



MASS TIMES

WEEKENDS

Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 7:00am & 9:30am

WEEKDAYS

Mondays 6:30pm

Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday | 7:30am

1st Thursdays | 6:30pm

Holy Days & Anticipated Mass | TBA

Tuesday Rosary | 9:00 am

Holy Hour of Adoration & Benediction

1st Thursdays | 5:30pm

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SACRAMENTS

Confession: 30 minutes before weekend mass or by appointment.

Matrimony: Contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.

Baptism: A class will be given if you are expecting and have not attended a baptismal class.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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PRAYER & WORSHIP



Saturday January 8: Mass for Parishioners

Sunday January 9

7:00 am: Souls in Purgatory, Bob Dole, Gail Shafer, Bob Harvey

9:30 am: Billy & Joyce Derouen, Terry Guidry, Ivan, David, & Leon Guidry

Monday January 10: Special intentions

Tuesday January 11: Pastor intentions

Wednesday January 12: Special intention

Thursday January 13: Julian Arrant, Poor Souls in Purgatory

Friday January 14: No Mass

Saturday January 15: Special intention

Sunday January 16

7:00 am: Mass for Parishioners

9:30 am: Derouen & Richard Families

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

If you would like to be added to either list or know of someone who needs to be added, please email Susie Miller to sjvcbk@gmail.com (e-mail is best because it is in writing and has a date and a time attached to it, but if that would cause a hardship, you can call Susie at 337-622-3218) Names received before noon on Tuesday will appear in the next week's bulletin, not the current week. Names will remain on the list for 2 weeks and then be removed. If after the 2 weeks, you still need prayer, by all means, please send another message and we'll keep praying!

OUR SICK

Patty Borne, Joyce Bourque, Bennie Breaux, Joshua Bull, James Castille, Pammy Derouen, Terry Dubard, Joyce Guidry, Ellen Harrington, Jamie Hoffpauir, Emerson Irvin, James LaBove, Judy Leonard, Linda Lognion, Alex Manning, Kennon Martin, Katie McLean, Wyatt Myers, Mark Pedersen, Donald Pugh, Henry Romero, Jeannie Taveney Smith, Bridgette Sonnier, Barbara Theriot, Ethan Troclair; Craig Zaunbrecher, Crystal Leger, Roger Wright, Robert Lowe, Don Racca, Margaret Arrant, Jace Fontenot, Jade Fontenot, Lynn Leger, Murphy Leger, Xandria Lenden, Ester Harrington, Freeman & Betty Leger

Our Homebound Joyce Conner, Fred Conner, Lillian Conner, James Keith Leger, Benny Lognion, Leslie Hartwell

Nursing Home, retirement home, & Assisted Living Residents Urick Guidry, Ethel Racca, Barbara & Clarence Theriot, John & Kenora Theriot, Sidney Theriot, Sandra Fontenot

Our Military Brennan Arabie, Hayden Broussard, Austin Brown, Wesley Dugas, Trent Jarrel, Trey Jarrel, Gavin Leger, Alex McCready, Terry N. Trawee

THE JANUARY PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Pope Francis -For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Bishop Glen John Provost - For the poor, the homeless, the unemployed, and the lonely, that we will open our hearts generously to their needs and reach out to them with a spirit of self-sacrificing love.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

JANUARY 9, 2022 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."

— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life. It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of

those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

PARISH NEWS

Prep classes resume January 12.

The 2 new candlesticks which were on the altar for Christmas Season Masses were donated in memory of Gaston and LeAnna DuBrock by their family.

Lifeshare will be here on Sunday January 23 from 8:00-11:00 for their annual blood drive.

AREA NEWS

The Faith Clarified," an online Zoom course offered through the Center for Catholic Studies, begins Wednesday, January 12, 2022. The five-week course, instructed by Sister Maura Clare Mayock, R.S.M., will cover basics of the Catholic faith in a new light, bringing these teachings together into a unified whole.

The course will be from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday from January 12 through February 9. Zoom meeting link will be provided for all who register. Class will include lecture time and a period for questions and discussion. Cost is \$15

Question and Answer

Baptismal Bib

Question: At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

Answer: When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment.

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