

Most Blessed Sacrament

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Parish News

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Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 p.m./Confessions 3:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Communion Service - Monday 8:45 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 8:45 a.m.
Thursday School Mass - 8:15 a.m.

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
(Closed 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.)
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon

MBS Early Learning Center

Director: Laurina Conger 752-8829

MBS SCHOOL

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

Extended Care: Sheena Gauthier 751-0023

•**BAPTISMS:** Twice a month, after 11:30 Mass. Call office during pregnancy to sign up and for class information.

•**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.

2nd Sunday of Advent

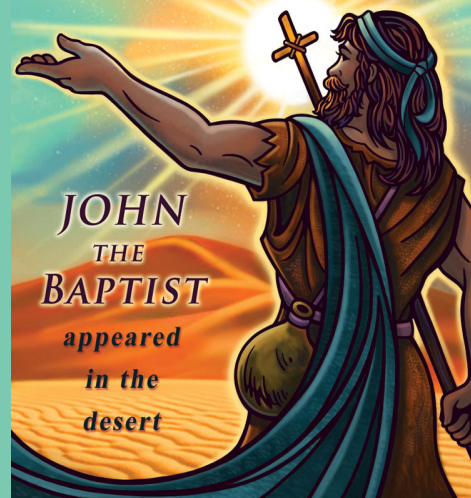
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).



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Reflecting on God's Word

As she was stringing her Christmas lights Paula pondered the unsightly stump in her yard. Last spring she had noticed that her pretty red bush that was usually covered with tiny white flowers—wasn't! Then the leaves had come slowly and never reached their normal size. Within a few weeks they were turning brown and falling off the bush. It must be dead, she had thought. Perhaps the winter had been too hard on it. She hated to see it go, but late in September Paula found her ax and her courage, and chopped the bush down to a stump. She was about to lay the ax to the root when her neighbor stopped her. "Leave the stump through next summer. You never know. New healthy shoots can sprout from stumps that appear to be dead. As long as the roots are alive, there's hope." If there was hope for that stump, Paula thought, maybe there was hope for her seemingly fruitless life as well.

Again this week one of the O Antiphons expresses the spirit of the Advent scriptures. We pray, "Come, Flower of Jesse's stem," echoing Isaiah's spirit of hopeful expectation that a Messiah would sprout forth and flower from the seemingly dead stump of Jesse's family tree, inaugurating God's kingdom of justice and peace. We pray, "Sign for all peoples," conveying Paul's message that Jesus Christ showed God's faithfulness to the hopes of the patriarchs as well as mercy to the Gentiles. We pray, "Let nothing keep you from coming to our aid," reflecting John the Baptist's confidence that the Messiah and his kingdom are indeed "at hand."

—Virginia Stillwell
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
 Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any
 readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin
 Mary, nos. 707-712
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt
 11:28-30
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-
 15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-
 19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Collections — Nov. 25-26, 2017

Identified Contributions	\$20,869.00
Unidentified Contributions	<u>\$ 2,476.00</u>
Total	\$23,345.00

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. 9	4:30 pm	Jacqueline & Robert LeBlanc Lorraine Cary John Bourque Donald Clement Jeanne & Wallace Giroir Vita & Gene Taylor William Hardee Yurik & Ruiz Families Irene Berthelot Linda White Joseph Hayden Tucker Lloyd & Frances Williams Marie Williams Doris Naquin Sam & Mary Lou Crifasi Joe Arceneaux Julia Calvaruso
Sun. 10	8:00 am	F.E. Landry Carol LeBlanc Don & Nancy Noel Florance Durand Jeanne McManus
	9:45 am	Ed & Rosemary Evans The Cantey Family Mike Marziale Laura Capozzoli Verna Englert Bill & Thelma Bailey Joey Boudreau Mike Lloyd Betty Haydel Donald Vidrine Helen Louise Allen
	11:30 am	For The People
Mon. 11	8:45 am	Communion Service
Tue. 12	8:45 am	Jeanne McManus
Wed. 13	8:45 am	Lester Graves
Thurs. 14	8:15 am	Jeanne McManus
Fri. 15	8:45 am	Jeanne McManus

Catholic Daughters — Bake Sale

The Catholic Daughters are sponsoring a fudge/candy sale after all masses this weekend, **December 9th-10th**. Please support them by picking up some treats for family and friends! All proceeds will go toward their charitable works.

PARISH LIFE*Let's get together for some****Jingle and Mingle!***

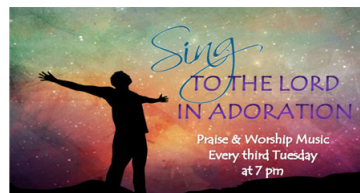
***You are invited to a parish Christmas Party
on December 28th at 6:00 p.m.
in St. Ursula Hall.
Come join us for a special evening of
family fun for everyone.
More details to come!***

Rosary Garden Dedication

In case you haven't noticed, between the church and office building, a Rosary Garden has been developed recently. It is the Eagle Scout Project of Thomas Hodgson from Troop 888 that MBS sponsors along with St. Andrew's Methodist Church. Thomas, the son of Isabel & Robert Hodgson, is a graduate of MBS School and is currently a freshman at Catholic High School. With 123 Eagle Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 888 and MBS Parish, we have a lot to be proud of in their 29 years of presence, service, and character building. The adult leadership is to be commended as well.

Over 110 volunteer service hours have been given to this project by fellow scouts, adults, and Thomas. Gratitude to Tony Distefano with Angelo's and Debbie Braud with Plant Tech for their valuable assistance.

MBS Parish, School, and Pre-School have been the beneficiary of many Scout projects. Our thanksgiving for their ministerial outreach and to Thomas. He hopes the garden will assist children, youth, and all with the special place the Rosary has in our Catholic tradition. **The Rosary Garden will be dedicated after the 9:45 a.m. Mass this Sunday, December 10th. Everyone is invited.**



***Parish Adoration Night
Tuesday, December 19th
M.B.S. Church at 7:00 p.m.***

Praise and Worship music will be provided by our MBS house band. Adoration will be begin at 7:00 p.m. and end with Benediction (a blessing with the Blessed Sacrament). All ages are welcome and we invite families to come together for this wonderful hour of prayer.

PARISH LIFE

A Few Reminders From Fr. Phil...

* *The Advent/Christmas season this year can be awkward since the 4th Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve. Catholics are obliged to attend mass for the last weekend in Advent, December 23rd—24th, and then the Christmas Eve/Day masses for the Christmas Holy Day. So Please Note!... We will drop the 11:30 a.m. mass on Sunday morning, December 24th leaving the 4:30 p.m., 8:00 a.m., and 9:45 a.m. usual masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent. The Christmas Eve masses for Christmas Holy Day will be at 4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. On Christmas Day, we will only have a 9:45 a.m. mass.*

* *For the weekend of Saturday, December 30th — Sunday, December 31st, Feast of the Holy Family, the regular mass schedule will apply... Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.*

* *For New Year's Day - Monday, January 1, 2018... The obligation to attend mass for The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God has been lifted. This Holy Day obligation is dispensed with when it falls on a Saturday or Monday. With that being the case, there will be no masses on New Year's Eve evening or on New Year's Day.*

Good Timers' Christmas Ornament Swapping Party

Come join the Good Timers on Wednesday, December 20th, at 11:30 a.m. in the St. John Room for a Christmas ornament swapping party. Each participant should bring an ornament for swapping. **Please bring your favorite party dish to share.** Entertainment provided by our very own accompanist, Michael McDowell.



Please R.S.V.P. to Ethel Pruet at (225) 753-0974.

Collection for St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College This Weekend

You should have received in your envelope packet this month an envelope for a special collection this weekend, December 9th and 10th. After consultation with the Diocesan Presbyteral Council, the Bishop has authorized a special collection to benefit St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College. In March of 2016, a disastrous flood overwhelmed the abbey and seminary. In all, 30 buildings on the campus received at least two feet of water. In order for the monks of the abbey to continue their mission of forming seminarians for the priesthood, they will need the generous support from the people of the Dioceses of Louisiana. This collection will take the place of the annual Retired Religious Fund.

Confessions (Reconciliation) during ADVENT

Most Blessed Sacrament will have Confessions on *Wednesday, December 13, 2017 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in church with multiple priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.*

St. George Church will also have Confessions on *Wednesday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m. during a Communal Penance Service.*

After a short prayer service, several priests will be available for confession of sins and absolution.

Regular Saturday confessions occur before the vigil mass from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in Reconciliation Room in the church and by appointment. Call the parish office at (225) 752-6230.

Mass Time - December 9-10, 2017	4:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Blanchard	Fr. Blanchard	Fr. Phil	Fr. Phil

December 9-10, 2017 2nd Sunday of Advent

	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers
4:30 pm	J Torregrossa, L Miller, A Torregrossa	C Lieux, T Hollis	B Magill, C Rabalais, R Rinaudo, J Sutherland, G Ward, M Weger, Deacon Don, E Wright
8:00 am	S Harvey, M Gauthier, P Hines	M Gallo, C McCullough	J Lahners, C Mendoza, S Peters, T Peters, C Rabalais, W Rabalais, M Robichaux, D Romero
9:45 am	E Waguespack, D Weidman, I Wyble	D Ourso, R Primeaux	E Davis, D Davis, M Delafield, L Evans, M Evans, T Fox, Deacon Don, T Hollis
11:30 am	I Garbutt, C Garbutt, M Gonzalez	K Larson, J Larson	M Miller, R Miller, D Passman, T Passman, S Pecue, L Pierrotti, Deacon Don, T Powell

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