

# St. John the Baptist Parish

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## Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018: Fourth Sunday Advent

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**REV. SHERWIN MONTERON**  
*Pastor*

Deacon Billy Graham, Secretary  
 Judy Poiroux, Bookkeeper  
 Tiffany Teofilo, CCD Director  
 Karen Day, Youth Director

**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 & ADORATION:** Every Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass and every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 5:30 pm

**Funerals**

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.



**Readings: Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45**

**Friends, today's Gospel** tells of Mary's visit to Elizabeth. I've always been fascinated by Mary's "haste" in this story of the Visitation. Upon hearing the message of Gabriel concerning her own pregnancy and that of her cousin, Mary "proceeded in haste into the hill country of Judah" to see Elizabeth. Why did she go with such speed and purpose? Because she had found her mission, her role in the theo-drama. We are dominated today by the ego-drama in all of its ramifications and implications. The ego-drama is the play that I'm writing, I'm producing, I'm directing, and I'm starring in. We see this absolutely everywhere in our culture. Freedom of choice reigns supreme: I become the person that I choose to be. The theo-drama is the great story being told by God, the great play being directed by God. What makes life thrilling is to discover your role in it. This is precisely what has happened to Mary. She has found her role—indeed, a climactic role—in the theo-drama, and she wants to conspire with Elizabeth, who has also discovered her role in the same drama. Like Mary, we have to find our place in God's story.

**Stewardship for December 9, 2018** – Regular: \$ 3,193.00

**Tithing to date**

Thanks to all families who pledged to our parish this year. We have 63 families pledging \$11,995.00/m. or \$143,940/y.

**Father Sherwin on vacation**

Father Sherwin will be on vacation from January 7<sup>th</sup> thru February 8<sup>th</sup>, returning on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February. Father Tom Weise, Father Norbert Jurek and Father Alwin Legazpi will celebrate the Masses during this time period. Father Tom Weise will be staying in the rectory here at St. John's.

**Known December Birthdays**

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

**Known December Anniversaries**

5<sup>th</sup>: Karen and Gary Day  
10<sup>th</sup>: Carol and Johnnie Tate  
13<sup>th</sup>: Michelle and Michael Cook  
15<sup>th</sup>: Becky and Patrick Murray  
21<sup>st</sup>: Carol and Terry Roberts  
29<sup>th</sup>: 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 Bidlingmaier, 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.



Ida Clark, 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, Paullette Cauley, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lenny Motykiewicz, Lynn Goodwin, Bill Dixon, Tom Thornton, Monica Ziemann Knight, Ron Cauley, Ali Stringfellow Ray, Lisa Kloechener, 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.

**Weekend of December 29 & 30, 2018**

**Mass Ministers:**

	5:00 pm Sat.	10:00 am Sun.
EMCH:	Christy Brown	Dana Baker
	Karen White	Jason Poiroux
	Jay Graham	

Lectors:	Colleen Gray	John McBride
	Ann Jackson	Reggie Stewart

Altar Servers:	Volunteer	Volunteers
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Ushers:	Steve Cauley	Mike Marchand
	Kevin Cauley	Mike Courtney
	Chuck Pierce	Avis Garrett
	Wayne Jackson	Tom Thornton

**Altar Care & Church Cleaning**

Altar Care: December 2018  
Ruth Pigorsch

Church Cleaning: December 29 & 30, 2018  
Steve & Rhonda Cauley

**Youth and CRE**

The youth and CRE students are celebrating a children's Mass this weekend at 8:30 am on Sunday morning, December 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 January 2, 2019 and will be filmed at St. John's at 9 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 will celebrate a Christmas Mass on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am for the residents of the Convalescent 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 22, 2018**

- 1) **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.
- 2) **Contribution Envelopes** are out on the tables in the Church Hall. Please take your box of envelopes.
- 3) **Church Calendars for 2019** are available. Please take one for your home.
- 4) **Remember that Christmas Day and New Year's Day are both Holidays of obligation.** Be sure to celebrate those days by attending Mass. The Mass schedule for those days are as follows: **Christmas Mass Schedule** has a 6:00 pm Children's Mass on December 24<sup>th</sup> and Mass on Christmas Day will be at 10:00 am. **The New Year's Mass Schedule** has a 5:00 pm. Vigil Mass on December 31<sup>st</sup> and a 10:00 am Morning Mass on January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 5) **The Golden Group Lunch meeting** is Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, in the Church Hall at 11:30. Our entrée will be Ham and Black-eyed peas, please bring your favorite dish to share. Please join us as we celebrate the New Year and enjoy the food, fellowship and fun.
- 6) **Mark your calendars for the Golden Group Sweetheart luncheon** on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 am Mass. All the young at heart 50 or older, are invited to join us to sit and be served a delicious Valentine Sunday dinner.
- 7) **RCIA Classes** will resume on Thursday January 3, 2019 at 6:00 pm.
- 8) **Thanks to the Lady's Sodality** for decorating the church for Christmas.
- 9) **Known Birthdays:** 25<sup>th</sup>: James Long, 28<sup>th</sup>: LaShea Payne, Mary Jackson, **No Known Anniversaries:**
- 10) **Once Again**, we wish everyone a "Very Merry and Blessed Christmas."