

Saint Martin de Tours Catholic Church

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Mass Times:

Tuesday 5:30 P.M.
Wednesday 6:30 A.M.
Thursday 6:30 A.M.
Friday 6:30 A.M.
First Saturday 8:00 A.M.

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Sunday 8:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M.
5:00 P.M.

Confession Times:

Saturday 3:00 P.M.

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday
8:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M.

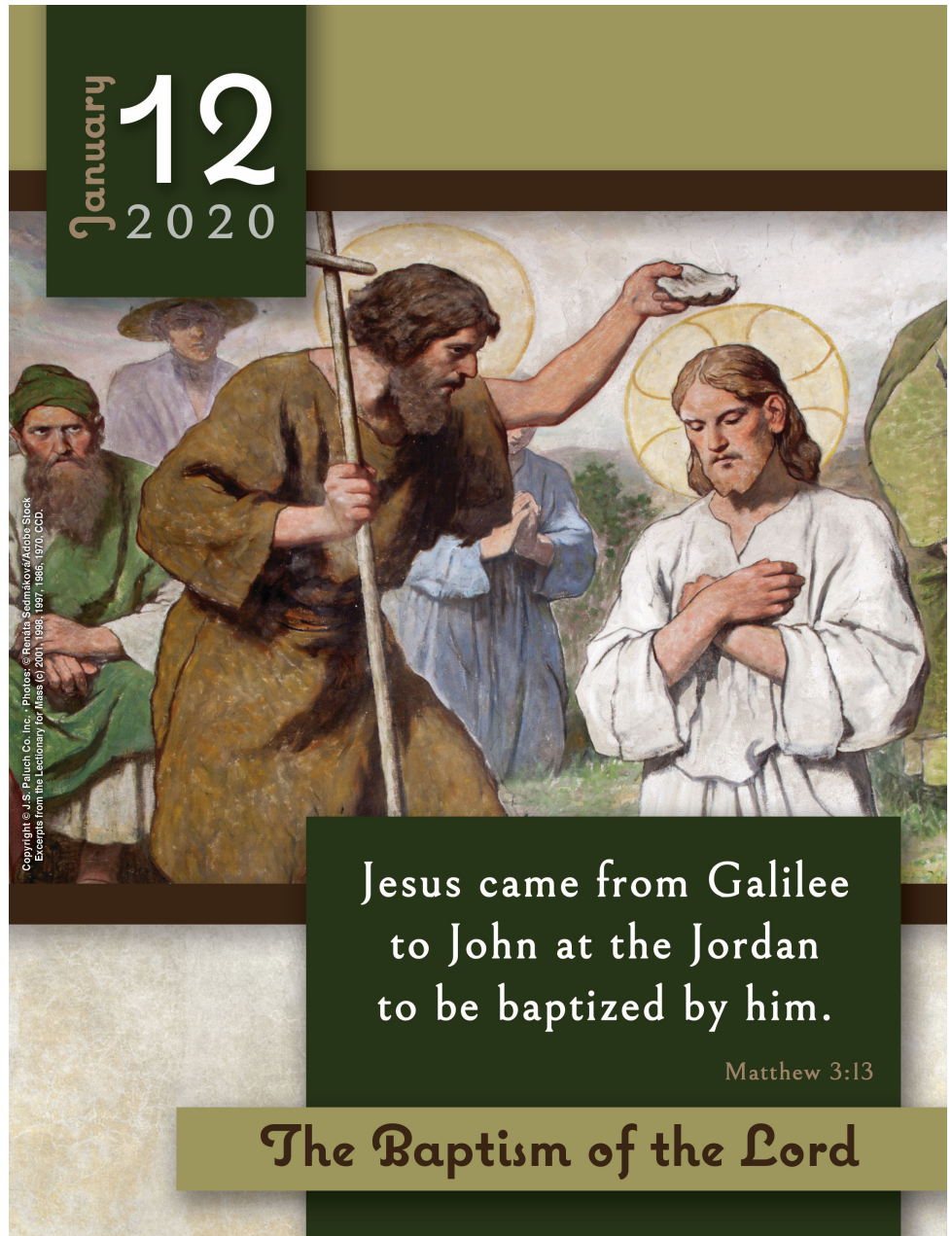
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Sacraments

Baptism

Parents should contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism prior to the birth of the child.

Matrimony

Engaged couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

Penance (Confession)

3:00-3:45pm every Saturday and 30 minutes before all weekday masses or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick

Those who are seriously ill or in danger of death should contact the Parish Office to request the Sacrament of the Sick



Today the church universal celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

As we celebrated the manifestation of Christ at the Feast of Epiphany so, now, we celebrate the Feast whereby Christ manifests himself to his people at the outset of

his mission.

It is by the banks of the Jordan we see him, who was sinless, joining the crowds of sinners, taking his place in the long procession of people who were turning towards God through the pathway of repentance. That marked the beginning of his public ministry and the start of his life as a traveling, itinerant, preacher. By identifying with us he took upon his shoulders the tremendous burden and responsibility of our sins and began gathering all people into the one family of God.

Today's feast reminds us of our own baptism and presents us with an opportunity to reflect on the implications of leading the life of a Christian. It's a time of special importance because it marks our spiritual birth – the beginning of the Lord reaching down, touching our lives, claiming us for his own and adopting us as his children.

Pope Francis at the beginning of his pontificate in 2013 asked on this Feast if we remember the date of our own baptism and, so, I went back into our records.

My dad was baptized on Dec. 14, 1929 the Feast of St. John of the Cross, priest and doctor of the Church.

My mom was baptized on July 11, the Feast of St. Benedict, Abbot.

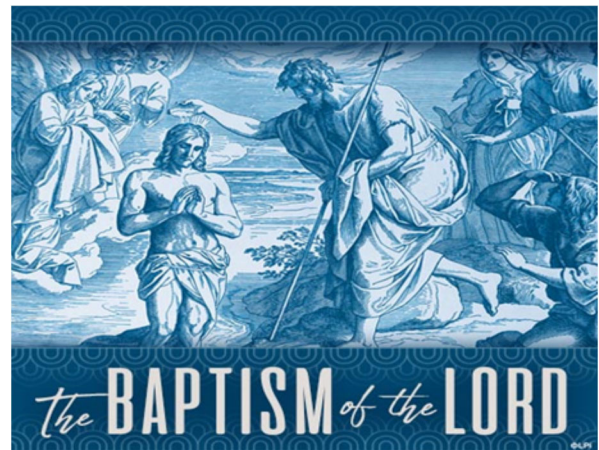
I was baptized on January 9, 1965 and though not a feast of a particular saint, I was baptized by a former associate pastor of my home parish of St. Anne in Youngsville by Fr. Conley Bertrand, and share the same birthday of December 17th with Pope Francis.

Belonging to God's family involves obligations to be undertaken and decisions to be made about how we are to lead our lives. By our

baptism we are invited to answer Jesus' call to do good, to follow in his footsteps by being honest in our dealings and kindly in our conversation.

And so we pray for all baptized Christians, that we may be anointed with the spirit and empowered to live as children of God, and for all those who will be baptized during the coming year, that they may walk always as children of the light keeping the flame of faith alive in their hearts.

So, as Pope Francis challenged us to do a little homework and asked, "do you know the date of your baptism?" If not, do a little research.



Pope's January Intention

Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

(Above: Pope Francis & Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel of the Diocese of Lafayette on the occasion of his Ad Limina visit to the threshold of Peter to present 5 year report on the status of the Diocese)



**JANUARY IS
POVERTY
AWARENESS
MONTH**

NOTE:

Traditionally in our Catholic Faith the month

of January is dedicated to the Holy Child and January is derived from Janus or, God of Doors.

Jan. 17: Annual Diocesan Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Ceremony – 7:00p.m., Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Lafayette.

Jan. 18: Diocesan Pro-Life Rally and March 9:00a.m.-11:30a.m., Parc International, Garfield Street Downtown Lafayette.



Jan. 20: Parish Office **CLOSED** in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Jan. 22-31: Fr. Jason Mouton leads delegation for Annual March-for-Life in Washington, D.C.

Jan. 23: 5:30p.m., Mass for Life televised live on EWTN from the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

Jan. 24: March-for-Life down Constitution Avenue.

Jan. 26: 1:30p.m., Rev. Thomas James, SVD 50th Anniversary Celebration, Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Lafayette.

NOTE: Traditionally in our Catholic Faith the month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. February comes from the Latin, *Februa*, and is attributed to the Roman festival of expiation celebrated on the fifteenth of the month; hence, the month of expiation.

Feb. 1: 8:00a.m., First Saturday Mass.



Feb. 2: Groundhog Day/Super bowl Sunday (Miami, Florida).

Feb. 11: WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, Mass at 11:00a.m., **NO 5:30 p.m. Mass.**

Feb. 14: Valentine's Day

Feb. 15: 11a.m., Carencro Mardi Gras Parade

Feb. 16: 1:00 p.m., Scott Mardi Gras Parade

Feb. 22: 11:00 a.m., Youngsville Mardi Gras Parade

Feb. 25: MARDI GRAS



Feb. 26: ASH WEDNESDAY. Services are as follows:

6:30 a.m.,
12:00 noon
& 6:00 p.m.



NOTE: Traditionally in our Catholic Faith the month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph. March is derived from Mars, the God of War.

Mar. 1: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Mar. 2, 3, & 4: 6:15 p.m.

Lenten Mission-Prayer
by Joan Broussard

Mar. 7: 8:00 a.m., First Saturday Mass.

Mar. 8: Daylight Saving Time – Spring Forward/SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT.

Mar. 15: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Mar. 17: St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 19: Feast of St. Joseph/1st Day of Spring

Mar. 22: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mar. 25: Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

Mar. 29: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Pro-Life Corner!

For all who suffer from participation in abortion: May they find healing and peace in

God's loving forgiveness, We pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.



Marriage Tips!

One practical way to help the poor this month: Keep in your car or purse some small toiletries and snacks to give to a homeless person you may encounter. A smile and a

word of kindness are great gifts, too.

Little gestures go a long way; buying your spouse's favorite treat, complimenting him or her, and so on. These are simple ways of re-affirming your love and strengthening your bond with each other.

"Have no anxiety at all, but...make your requests known to God." (Phil 4:6) Do you pray together as a family about the things that cause you anxiety? Praying out loud lets you hear what is in the hearts of your spouse and children.

Church Humor!



HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?



Anointing of the Sick Mass

St. Martin de Tours will hold a Mass for the anointing of the

sick on Tuesday, February 11 at 11:00 A.M. which coincides with the annual World Day of the Sick; a lite reception will follow. There will be three (3) priests administering the Sacrament: myself, Fr. Michael Sucharski, SVD, and Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC.

In the Church's Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. His cures were signs of the arrival of the Kingdom of God. The core message of his healing tells us of his plan to conquer sin and death by his dying and rising. The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient.

When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.

The requirements to be anointed are:

- Those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age
- Those who are about to undergo surgery because of a serious illness
- Those who are elderly and weakened by age, even if there is no serious illness
- Sick children who are mature enough to be comforted by it

The effects of the Anointing of the Sick (See James 5:14 and the Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1532):

- Joins the sick person to the passion of Christ
- Gives power, peace, and the courage to endure suffering

Forgives sins
Restores health (if conducive to the soul's salvation)
Prepares for the passage to eternal life

The Elements of the Anointing of the Sick:

The priest of the Church
The laying on of hands in silence
The prayer in faith of the Church
The anointing with oil (blessed by the bishop)



Thank You!

I take this opportunity
to “thank”

Fr. Kenneth

Bienvenu , retired
priest of the Diocese
of Lafayette and

native son of St. Martin de Tours,
who attended my first Mass here on
Saturday, December 21st to be of
moral and fraternal support as a
priest. His presence was indeed ed-
ifying as he concelebrated the Sa-
cred Mysteries with me seated in a
wheelchair.

I also “thank” the many parishion-
ers of St. Martin de Tours for your
very warm welcome and good
wishes for a prosperous and
successful pastorate over these next
six years. May the Lord continue to
bless each and every one of you im-
mensely with good health and lives
filled with a deep love of God and of
all our brothers and sisters. Please
continue the good work he has be-
gun in you through the gift of your
baptismal calling.



Recommended Books

Over the past few weeks while being on
Sabbatical for 4 months after serving as a
priest of Jesus Christ for 27+ years, I have
been afforded the opportunity to
submerge myself in deeper prayer and
more theological and spiritual reading.
There are three books that I recommend
to help you deepen your own faith and
grow in holiness:

- 1.) A Time To Die: Monks on the
Threshold of Eternal Life, written
by Nicholas Diat.
- 2.) The Power of Silence written by
Robert Cardinal Sarah.
- 3.) The Day Is Far Spent, written by
Robert Cardinal Sarah.

All of these books are available for pur-
chase at Crossroads Collective Bookstore
on Johnston Street in Lafayette.

ENJOY!



Holy Mother pray for us

BLESSED
MOTHER
STATUE
WILL BE AT
THE HOME
OF

Tina & Todd
Viator



Catholic Daughters of America

The Catholic Daughters will hold there monthly bake sale THIS weekend January 12th, at 8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M. & 5:00 P.M..

Cakes available while they last.
If you would like to pre-order call 967-1592.



CANDLES

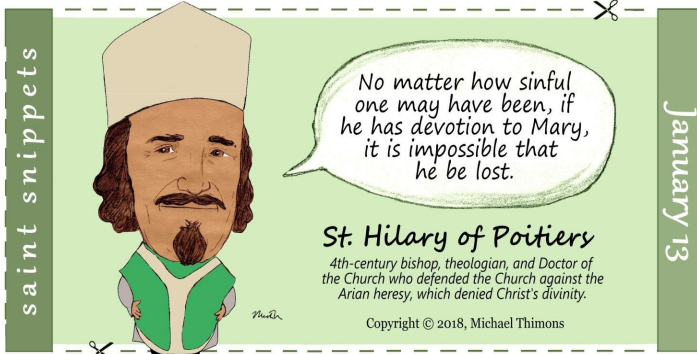
Large candles are \$5.00 dollars
Small candles are .50 cents.

Sanctuary Candle: Donna & Gerald Hulin, Della & Stanley Melancon

Consecration Candles: Georgean A. Babin;
Lawrence J. "Pee Wee" & Lillie Mae "Dottie" Barras & Andrew;

Mac & Evelyn Champagne (Mac B/D 1/16)

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**St. Martin de Tours
Three Day Lenten
Mission**

PRAYER

**Guest Speaker
Joan Broussard**

**March 2, 3 & 4,
2020**

6:16 P.M.

**Stewardship of Treasure
Many Thanks for Your Continued Generosity!**

General Offertory 1/5/20	\$ 10,510.00
Weekly Budget (2019-2020)	\$ 9,000.00
Difference	\$ + 1,510.00
Building Fund 1/5/20	\$ 3,810.00
Christmas Collection 12/25/19	\$ 10,328.00
Annual Trust Fund 12/25/19	\$ 5,929.00
Offerings 12/23/19	\$ 8,627.00
Solemnity of Mary 1/1/20	\$ 5,056.00

Date - Time	Eucharistic Ministers	Lector	Altar Server	Mass Intentions
Tuesday Novena Mass 1/14/20 5:30 P.M.	Suzanne Durand	Dianne Champagne		Georgian A. Babin; Ethel G. Oubre
Daily Mass 1/15-17/20 6:30 A.M.	Tommy Romero	Buddy Hebert		Wed. 1/15/20 Hugh Mark Courville Thurs. 1/16/20 Joseph Tuney & Barry LeBlanc (Barry DA); Garrett Matthew Tabor, Lilly Belle & DeBlanc (Lilly Belle BD) Fri. 1/17/20 Georgian A. Babin; Roland Thibodeaux (BD)
Saturday 1/18/20 4:00 P.M.	Kathleen Durand; Michelle Bienvenu	Nanette Gooch	Jayce Latiolais; Luke Durand	Ethel G. Oubre; M/M Edmond Laperouse & Family; Therese G. Delcambre; George & Laurence Sieber; Myrtle & Sam Preston Champagne (Myrtle BD 1/17); Dennis, Lucette & Walter Hulin; Georgian A. Babin, M/M Anisette Babin & Lally; M/M Jack Trail, Sr.; Michael Anthony Mire & Clifton Mire, Sr. (Michael BD 1/20); Mac & Evelyn Champagne (Mac's BD 1/16); Isaac & Goldie Dwyer; Shirley Hulin Delcambre; Beranger D. Theriot; Elizabeth A., Toby & Todd Bertrand; Ida & Roland Robichaux; Wilton "Zorro" & Agnes F. Thibodeaux (Agnes 9th DA 1/18)
Sunday 1/19/20 8:00 A.M.	Gerald & Laura Bodin	Freddie Foti	Abbey, Bailey & Billy Poirier	Myrtle Girouard & Roy Breaux; Priscilla Hulin; Marin & Joanna C. Durand; A.J. "Bono" & Leona Champagne; Mazel & Randall Breaux, Sr.; Theophile, Maude & MaryAnn Marks
Sunday 1/19/20 10:00 A.M.	Marilyn deMahy; Doreen Durand	Jade Hulin	Anthony & Caitlyn Hulin; Jayden Nugent	Harvey Pelafigue & Butch Pelafigue; Garrett Matthew Tabor, Lilly Belle & DeBlanc; Hazel Robertson; Pim & Pecko Eastin; M/M Alfred Landry; Craig, Doug, Roland & Judy Baudoin (Judy DA 1/18); Genevieve "Jenny" Theriot & Ben; Harold G. Bienvenu; Special Intention; Ruth Kimsey Zumwalt; Russell & Jeanelle Landry; Yvette Romero Cartwright; Donna & Gerald Hulin, Stanley & Della Melancon; Suzette Bienvenu Judice; M/M Albert Landry
Sunday 1/19/20 5:00 P.M.	Nikki Dugas; Stephanie Latiolais	Gracie Latiolais	Colin & Britten Guidry	Wade & Kathryn "Kat" Watkins; Leonce "Cas" Jr. & Cory "Cas" Boudreaux; John Sonnier, Sr.; Howard, Irene & Raymond Duplantis

If a name is not printed above due to human error, be assured God has received the intention in heaven. - Canon law 945. If a daily Mass is cancelled or substituted with a Word Service, Mass intentions MAY be transferred to another Mass.

**There will be NO Monday masses held at St. Martin de Tours.
If you wish to celebrate mass on Monday please visit Notre Dame Catholic Church**

Sunday, January 12, 2020 Baptism of the Lord

We can almost hear the amazement in John the Baptist's voice as he says to Jesus, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Throughout the time that John preached and baptized people in the desert, he had been preparing people for the coming of the Messiah. Now, Jesus approaches him for baptism! We might share in his wonder. Why would Jesus, who is sinless, come to John for a baptism of repentance? Jesus' response to John helps us understand. Jesus has come to fulfill all that is expected in the Messiah, and more. As he entered the waters of baptism, Jesus entered fully into our humanity, raising us toward God. Jesus sanctified the waters of baptism, making them holy, opening the heavens through his humble obedience to God's plan of love.

Spirit descended upon him and a voice from the heavens was heard saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." In joining himself to humanity, Jesus opened the heavens for us, and in doing so, was confirmed in his mission of mercy and love. In baptism, we are joined with Christ. Immersed into his life and love, his mission is our mission. It is still early in this new year. Today, reflect on your baptismal call to live as a member of Christ's body. In what ways do you love God and others? In what ways might you grow as a disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ? How are you living the mission of Christ, to make God's love and mercy known in the world? Is Christ's mission your mission?

Today's Readings: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

CHRIST'S MISSION IS OUR MISSION

As Jesus came out of the baptismal waters, the Holy

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