

Most Blessed Sacrament Parish News

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*The child
grew and
became strong,
filled with
wisdom; and
the favor
of God
was upon him.*

Luke 2:40

THE HOLY FAMILY OF
Jesus, Mary & Joseph

FAITH-FILLED COMMUNITY OF MERCY, BLESSINGS, & SERVICE

Parish Staff

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Child Protection Coordinator.....Roslyn Landry
Child Protection office - (225) 753-5526

Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon

•**BAPTISMS:** Please call the church office during pregnancy for information and to register for a Baptism seminar.

•**MARRIAGE:** Law of Diocese requires 6 month preparation period prior to wedding. Call church office for more information.

•**FUNERAL:** Please call the priest for prayer and before setting date/time.

•**RCIA:** If interested in becoming Catholic, call the church office.

Confession:

Confessions: One hour before Weekday Masses and Saturdays at 3:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.
Monday & Tuesday 8:45 a.m., Wednesday 6:00 p.m.,
Thursday & Friday 8:45 a.m. except during school year when Thursday Mass is at 8:15 a.m.

MBS School

MBS School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

8033 Baringer Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

Principal: Cheri Gioe
School Phone 751-0273 / Fax: 753-7259

Extended Care: Sheena Gauthier
751-0023

MBS Early Learning Center

7853 Broker Avenue
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

Director: Laurina Conger 752-8829

New Years Day - Solemnity of Mary Monday, January 1, 2024

**Not a Holy Day of Obligation
this year**

**Regular Mass Schedule:
8:45 a.m.**

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Remember, Reflect, Respond

This feast has had several names through history. Most recently, it was called the Feast of the Circumcision and then the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. The Church finally settled on a more ancient title, Mary, the Holy Mother of God. It also has a secondary title of the Octave of Christmas, the secular title of New Years Day, and an honorary title of World Day of Prayer for Peace. Strangely, the title that is most confusing to non-Catholics is the official one.

When we call Mary the Mother of God, we are not saying that she somehow preceded God or is equal to God. We are simply recognizing that her human son Jesus is also the divine Son of God. We honor Mary because God honored her by choosing her to be the mother of Jesus. In her humble response of "let it be done to me," she agreed to be part of God's plan for our salvation. And so today's Gospel records one simple action of Mary: to keep these things in her heart.

Even in this simple sentence we are given a good example of being a disciple. Like Mary, we need to both keep, or remember, what God has done, and to reflect on what we remember. First, how much do we remember about what God has done for us? How well do we know the stories of salvation found in the scriptures? How well do we know God's actions in Church history? And how much do we remember of the personal graces given us by God? Do we recall the prayers God has answered, the guidance given, the love of God that others have shown us, the times God has forgiven us?

Second, how much do we reflect on what God has done? Even if we have many memories of God's goodness to us, we also need to pray over them and ask ourselves how we have changed because of what God has done. Am I more generous to others? Do I forgive hurts more readily? Do I share my faith with my family or friends? Do I support my parish with my time or offerings? Let us ask God's help to imitate Mary by remembering and reflecting.

-Tom Schmidt



25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

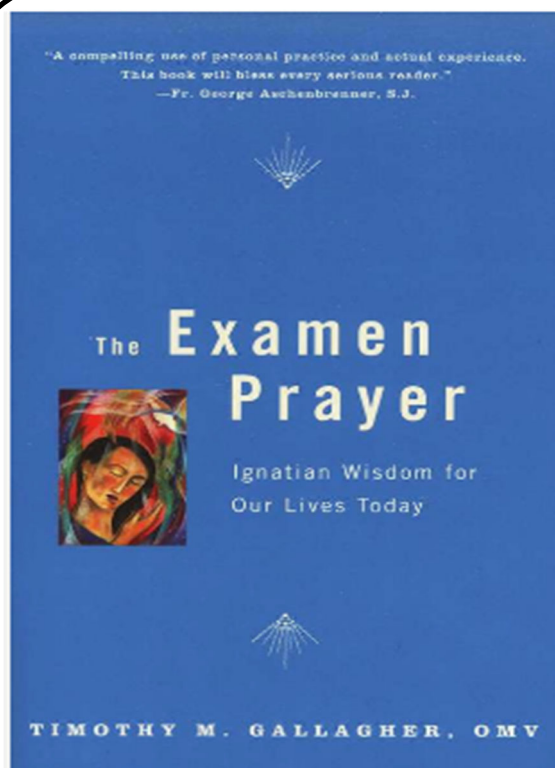
On **Sunday, March 3, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.**, Bishop Michael Duca will celebrate a Mass at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church (15615 Jefferson Hwy. Baton Rouge, LA 70817) honoring couples who have celebrated their 25th, 50th, or 65th and longer wedding anniversary during the year of 2024. The families of the honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and reception afterward.

Couples should contact their church parish office and let them know they will be attending. **The registration deadline is Thursday, February 1, 2024.** (Names received after this may not have certificates ready, but will still be able to attend the Mass). The longest married couple in our diocese will be recognized and honored after the liturgy. The Bishop will be available for picture taking at the reception, but please bring your own personal camera. Again, as previously mentioned, **please call Most Blessed Sacrament Parish at (225) 752-6230 if you wish to be a part of this celebration.**



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



The Examen Prayer

The examen prayer is a transforming and ever-growing practice in Christian spirituality. In *The Examen Prayer*, Fr. Timothy Gallagher draws from real-life stories and his experience as a spiritual director to explain the core principles of the examen prayer: *What is the examen and how can we begin to pray it? How can we adapt it to our individual lives? What are its fruits?*

You are invited to participate in the study of the EXAMEN PRAYER by Fr. Timothy Gallagher. Discover the prayer Ignatius of Loyola loved and how it can transform our lives today.

Monday, Feb. 5, 2024

9:45 am

St Mark room at MBS

If you want to join, please contact Joyce Dietrick by text to 225-324-1785.

You can order your book at Amazon or any Catholic book store.

SAVE THE DATE

Forward

IN FAITH

Gala

FEBRUARY 24, 2024

GOODWOOD LIBRARY

6:30PM-10:30PM

LIVE MUSIC

OPEN BAR

FOOD

SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS

WWW.MBSAUCTION.COM



Saturday, January 27th, & Wednesday, January 31st

MBS Parish is proud to announce that MBS will be the lead off church for the 33rd Catholic Build for the Diocese of Baton Rouge in partnership with Habitat for Humanity®.

The KC's will provide soft drinks and one of our very own parishioners will prepare lunch that will be served on site.

*** Volunteers needed ***

Saturday, Jan. 27th & Wednesday, Jan. 31st

7:30 am - 3:00 pm

**For more information or to sign up, email Barry Landry,
bglandry45@gmail.com cell (225) 571-7866**



This year's build will be at **1344 N. 31st Street** which is just off Acadian Throughway North. We will award service hours for qualified participants. The minimum age is 16 and minors must be accompanied by an adult. It's a great parent-teen or grandparent-teen (male or female) participation opportunity! By helping the build, you teach young people the value of helping deserving families to become proud homeowners. Habitat homeowners are thoroughly screened and vetted to qualify. They will work side-by-side with you to accumulate "sweat equity" in their new home.

If you've participated in a Habitat Build, you know that the work is rewarding, educational and fun. No experience is required. Proficient supervisors will be on hand. Details and a map will be sent to volunteers after sign-up.

PLEASE NOTE: The K.C.'s will present the homeowner with a "First Nail plaque" which is the New Hammer that they will use to drive the first nail into their new home. It is a beautiful reminder of the time and "sweat equity" that each new owner must provide for their home and other future homeowners projects. This plaque is designed and built by brother Rodney Blanchard.



NOW HIRING: Regina Caeli Academy Homeschool Hybrid is seeking part-time tutors, multiple positions.

Regina Caeli is a private, independent, *Classical Homeschool Hybrid*™ located in Gonzales, LA operating in the Catholic tradition. Preschool - 12th grade students attend classical academic and extracurricular classes two days a week (Mondays and Thursdays), and homeschool the remaining days following lesson plans provided by Regina Caeli. *Free on-site childcare for children ages two and under.*

Apply online at:

<https://rcahybrid.isolvedhire.com/jobs/country/us/state/Louisiana-LA>

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Most Blessed Sacrament Church Mission Statement

The mission of Most Blessed Sacrament Church is for members to witness the real presence of the Lord in word and sacrament, and that they may live out the message from the gospel and serve one another as followers of Jesus Christ.

Mass Schedule and Intentions		
Sat. Dec. 30	8:00 am	
	4:30 pm	Butch Golson Catherine Rinaudo Howard Pappillion Agnes Hollingsworth Sam Barbera, Jr. Sam Barbera, III Harold Bahlinger
Sun. Dec. 31	8:00 am	Geraldine Saucier
	9:45 am	Eustace Eggie, Jr. Harold Bahlinger
	11:30 am	For The People
Mon. Jan. 1	8:45 am	Deceased members of the LA Cannon Family
Tues. Jan. 2	8:45 am	Christine Swilley
Wed. Jan. 3	6:00 pm	
Thurs. Jan. 4	8:15 am	
Fri. Jan. 5	8:45 am	Maxine & Camille Brun James Zeringue Shirley Zeringue Mr. & Mrs. Philip Waguespack Mr. & Mrs. Furcee Zeringue

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING December 16-17, 2023

Identified Contributors	\$40,000.00
Dec. 15th Auto Drafts	\$ 7,602.50
Unidentified Contributors	<u>\$ 3,141.00</u>
Total	\$50,743.50
Fwd. In Faith Campaign	\$10,183.33

Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 31, 2023

Sunday Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2: 22-40

Monday Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

Friday Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100; 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday Memorial of Saint André Bessette, Religious

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

December 30-31 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers
4:30 pm	B Soileau	J Shoptaugh, S Culivan	(Host) C Willis, E Lee, R Rinaudo (Cup) B Magill, S Whitlow, M Weger
8:00 am	L Eaton, D McKay	T Cormier, G Aubert	(Host) C Rabalais, W Rabalais, M Authement (Cup) M Robichaux, B Braud, M Vermaelen
9:45 am	L Davis, M Davis	A Thibodeaux, L Evans	(Host) L Evans, W Golden, A Thibodeaux (Cup) D Cole, T Fox, B Berthelot
11:30 am	N Huff, I Garbutt	A Fields, T Littlefield	(Host) K Browning, L Landry, M Taffaro (Cup) J Johnson, C Edelen, C Garbutt