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DECEMBER 26, 2021



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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Monday-Thursday | 8:00am-5:00pm

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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 | 3:30pm

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

Daughters of Mary Sisters

Sr. Mary Ann Diaz and

Sr. Fe Bista "Ping"

LITURGICAL LIFE

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday:

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
[12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday:

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8
[7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday:

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6
[11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10
[11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday:

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13
[11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday:

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

Next Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
[cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too. ©LPi

**We are... a leading star in God's
continually unfolding
story of love.**



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
New Year Celebration
Parish Activity Center
Friday, December 31, 2021
8 p.m.—12:30 am
Doors open at 7
Set up provided
Bring your own Drinks and Snacks
LIVE MUSIC by THE PAUL & PETE BAND
\$20 per person/Tickets on sale now!

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LITURGICAL AND PRAYER LIFE



SANCTUARY LIGHT: December 25-31

The Sanctuary Light at SJB will burn in memory of **Tyler Craig, Betty & Gene Craig**

The Adoration Chapel will burn in memory of **Bonnie Pirie**

The Sanctuary Light at OLA will burn in memory of **Carl Cooper**

In Sympathy

Several parishioners have inquired regarding the funeral services for **Henry Kliebert**, due to his popularity and great service in our parish.

The funeral arrangements for **Henry** will be later in January per the family's request.

We will announce the arrangements in the bulletin when they are finalized.



**New
to our
Parish**

Michael and Karrie Chubb
in Zachary

CATHOLICISM AND COOKIES

The KC's will begin a bible study program based on Bishop Robert Barron's DVD series: CATHOLICISM. This program is open to ALL parishioners of SJB and OLA.

Mark your 2022 calendar.

The program will begin January 17th.

More info coming soon.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday: 12/25 9:00AM: Mamie Croxton, Rebecca Croxton, Rabalais family, Brandon Nosacka, Irma Laird, M/M RE Amrhein, Jr., John Lacaze, Michael Lacaze, M/M Newman Matte, Claudia Stirling, Lucy Maggio, Bernadine Nugent, Dennis Delatorre, Don Metcalf, Jimmie McKenzie, Brad Vince, Sherie Linzy, Beryl Gordy M/M Robert Amrhein, Sr., M/M AC Langley, Bob Anderson, Fr. Joseph Doyle, Rusty Hagan, Stephen Blackwell, MG Anseman, Katerina Schubert, Leroy Knaps, Dana Parmelee, Celeria Ranatza, Roger Bista, Michael Millican, Judy Patriquin, Bob Anderson, Louis Baker, Jr., Joe Achord, Mark Rioux, Bruce Pitre, Dana Baker Othmer, Austin Hollingsworth, Luke Everett Fontenot

Sunday: 12/26:

7:00 AM: Luke Everett Fontenot, Brandon Nosacka, Mary Jane & Newman Matte, Cyndy Greschak, Lucy Maggio, Jimmie McKenzie, Dana Parmelee, Brad Vince, Celeria Ranatza, Phil Larsen, Nancy-Sunderman Elert

9:00 AM: Mike Baker, Evelyn Beauchamp, Irma Laird, Anthony Musso, Charles Weaver, Jr., Leslie Ligon, Joan Abraham, Maude Williams, Dr. John Piker, Little & Davis families, Maria Vu, Joe Goudeau, Jacob Meek, souls in the Huynh & Nguyen family, souls in most need, Maria & Peter Nguyen

11:00 AM: Ishmael & Vernice Steib, John Dixon, Elise Kotlar, Helena Chatelain, Betty & Gene Craig, Ron Parker, Bernadine Nugent, Naquin & Parker Family, Sherie Linzy, Charles Rissler, Joe Anzalone Family, Tyler Craig, Diana Morgan

Tuesday: 12/28: Maria & Peter Nguyen, Eural Hingle, Celeria Ranatza, Michael Martin

Wednesday: 12/29: Celeria Ranatza, Dana Parmelee

Thursday: 12/30: Luke Everett Fontenot, June Bello, Celeria Ranatza, Dana Parmelee, Special Intention

Friday: 12/31:

4PM OLA: Leslie Ligon, Joan Abraham, Irma Laird, Fr. Joseph Doyle

6PM SJB: Don Metcalf, Celeria Ranatza, Karen Cooper Jimmie McKenzie, Sherie Linzy, Fr. Joseph Doyle

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of **St. Stephen**, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

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
Allen Jude Charlet, Army
Daniel Clesi, USAF
LeLand Crochet, III, USMC
Matthew Charlet Dart, USN
Stephen DiLorenzo, Army
Adam Foster, USN
Thomas Foster, USN
Neil Ahldwin Garcia, US Army
Brad Gautreaux, USMC
Nesta Gross, USAF
Dr. Christopher Johnson, USN
Army Sabrina Jones, LaNG
Markus Kippers, USN
Dustin Knight, USN
Joshua Knight, LaNG
Laura Clesi Knight- LaANG
Joseph L. LeBlanc Jr., Army
Stanley Mays, USAF
Andrew Metcalf, Army
Gordon Newman, Army
Robert Brett Parker, LaNG
Brian Plauche, USAF
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



FAITH FORMATION

SJB Faith Formation

Merry Christmas

Dearly beloved, today our Saviour is born; let us rejoice.

Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life.

The fear of death has been swallowed up;

life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness.

No one is shut out from this joy;

all share the same reason for rejoicing.

Our Lord, victor over sin and death,

finding no man free from sin, came to free us all.

St. Leo the Great

There are no classes this weekend.

The next Life Teen is Jan. 2nd.

The next K-5 and Edge are Jan. 9th.

Emmaus Road

Bible Study

9:30-10:30am

Parish Hall

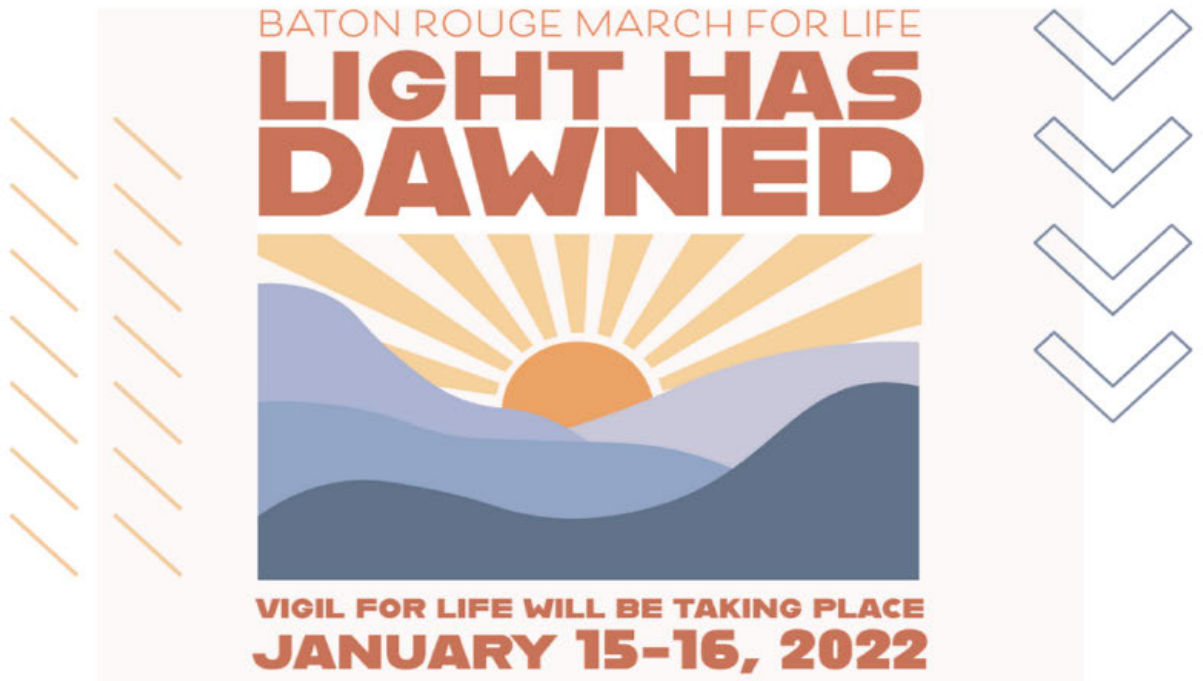
1/9, 1/23, 2/6, 2/20,

3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 4/24

*Religious Ed Offices
closed Monday, Dec. 27
& Monday, Jan 3rd

*Next 12 hour Adoration
Monday, Jan. 17th

*First Reconciliation and
Retreat Sat., Jan. 22nd

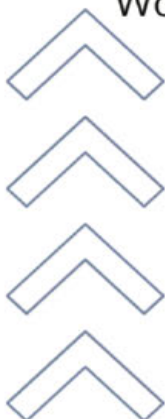


Where: St. Michael High School and other Baton Rouge Locations Drop off at St. Michael and we will transport by bus.

When: 9am Saturday, January 15 -10pm Sunday, January 16

What to expect?

Join other High School Youth, Priests, Seminarians, and Religious Sisters from around the Diocese of Baton Rouge for a weekend of unforgettable fun and friendship powerful experiences of Sacrament and Worship and Pro-Life formation to help you grow in knowledge of the beauty and JOY of life!



TALKS BY:

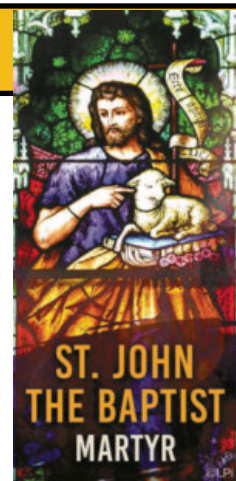
Dustin Bertrand
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and many more...

Contact Katie for more info.
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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



This Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 26

The Holy Family

-7:00 am: Mass

-11:00 am: Mass

Monday, December 27

Office Closed

-6:00 pm: Prayer Group / Chapel

Wednesday, December 29

-8:00 am: Mass

Thursday, December 30

-8:00 am: Mass/Mother of Perpetual Help

Friday, December 31

New Year's Eve / Office Closed

-6:00 pm: Vigil Mass for Holy Day

Saturday, January 1

Mary, Mother of God

-9:00 am: Mass

NO Vigil Mass in the evening

Sunday, January 2

The Epiphany of the Lord

-7:00 am: Mass

-8:00 am: First Sunday Social

-11:00 am: Mass

-4:00 pm: Life Teen

COLLECTIONS

12/12/2021

Identified	\$ 15,081.00
Unidentified Cash	\$ 994.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 584.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 728.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 130.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 150.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 683.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 495.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 225.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 2,073.00



**Solemnity of the
Blessed Virgin
Mary, the
Mother of God**

**SJB
MASS
SCHEDULE**

Friday, December 31 / New Year's Eve: 6:00 pm Mass

Saturday, January 1 / Mary, Mother of God: 9:00am Mass

-NO Mass on Saturday evening.

Sunday, January 2 / The Epiphany of the Lord: 7am and 11am

The Parish Offices will be closed

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother? The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?



Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION



**Solemnity of the
Blessed Virgin
Mary, the
Mother of God**

**OLA
MASS
SCHEDULE**

Friday, Dec. 31 / New Year's Eve: 4:00 pm Mass
Sunday, Jan. 2 / The Epiphany of the Lord: 9am

The Parish Offices will be closed

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 26

The Holy Family

-8:30 am: Rosary

-9:00 am: Mass

Tuesday, December 28

-5:30 pm: Mother of Perp Help Novena

-5:30 pm: Reconciliation

-6:00 pm: Mass

Friday, December 31

New Year's Eve / Office Closed

-4:00 pm Vigil Mass for Holy Day

Sunday, January 2

The Epiphany of the Lord

-8:30 am: Rosary

-9:00 am: Mass

-10:00 am: First Sunday Social

COLLECTIONS

12/12/2021

Identified	\$	2,740.00
Unidentified Cash	\$	503.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	443.00
Building Maintenance	\$	60.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	150.00
Retirement for Religious	\$	575.00
Capital Campaign Drive	\$	5,348.00
Total C.C. Received	\$	404,767.76



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