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St. John the Baptist Parish

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Dec. 2nd, 2018: First Sunday Advent

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Parish Council

Bill Schaffer Jason Poiroux
 Jim Jackson Autumn Bowden
 Jack Wright Jay Graham

Finance Council

Paula Dyess Paullette Cauley
 Carol Voss

MASSES

Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M.
 Wednesday 7:30 A.M.
 Thursday 7:45 A.M.
 Friday 7:45 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

Every Wednesday before Mass

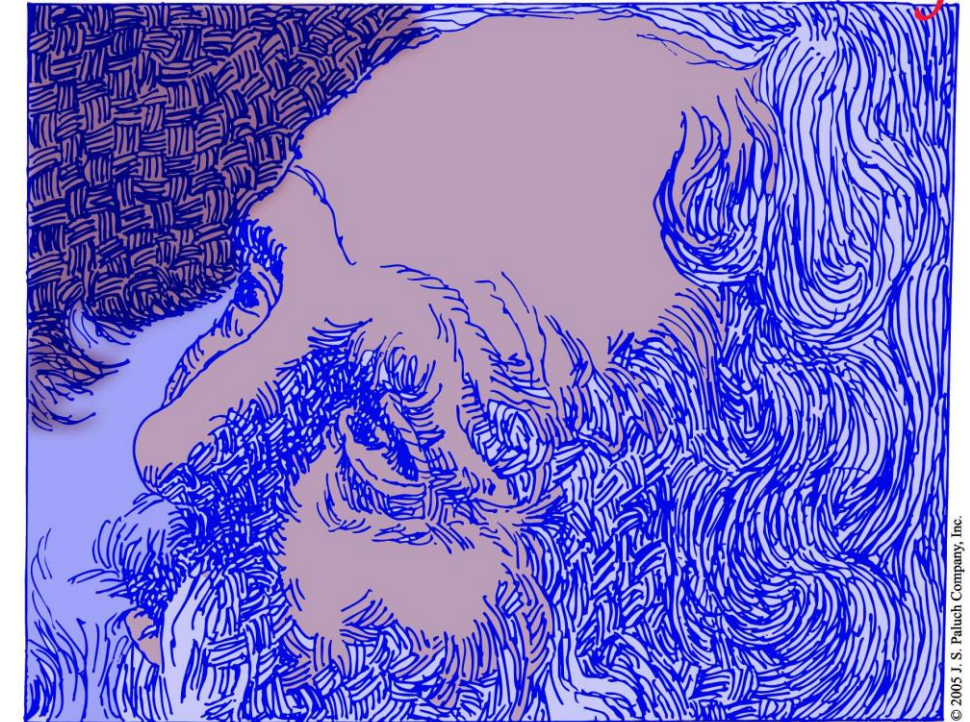
ADORATION

Every Wednesday before Mass

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

You do not know when the Lord is coming



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First Sunday of Advent

Today's Readings: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

THE WAITING GAME

Every Sunday, after the Lord's Prayer, we hear the words of an Advent prayer: "We wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ." In Latin, these words are Exspectantes beatam spem et adventum Salvatoris nostri Jesu Christi. We see our own words "expectant" and "advent" in them. Another way to say this might be "We are expectant, in joyful hope, at the advent of our Savior, Jesus Christ." Mothers and fathers know that being expectant, while it is a time of joyful hope, is not always an easy time. It is a mistake for us to think that our waiting in joyful hope for the coming of Christ can be a passive, uninvolved time. Quite the contrary! Like expectant parents, we must constantly be working to make sure everything is ready for the important arrival! As Isaiah prays to the coming Lord: "Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!" (Isaiah 64:4).

Stewardship for the Week of November 25, 2018 – Regular: \$ 2,744.00

Tithing Pledge To Date

As of today, we have 62 families that have made a commitment to support St. John the Baptist Parish. The total pledge to date is \$139,140.00 per year or \$11,595.00 per month. We wish to thank you for sharing and helping our parish. For those who did not sign up to pledge, there are envelopes in the pews. You just need to fill one out and drop it in the basket during the collection. Again, thanks for your generosity and for being counted.

Known December Birthdays


1 st :	Eugene Poiroux	15 th :	Rachel Poiroux
7 th :	Christy Brown	16 th :	Carol Voss
11 th :	Amber Odom	17 th :	Lynda Jones
11 th :	Judy Poiroux	21 st :	Sylvia Gray
11 th :	Michelle Cook	25 th :	James Long
11 th :	Karen Diamond	28 th :	LaShea Payne
11 th :	Joe Gable	28 th :	Mary Jackson
13 th :	Jimmy Holland	29 th :	Ingrid Glennon
14 th :	Dana Baker	31 st :	Louis Jones

Known December Anniversaries

5th: Karen and Gary Day
10th: Carol and Johnnie Tate
13th: Michelle and Michael Cook
15th: Becky and Patrick Murray
21st: Carol and Terry Roberts
29th: Betty Jane and Chuck Pierce

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.

Pray for the eternal repose of the deceased members of the parish: Pat Borne, Pat Marchand, Addie Thompson, Chris Potter, Kenney Smith, , James Cauley, Werner Bidlingmaier, Joe Penton, Richard Boswell, Mickey Poirier, Louis Poiroux, Louise Marchand, Carolyn Bidlingmaer, Kenny Kirchoff, Voncille Hulcher, Mary Nicholas Rambo, Paul Delmas, Cody Driskell, Evelyn Robison, Jean Mitchell, Veretta Tulos, Jim Kimble, Lynn Poirier, Phillip Marchand, Sue Kirchoff, Mary Sanders, Margaret Jackson, Catherine Schnadelbach, Darlene Alexander, Rick Marchand, Steve Sema, Sr., Mary Marchand and Sis Marchand.

 Andrea Graham, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Javi Howell, Frank Pigorsch, Dr. Allen Roberts, Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Doug Jones, Paullette Cauley, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lenny Motykiewicz, Lynn Goodwin, Bill Dixon, Tom Thornton, Monica Ziemann Knight, Ron Cauley, Ali Stringfellow Ray, Lisa Kloechnener, Valeria Wallace, Donnie Wilson, Bobby McManus, Vernon Lepre, Joe Watts, Sean Guillotte, Michelle Cook, Oliver (Toby) Thompson, Reggie Stewart, Anna Weber, Linda Graham, Nonie Reed, Betty Gunter, Tiffany Fontenot, Jimmy Marchand, Joe Ecker, Glenn Boney, Aubreigh Nichols, Ann Vick, Wayne Seymour, Frances Walley, H. Sanders, Cora Grigsby, Patricia Davis, Maurine Habley, Ray Thornton, Alice Skutack, Joe Whitson, Cory Moncrief, Carolyn Collier, Vicenta Obsenares, Rachel Vallas, Harrant Broussard, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Becky Thompson, Bob Echement, Lilly Breaux, James Wink, Mike Wilson, Roger Young, Leyah White.

CLARIFICATION FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY-DECEMBER 8 , 2018:

Please remember that the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception remains a Holy Day of Obligation, even though it is on a Saturday this year. Therefore, from Friday evening (December 7) until the beginning of Saturday evening on December 8 Masses offered should be for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception . Vigil Masses celebrated on Saturday evening should be for the Second Sunday of Advent (including readings and Mass Prayers). Basically, there should not be one Mass counting for both days, because both are Holy Days of Obligation. Thank you.

RCIA Instructions - RCIA Instructions are taught every Thursday at 6:00 pm.

Mass intentions

Mass Intentions for the week of Dec. 1 thru 7, 2018
1st: -- For the eternal repose of the souls of all deceased members of the parish
2nd: -- For the intentions of all members of the parish

Weekend of December 8 & 9, 2018

Mass Ministers:

	<u>5:00 pm Sat.</u>	<u>10:00 am Sun.</u>
EMCH:	Karen White Daryl Kirchoff	Matt Johnson Aimee Sprinkle
Lectors:	Ann Jackson Andrea Graham	Carol Voss Mark Voss
Altar Servers:	Volunteer	Volunteers
Ushers:	Steve Cauley Kevin Cauley Chuck Pierce Wayne Jackson	Mike Marchand Mike Courtney Avis Garrett Tom Thornton

Altar Care & Church Cleaning

Altar Care: December 2018
Ruth Pigorsch
Church Cleaning: **December 8 & 9, 2018**
Marie Murray & Betty Jean Pierce

Golden Group

The Golden Group Christmas Lunch meeting is Wednesday, December 5th in the Church Hall at 11:30. Our entrée will be Fried Chicken, please bring your favorite dish to share. Wear your tacky Christmas sweaters and bring your “Dirty Santa” present and join us for the food, fun and fellowship.

The Ladies Auxiliary:

The Alabama State Council of the K of C Ladies Auxiliary are inviting all Catholic women of Alabama to apply for one of two \$750 scholarships. For details, please see the announcement posted on the bulletin board in the church hall.

Homebound Mass Filming:

The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place December 4th at St. Thomas The Apostle in Chickasaw at 9:00 am. Please come out and help make this Mass special for the homebound.

Nursing Home Outreach:

Every First Friday of the Month there is a Mass celebrated at the Grand Bay Convalescent Home at 10:00 A.M. Please note that there will be a second Mass in December to celebrate Christmas with the residents. **Join US!**

House Blessings

We highly encourage **House Blessings**. Please call Father Sherwin to schedule the blessing of your home.

Mass Intention Cards are available at the office.

Events/Announcements for Week beginning December 1, 2018

- 1) **Our next Second Collection** will be December 9th for the Retired Religious.
- 2) **Remember that Father Will Saucier** will be giving us an Advent Retreat this Monday, December 3rd, at 7 pm. Confession will be prior to the retreat at 6:30 pm.
- 3) **We are asking anyone who would like to be or would like to continue being a Lector** to please sign the form on the table in the church hall. We will have a mandatory training on Monday, December 10th at 6:30 pm.
- 4) **Congratulations to Lynda Jones**, the Christ the King Medal recipient as Volunteer of Year for St. John the Baptist Parish. Lynda is very active as a member of the Golden Group, Ladies Auxiliary and in our ministry at the Grand Bay Convalescent Home. Again, “Congratulations’ on a job well done.
- 5) **The Knights and Ladies Auxiliary** from St. Johns and St. Margaret are having a Christmas party on December 5th after the parish benediction services.
- 6) **The Golden Group** will celebrate their Christmas Lunch meeting this Wednesday, December 5th, at 11:20 am in the Church Hall. We will have Fried Chicken so please bring your favorite dish to share and bring your “Dirty Santa.”
- 7) **Those who are sick** need to remember that Father Sherwin is glad to visit them if they request him to do so.
- 8) **Special Thanks** to those who came out Saturday, in the rain, and worked on getting the deck and pergola up.
- 9) **Contributions** for the work to be done on the Confessional is now at \$1, 550.00. Thank you for your contributions.
- 10) **Fleet Blessing Court Signup** – Any girls in grades 5th – 8th that would like to participate in the 2019 Fleet Blessing Court please contact Missy Perry at 251-605-7339 as soon as possible
- 11) **Known Birthdays:** 1st: Eugene Poiroux, 7th: Christy Brown, **Known Anniversaries:** 5th: Karen and Gary Day