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St. John the Baptist Parish

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Dec. 9th, 2018: Second Sunday Advent

REV. SHERWIN MONTERON
Pastor

Deacon Billy Graham, Secretary
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Karen Day, Youth Director

Parish Council

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

Finance Council

Paula Dyess Poullette 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

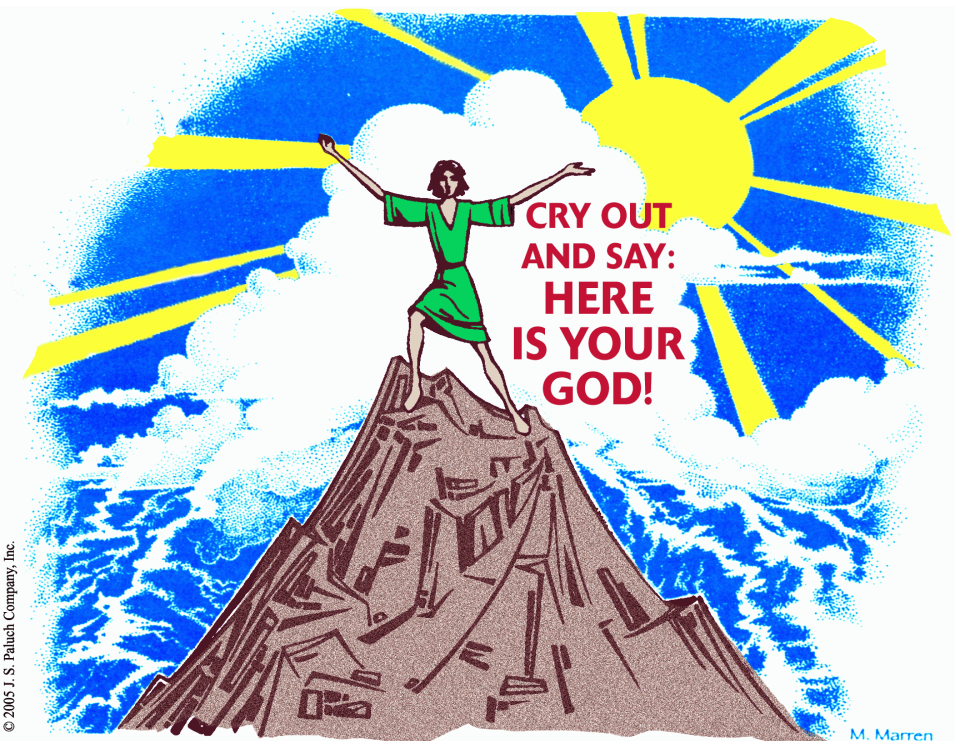
Every Wednesday before Mass

ADORATION

Every Wednesday before Mass

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.



Baruch 5: 1-9, Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11, Luke 3:1-6

Our encounter with God does not happen apart from our daily lives. Health, happiness, and integrity are not achieved by turning away from who we are: they are found in the fertile soil where God's Word takes root. It is in our concrete history, in the tapestry of joyful and sad events, in the fragmented projects of everyday life, where God is revealed. The call to conversion is not heard first in society, not even in the chapel, but in an individual's own life, in the freedom and calm that every person carries within. Our nearest inhospitable desert is ourselves! There the Baptist's message is received, there we prepare the way, iron out the roughness, fill in the potholes and level off the bumpy places of our character; there we smooth out the exaggerations and presumption, so our own eyes can see the Salvation of God. What did the prophet say? "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Here, in everyday life under the appearance of seemingly insignificant happenings, in the interior life and consciousness, God desires to be born in each one of us. When the Church invites us to conversion, as our response to the Baptist's cry, she does not refer to a routine house cleaning. It is a question of our becoming the temple of God's beauty, generosity, and truth. Here is our vocation, our response to the love affair for which we have been created from the genesis of the world.

Stewardship for the Week of December 2, 2018 – Regular: \$ 3,654.00 / Maintenance Fund: \$338.00

Tithing Pledge To Date

As of today, we have 63 families that have made a commitment to support St. John the Baptist Parish. The total pledge to date is \$143,940.00 per year or \$11,995.00 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.



Penny Dupont, Sara Thornton, Andrea Graham, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Javi Howell, Frank Pigorsch, Dr. Allen Roberts, Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Doug Jones, Paulette 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, Harrand Broussard, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Becky Thompson, Bob Echement, Lilly Breaux, James Wink, Mike Wilson, Roger Young, Leyah White.

Drawing to help the Improvement Projects Campaign

The Ladies Auxiliary is raffling a 27" tall Geppedo Ceramic Doll donated by Paulette Cauley, to raise funds to help offset the cost of the improvement projects around the campus. The doll is numbered and certified and the tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be Sunday December 23rd after the 10 am. Mass.

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

Mass intentions

Mass Intentions for the week of Dec. 8 thru 14, 2018
8th: -- For the eternal repose of the souls of all deceased members of the parish
9th: -- For the intentions of all members of the parish
11th, 12th, 13th & 14th: -- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives and friends of Doris Sema.

Weekend of December 15 & 16, 2018

Mass Ministers:

	<u>5:00 pm Sat.</u>	<u>10:00 am Sun.</u>
EMCH:	Nina Bohl Christi Brown	Jason Poiroux Dana Baker
Lectors:	Colleen Gray Jay Graham	Tiffany Teofilo Marcie McPhillips
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 15 & 16, 2018**
Ginny Garrett & Mila Vaughn

Youth and CRE

The youth and CRE students are celebrating a children's Mass this weekend at 8:30 am on Sunday morning, December 9th. CRE classes will be taught after the 8:30 am. Mass and during the 10:00 am Mass.

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 11th at St. Vincent de Paul Parish 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 9, 2018

- 1) **Second Collection** this weekend is for the Retired Religious.
- 2) **We are asking anyone who would like to be** or would like to continue to be 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.
- 3) **Those who are sick** need to remember that Father Sherwin is glad to visit them if they request him to do so.
- 4) **Special Thanks** to those who came out Saturday, in the rain, and worked on getting the deck and pergola up.
- 5) **Contributions** for the work to be done on the Confessional is now at \$1, 550.00. Thank you for your contributions.
- 6) **The Lady's Sodality** will be receiving items for St. Mary's Home thru the 16th of December. They are also collecting coats There are boxes in the Hall.
- 7) **The Ladies Auxiliary** is raffling off a 27" tall Geppedo doll to help raise funds for the improvement projects going on around the parish. See the bulletin for details.
- 8) **We are asking anyone** that can, to please come to the church on Monday at 9 am to help start moving the office desk and files to the new offices in the church. Those offices are finished and ready to be used.
- 9) **The Parish Council** will meet on Monday, December 17th at 6:30 pm in the parish hall.
- 10) **Christmas Mass Schedule** is as follows. 6:00 pm Children's Mass on December 24th and Mass on Christmas Day will be at 10:00 am.
- 11) **Grand Bay Convalescent Home** will have a Christmas Mass celebrated on Friday December 21st at 10 am.
- 12) **Known Birthdays:** 11th: Amber Odom, Judy Poiroux, Michelle Cook, Karen Diamond, Joe Gable, 13th: Jimmy Holland, 14th: dana Baker, **Known Anniversaries:** 10th: Carol & Johnnie Tate, 13th: Michelle & Michael Cook