Felicity, her slave, at Carthage in 2003 under Septimus Severus; names mentioned in the Roman Canon.
March 8th, First Tuesday of Lent – Readings: Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 Mt 6:7-15. May God's spirit always inspire us how to pray and be open to the Word that the Father may be glorified. **Saint John of God** – John of God, 1550 in Granada; shepherd, soldier, and entrepreneur before his conversion at age forty-two; laid foundation for the Order of Hospitallers, today numbering about 1,100 religious; patron of hospitals and the sick, of nurses and bi=booksellers.
March 9th, First Wednesday of Lent– Readings: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32. Nineveh heard the preaching of Jonah and repented. The Word calls us to repent as well. **Saint Frances of Rome** – Frances of Rome, noblewoman, wife and mother, founded a community of Benedictine women oblates committed to serving the poorest of the poor, patroness of widows and motorists.
March 10th, First Thursday of Lent – Readings: C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138: 1-3, 7c-8 Mt 7:7-12. If we petition in faith, we shall be heard, as was Esther.
March 11th, First Friday of Lent – Readings: Ez18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26. The Lord forgives us in the conversion of our hearts and rejoices in the reconciliation of one to another.

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March 6, 1st Sunday of Lent

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Jim Jackson	Autumn Bowden
Jack Wright	Jay Graham

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Carol Voss

MASSES

Weekdays: Tuesday	5:30 P.M
Wednesday	8:00 A.M
Thursday	5:30 P.M
Friday	8:00 A.M
Vigil Mass Saturday	5:00 P.M
SUNDAY MASS	10:00 A.M

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Weekdays by Appointment
Saturday 4:30 P.M
Sunday 9:30 A.M

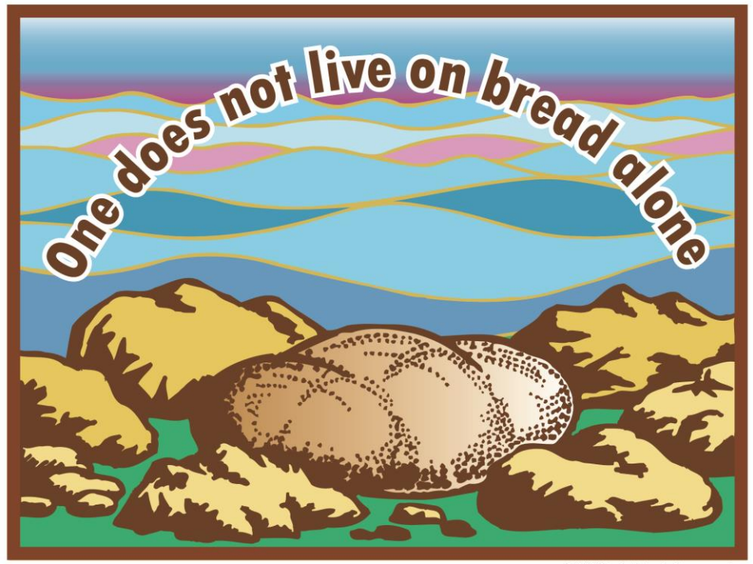
BAPTISM: By Appointment

MATRIMONY: Contact the Office 6 months before the celebration

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:
Anytime: Please call the Office

ROSARY & ADORATION: Every Wednesday at 8 am. Healing Mass every 1st Wednesday

Funerals
Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.



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First Sunday of Lent

Today's Readings: Today's Readings: Deuteronomy 26:4–10; Psalm 91:1–2, 10–15; Romans 10:8–13; Luke 4:1–13

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Each of the scriptures for the First Sunday of Lent contains some sort of confessional statement. As we enter into the season of Lent these texts focus our attention on our own choice to place our trust in God. They help the elect prepare to profess their faith in Jesus Christ and be baptized at the Easter Vigil. They remind the rest of us of the faith we once professed in baptism and invite us to choose wholeheartedly to renew those baptismal promises at the Masses of Easter.
Today's first reading is considered one of the most important professions of faith in the Hebrew Bible. By ritually reciting their history, the Jewish people expressed their faith in one God who oversees all of human history and who will continue to gather, save, and sustain every new generation of the Chosen People. The reading from Paul's letter to the Romans shows that the heart of the Christian profession of faith is trust in the Lordship of the risen Christ, source of all salvation. The Gospel contains the familiar story of the temptation of Jesus by the devil, the setting for Jesus' threefold profession of faith and trust in God.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Linda Diane Ray, Alisha Patterson, Kim Gathright, Judy Poiroux, Misty Johnson, Carter McGregor, Gaitlin Turner, Josh Christmas, Jamos Schultz, Karen Colicchio, Paulette Bates, David Lee Warden, Gwen Roderick, Jimmy Holland, James Graham, Jay Graham, Andrea Graham, Lynette Anderson, Ruth Vosahlo, Bill Schaffer, Betty Moseley, Emma Phillips, Lisa Vallas, Scott Beech, Robert Gunter, Jesus Malone, Leak Maria Church, Tom Thornton, Dee Irwin, Gary Smith, Liz Walker, Willie Thompson, Tracie Moose, Maddie Blake Rivers, Jimmy Summerlin, Becky Thompson, Betty Cauley, Clara Davis, Anita Wright, Doug Jones, Maribeth Thompson, Becky Latner, Laurie Rel, Leigh Taylor, Amy Lacy, Ava Smith, Chip Conklin, Isabel Rel, Pat Potter, Marie Murray, Toby Robison, Linda Graham, Larry Robertson, Margaret Hampton, Frank Pigorsch, Stephanie Ray, Jerry Wigfield, Mike Knowles, Steve Sevier, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lisa Kloechener, Valeria Wallace, Donnie Wilson, Patricia Davis, Joe Watts, Sean Guillotte, Michelle Cook, Nonie Reed, Betty Gunter, Tiffany Fontenot, Frances Walley, Maurine Habley, Ray Thornton, Joe Whitson, Carolyn Collier, Vicenta Obsenares, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Bob Echement, Lilly Breaux, James Wink, Mike Wilson. Levah White.

Pray for the eternal repose of the souls of the most recently deceased members of the parish: David Delmas, Jimmy Marchand, Dr. Reggie Stewart, Ronnie Cauley, John Ramsay.

Pray for the Special Intentions of those serving in the Armed Forces: Brent Smith, Travis Wilson, SPC Jackson Triston, Jr., Captain Will Hurd, Bryant Bailey & Zachery Bailey, Kyle McBride

Birthdays for March 2022:

1st: Aimee Sprinkle
1st: Jason Poiroux
3rd: Nina Bohl
3rd: Frances Reed
5th: Tammy Fonteot
6th: John Murray
9th: Becky Thompson
11th: Olivia Schmerer
11th: David Spencer
15th: Mike Stringfellow
15th: Destry Murray
15th: Theresa Bridges
16th: Ruth Delmas
18th: Tony Smith
18th: Katelyn Oliver
22nd: Darrel Wright
24th: Johnnie Tate
24th: Paul Delmas
25th: Maribeth Thompson
25th: Tiffany Fonteot
25th: David Schmierer
25th: Joe Smith
25th: Matt Cauley

Anniversaries for March 2022:

1st: Tiffany and Greg Teofilo

18th: Elsa and John McBride

30th: Mary Ann and Jimmy Holland

Mass Intentions:

Saturday & Sunday Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm – For all the sick, infirmed, and homebound of the parish

Sunday 10:00 am – For all deceased parishioners

Daily Mass intentions

Week of March 5 thru 11

March 8 – For the eternal repose of the souls of Charlotte Howard, Closkey Howard, Rita George and deceased members of the Mallon, Howard, Weber, and Brown families by Christy Brown.

March 9, 10 & 11 – For the eternal repose of the souls of Sarah Thornton, Ed Thornton, Mary Thornton, Helen Thornton, and Ann Vickery by Tom Thornton.

Week of March 14 thru 18

March 15,16,17 & 18 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased family members and friends of Colleen Gray.

Week of March 21 thru 25

March 22,23,24 & 25- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased family members and friends of Sylvia Gray

Week of March 29 thru April 1

March 29, 30, 31 and April1 – for the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives and friends of Kathy and Steve Sema Jr.

Week of April 5 thru 8

April 5, 6, 7 & 8 – for the eternal repose of the souls of decease relatives and friends of Avis and Gennie Garrett.

Capital Campaign as of 12-31-2021:

Gifts received overview for St. John the Baptist Parish as of October 31, 2021:

Quarter (8-01-2021 thru 10-31-2021): $14,820.26

Total thru October 31, 2021: $ 159,062.88

% Of Parish Goal Received: 81.6%

St. John's Quarterly share of $2,964.05 was Deposited on November 19, 2021.

Next quarterly distribution will be February 2022

Lectors for the Masses on the Weekend March 12 & 13, 2022

5:00 pm on Saturday March 12: Colleen Gray

10:00 am on Sunday March 13: Steve Sema

Note: Please remember that if you cannot lector at the time assigned it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Anyone that is interested in lecturing during Mass at St. John's, please contact Carol Voss at cavoss99@gmail.com.

HOMEBOUND MASS FILMING:

The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place at the Chapel of the Archbishop and will be filmed at 9:00 am. on Tuesday, April 26, 2022. We will be filming Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Easter, 4th Sunday of Easter, 5th Sunday of Easter and the 6th Sunday of Easter

1st Saturday Rosary:

Every First Saturday we pray the rosary before the 5 p.m. Mass starting at 4:30. Join us as we pray for our nation.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

We highly encourage **House Blessings.** Please call Father Selvam (251-278-4900) to schedule the blessing of your home.

General Contributions

February 27th, 2022

General Fund: $2388.00

February 2022

Building Fund: $405.00

DAY BY DAY

At Easter, throughout Lent, and every day of our lives we are to profess and live our faith that "Jesus is Lord" (Romans 10:9). Both Moses and Jesus tell us that we are to serve God alone. God chooses us as adopted children in baptism. Day by day we must choose to trust in God to save us, as Jesus did in the desert. During Lent God asks us to scrutinize every choice we make, so that at Easter we can truthfully "confess with [our] mouth that Jesus is Lord" (Romans 10:9). With those who have chosen to be baptized this Easter, we must choose to put our faith in God rather than material goods, power, or any other devilish temptation.

Announcements for week of March 5 thru 11

1) **The Golden Group** lunch meeting will be held Wednesday, March 9 at 11:30. Our entrée will be fried chicken. Please bring your favorite dish to share. This will be our "wearing of the green "lunch meeting, so join us for the food, fun and fellowship.
2) **Stations of the Cross** each Friday during Lent at 4:30 pm.
3) **The Confirmation Class Schedule** for the rest of the school year is as follows: March 13th, April 10th, and May 15th. Please mark your calendars and be at class. Remember class is 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm.
4) **Knights of Columbus** will be selling fish dinners each Friday during Lent from 5 until 7 pm. Your support is appreciated.
5) **Parish Council** meets 2nd Wednesday at 6:30.
6) **Finance Committee** meets 2nd Wednesday at 7 pm.
7) **Ladies Sodality** is hosting a St Patrick's Day Supper following the Saturday night mass on March 19. Please bring a covered dish and enjoy the dinner and fellowship.
8) **Rice Bowls** are in the basket in the entry. Please remember to pick one up.
9) **Known Birthdays: 5th** Tammy Fonteot, **6th** John Murray, **9th** Becky Thompson, **11th** Olivia Schmierer, **11th** David Spencer
10) **Known Anniversaries: None**