



First Sunday of
LENT

March 10, 2019

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m., Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday & Fridays 8:00 a.m., Thursdays 6pm (Chapel)

Confessions

Saturday 4:15 p.m. or by appointment

Baptism

First Sunday of the Month. Baptismal seminar is required for first time Parents and Godparents.

Marriage

Contact Pastor at least eight (8) months before making arrangements.

Visitation of the Sick

Please notify the parish office when a family member is ill at home or in the hospital.

Funeral Arrangements

Please notify the parish office as soon as possible when someone in the family passes away, preferably before contacting the funeral home.

Jesus said to the devil,
“You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.”

Luke 4:12

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Mass Intentions

MONDAY, MARCH 11

8:00 AM Frances Hunter

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

8:00 AM Edmond Comardelle

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

No Mass

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

5:30 PM Rosary (Chapel)

6:00 PM Evelyn & Norris Boudreaux

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

8:00 AM Judy Guhman (Living)

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

5:00 PM

Albert & Dorothy Laque, Jessie, Sr. & Keith Dunn, Janet Weber, Clarence & Wanda Savoie

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

8:00 AM People of St. John

10:00 AM

Evelyn & Norris Boudreaux, Hector E. Hock, Sr., Becky Flanagan, P. J. Hock, Patricia Hock, Catherine Hock, Kerry & Huey Rivet, Una, Ulysse & Paul Breaux, August & Pearl Verda, Warren Matherne, Justilia Matherne, Murphy Candies, Jr. Murphy & Mittie Cortez, Janet Weber, Roy Landry, Judy Guhman (Living)

Sanctuary Lamp

Week of: March 10th—March 16th

In memory of:

Kerry & Huey Rivet, Alvin Dufrene, Sr.,

Jaime, Dalmain, Teddy & Jeanine Price,

Hazel, Rudolph & David Melancon,

Mary & Joseph Matherne



Pray for the Sick

Ian Alexander, Beverly Boudreaux, Carol Bourgeois, Anna Dufrene, Earl Dufrene, Jr., Janice Gourgues, Judy Guhman, Shannon Guidry, Sandra Guidry, Chris Kirkpatrick, Ella Lirette, Garrett Lirette, Gerner Matherne, Merrill Matherne, Albert Melancon, Brenda Naquin, Lisa Richoux, Nicole Veillon, Grant White



Weekly Offerings

March 3, 2019:\$2,757.00

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Putting God to the Test

I always thought today's Gospel shows how Jesus was tempted to be a Messiah in a way that matched human expectations--those of Jews waiting for a messiah--instead of doing what his Father wanted. But I also wonder if these temptations are what we expect of God.

Do we expect God to provide for our needs by turning stones into money? God does help us with our troubles, but usually by giving us the strength to get through them with our God-given abilities. This might mean finding a better job that uses more of our talents. It might be forgiving us, if we are the cause of our own troubles, and giving us the courage to start over.

Or do we expect God to bring peace to the world by instantly removing all nuclear weapons or capturing all terrorists? When we pray for peace, we could pray that God show us what we can do to bring that peace. We could be generous in giving to the poor, especially where poverty is the cause of war.

Maybe we expect God to be a superhero for us, strengthening our faith with spectacular miracles. Jesus would tell us the same thing he told the devil: "Don't put the Lord your God to the test" (see Luke 4:12). Instead, as we take time to pray over the scriptures, read spiritual books, and share our faith with others, we will find our faith growing and know that the Lord has been with us all along the way.

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Catholic Relief Services'

Operation Rice Bowl—Encounter Norma

In Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who as a young mother supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of family in your life. How can you contribute to support families in your community? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Scripture Readings

Summary for March 17, 2019

First Reading

GN 15:5-12, 17-18

Abram doubts God's promise that he will father a mighty nation and asks for a sign. While Abram watches in a divinely induced trance, God makes a covenant with the patriarch.

Second Reading

PHIL 3:17-4:1

Paul writes to his converts at Philippi that they need to be faithful only to the New Covenant in Jesus Christ.

Gospel

LK 9:28-36

At the mountaintop, Peter, James and John bear witness as Jesus glows with the light of God's presence and converses with Moses (the Law) and Elijah (the prophets), discussing his destiny. A foretaste of resurrection—his and ours.

With humble hearts, St. John the Baptist joyfully proclaims the mercy of God.

Parish Council Election

The Parish Council Election will be held the weekend of **March 23rd & 24th**. To learn more about each nominee up for election a brief bio with pictures are posted in the church this weekend March 9th through March 23rd.

March 12th Parish Council Meeting

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All members are encouraged to attend the meeting.

March 15th Lenten Fish Fry

Meals will be available on Friday, March 15th in the Parish Hall at 4:00 p.m. until all meals are sold for pickup or dine in. You may choose between two meals: Fried catfish with white beans and salad OR Seafood Gumbo with potato salad. Donation is \$10.00 per meal. Desserts and drinks will be available for \$1.00 each. For those who wish to volunteer, please contact a member of the Council of Catholic Women.

Easter Memorial Flower Fund

Donations are being accepted in memory of your loved ones through **April 14th**. Please use the envelopes on the table for your donations. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Stations of the Cross Altar Server Schedule

Friday, March 15th at 6pm-
Volunteers

Second Harvest Food Bank

The St. John's Ministry of Care in connection with Second Harvest will be distributing food for the needy at the St. John the Baptist Church on Hwy. 90 in Paradis on Wednesday, March 20th at 8:00 a.m. on a first come first serve basis. You must be preapproved. For those who have not signed up, you may register at the St. John the Baptist Church on Hwy. 90 in Paradis on March 20th at 8:00 a.m. This registration will entitle you to receive food the same day.

March 21st Ministry of Care Fellowship Lunch/Bingo

Seniors over 65 years from St. John the Baptist and St. Gertrude Parishes only are invited to attend a luncheon/bingo on Thursday, March 21, 2019 in St. John's Parish Hall. Doors open at 11:00 a.m., meal will be served at 11:30 a.m. Bingo following the meal. Those who are interested in attending must sign in at the table at the entrance of church.

April 7th Easter Egg Hunt

An Easter Egg Hunt will be held on the St. John the Baptist Church grounds on Sunday, April 7th after the 10:00 a.m. mass. Please bring a basket to collect the eggs filled with wrapped candy and special items. A separate area will be set aside for toddlers, so all ages are welcome. For more information, please pickup a flyer on the table in the church.



School of Religion

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Class Times

Elementary—5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
High School—6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

CCD Schedule

March 11th—Class
March 25th—Class

Safe Haven Sunday

Equipping the Family: Having Critical Conversations

The most powerful tool we have when it comes to teaching our children about the beauty of their sexuality in the digital age is conversation. Real, honest, "look them in the eye" conversations about their deep questions. In the digital age, passive parenting is not an option—the internet never rests.

In the Archdiocese of New Orleans we are setting aside this weekend to celebrate our second annual Safe Haven Sunday in order to provide free resources to assist you with confidently talking to your children about internet dangers, as well as their online and offline choices.

Safe Haven Sunday is celebrated through prayer and reflection within the context of the Mass. After Mass, each individual and family will be given Covenant Eyes' most recent book, *Confident: Helping Parents Navigate Online Exposure*. This book includes a free seven-day text-to-opt-in program that provides practical tips for caring adults to create a safer digital environments for themselves and young people. Simply text **SECURE** to **66866** to begin receiving guidance today!

Thank you for celebrating with us! If you have any questions about this awareness weekend, please contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 504-861-6243 or mfl@arch-no.org.

Ministry Schedule—March 16th 17th, 2019

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5:00 PM	Clarence Savoie	Betty Meacham, SHARON MATHERNE	Caitlyn Boudreaux Adult Volunteer	Kirk Matherne
Sunday 10:00 AM	Julia DuRousseau	Donnie White, Carol White, Volunteer	Kassidy & Jonathan Dunn	Macy & Avery Oertling

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