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**JANUARY 2, 2022**



## THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel." · Mt 2:6b*

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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

#### Office of Religious Education & Youth Ministry

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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 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18  
-19/Mk 1:14-20

### Tuesday:

1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7,  
8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

### Wednesday:

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5,  
7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

### Thursday:

1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24  
-25/Mk 1:40-45

### Friday:

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18  
-19/Mk 2:1-12

### Saturday:

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3,  
4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

## SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord

**Thursday:** St. Hilary, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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### The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you’ve caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film “It’s a Wonderful Life.” If you’re not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing “Buffalo Gals — Won’t you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?”

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn’t have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn’t it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. “Upon you the LORD shines,” writes Isaiah, “and over you appears his glory.” Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn’t chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

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# LITURGICAL AND PRAYER LIFE



## SANCTUARY LIGHT: December 31— January 7

The Sanctuary Light at SJB will burn in memory of **Bob Hanchey**

The Adoration Chapel will burn in memory of **Fr. Joseph Doyle, SSJ**

The Sanctuary Light at OLA will burn in memory of **E. B. Little, Jr.**

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

**Saturday: 1/1:** Mark Rioux, Celeria Ranatza, Austin Hollingsworth, Bruce Pitre, Luke Everett Fontenot, Denis Delatorre, Dana Baker Othmer, Louis Baker, Jr., Kaye & Charles Pelletier, Don Metcalf, Fr. Joseph Doyle, Irma Laird, Carl Boudreaux, Bernadine Nugent, Jimmie McKenzie, Dana Parmelee, Evelyn Beauchamp, Mary Jane & Newman Matte, Leroy Knaps, Beryl Gordy, Judy Patriquin, Ana DeJesus, Bob Anderson, Karen Cooper, Sherie Linzy, Gene Appleton, L. C. Riche, Renee Fontenot, Brad Vince, R.E. & Ethel Mae Amrhein

### **Sunday: 1/2/2022:**

**7:00 AM:** Celeria Ranatza, Luke Everett Fontenot, Rusty Hagan, William & Natalino Whitley, Henry Kliebert, Mary Jane & Newman Matte, Lucy Maggio, Jimmie McKenzie, Dana Parmelee, Brad Vince, Phillip Larsen, Fr. Joseph Doyle, Nancy Sunderman-Elert, Cyndy Greschak, Ryan Rabalais

**9:00 AM:** Little & Davis families, Dr. John Piker, Evelyn Beauchamp, Leslie Ligon, Joan Abraham, Irma Laird, Ann O'Brien

**11:00 AM:** Joe Anzalone family, Charles Rissler, Tyler Craig, Bernadine Nugent, Shirley & Lawrence Capone

**Tuesday: 1/4:** Celeria Ranatza, Eural Hingle, Michael Martin, Irma Laird, Evelyn Beauchamp, Bobby Lovelady

**Wednesday: 1/5:** Celeria Ranatza, Dana Parmelee, Bernadine Nugent

**Thursday: 1/6:** Luke Everett Fontenot, Celeria Ranatza, Dana Parmelee

**Friday: 1/7:** Celeria Ranatza, Jimmie McKenzie, Don Metcalf, Karen Cooper, Fr. Joseph Doyle, Dana Parmelee, Special Intention



## 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  
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Stephen DiLorenzo, Army  
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Nesta Gross, USAF  
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Laura Clesi Knight- LaANG  
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James Rouchon, USMC  
David Welch, LaNG  
Gordon M. White, USAF  
Christopher Williston, USAF

*In Sympathy* Our Communities of Faith extend our sympathy and prayerful support for the family of:

**Sherry Jeter**

May the Lord grant comfort and peace to this. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen



New to the Parish  
**Phillip and Janet Marzloff** in Clinton

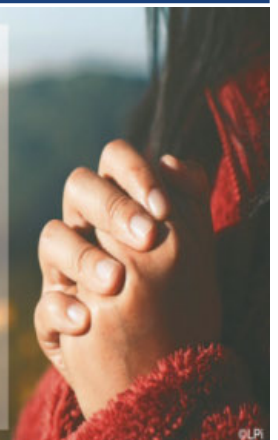


**Baptismal Seminar**  
Saturday, January 8th  
at 9:30am in the Parish Hall

*Thank You!*

As we bid goodbye to 2021, we would like to THANK each and everyone one of YOU that donated your time and talent to serve our parishes. The church could not be successful without you. You make a difference.

PRAY FOR SOMEONE NEW EVERY DAY!





## SJB Faith Formation

*Happy New Year!*

May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.  
Psalm 20:2

Life Teen is this Sunday, 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, Jan 3rd

\*Next 12 hour Adoration is Monday, Jan. 17th

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

\*Next K-5 and Life Teen are Jan. 23rd

\*Next Edge is Jan. 30th



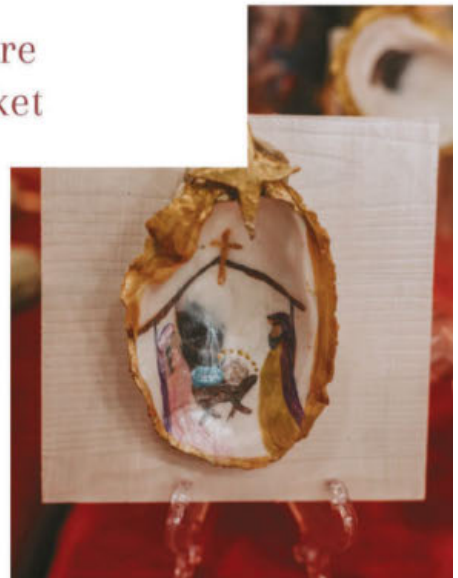
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# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

### This Week at a Glance

**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

-4:30 pm: That Man Is You

**Monday, January 3**

**Office Closed**

-9:00 am: Healing Rosary at Holley home

-6:00 pm: Prayer Group / Chapel

**Wednesday, January 5**

-8:00 am: Mass

-5:30 pm: H.S. Youth

-5:30 pm: Confirmation Session

**Thursday, January 6**

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

-10:00 am: Altar Society

-5:30 pm: Ministry Meeting

**Friday, January 7**

-8:00 am: Mass/Divine Mercy/Coffee Social

**Saturday, January 8**

-9:30 am: Baptismal Seminar

-3:30 pm: Reconciliation

-4:30 pm: Vigil Mass

**Sunday, January 9**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

-6:30 am: Knights of Columbus Rosary

-7:00 am: Mass

-8:00 am: Knights of Columbus Meeting

-9:30 am: K-5/ Emm. Rd Bible Study

-11:00 am: Mass

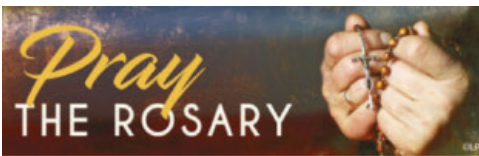
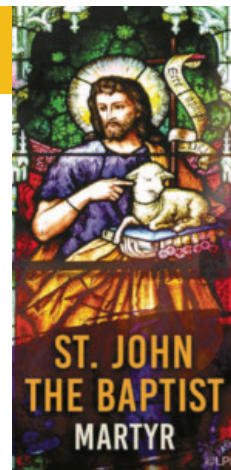
-4:00 pm: Edge

-4:30 pm: That Man is You

### COLLECTIONS

12/19/2021

Identified	\$ 11,864.00
Unidentified Cash	\$ 938.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 1,490.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 165.00
Christmas Giving Tree	\$ 7,076.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 145.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 150.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 20.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 3,214.50



Our monthly Healing Rosary is Monday, January 3rd at 9:00am at the home of Devin and Linda Holley.



### CATHOLICISM and COOKIES

You are invited to join us on

**Mondays at 7:00 pm**

beginning **January 17th**

for a ten session bible study based on Bishop Robert Barron's DVD series titled *CATHOLICISM*.

Hosted by our Knights of Columbus Council 10080.

First 15 to register will be provided the study guide for free.

Thereafter, attendees will need to buy their own for \$24.95 plus shipping. Cookies and drinks will be provided.

Register by emailing: [frontdesk@sjb-ola.org](mailto:frontdesk@sjb-ola.org).



R.C.I.A. resumes their classes on Thursday, January 13 at 7:00pm in the parish hall.



**Start the new year with a resolution to be more involved with your church community:**

Ladies Altar Society: Thursday, January 6

Catholic Daughters: Wednesday, January 12

Knights of Columbus: Sunday, January 9

Men's Club: Wednesday, January 12

St. Vincent DePaul: Wednesday, January 26

Dusters, Liturgical Ministers, Bible Study, Religious Ed, ....

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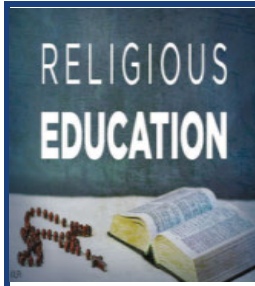
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January 8: First Reconciliation  
Retreat at 10:00am  
January 9: Class  
January 11: 1st Reconciliation  
at 5:30pm / Mass and  
Reception to follow  
January 23: Class

## This Week at a Glance

**Sunday, January 2**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
-8:30 am: Rosary  
-9:00 am: Mass  
-10:00 am: First Sunday Social  
**Tuesday, January 4**  
-5:30 pm: Mother of Perp Help Novena  
-5:30 pm: Reconciliation  
-6:00 pm: Mass  
-6:30 pm: Men's Club  
**Saturday, January 8**  
-10:00 am: 1st Reconciliation Retreat  
**Sunday, January 9**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**  
-9:00 am: Mass  
-10:00 am: Religious Ed Classes

### What is Your New Year's Resolution?

Start the new year with a resolution to be more involved with your church community:  
Altar Society: Jan. 11  
Men's Club: Jan. 4  
St. Vincent dePaul: Jan 11  
We NEED  
LITURGICAL  
MINISTERS  
Live the Gospel.

### COLLECTIONS

12/19/2021

Identified	\$	3,769.00
Unidentified Cash	\$	411.00
Building Maintenance	\$	5.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	45.00
Youth Ministry	\$	30.00
Retirement for Religious	\$	55.00
Capital Campaign Drive	\$	450.00
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