

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON

This Sunday's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season. In the scriptures we see one more epiphany, or

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manifestation, of the Spirit of God in Jesus—but this time it is as an adult, rather than as a child. Jesus' baptism also serves as the inauguration of his prophetic mission and the messianic age.

Here is my servant whom I uphold

Today's reading from Isaiah describes God's chosen Messiah, upon whom God's spirit rests. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter says that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power" (Acts 10:38). Finally, in the proclamation from Matthew's Gospel Jesus' baptism in water goes almost unnoticed. The crucial moment comes when the Spirit of God comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven echoes the words of Isaiah:

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

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Christmas Flowers In Memory of

*Jack Hudson
Doris Melancon*

These names was previously not published

Church Offerings

January 2nd Offerings \$24,778.50
New Years Eve Offerings 966.50

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving!

Our Mission Statement

The mission of Holy Cross Catholic Church is to foster the teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ in all people in order to empower them to bring change and healing to all.

Through the celebration of the Sacraments, religious education programs for all age groups, and other programs, we are to enhance and enrich the discovery of the Sacred found in all people.



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Monday, 1/10

9AM: Charles Stelly, Ivan Arceneaux, Irene D. Thompson.

Tuesday, 1/11

5:30PM: Vincent & Hazel Mayard, Dallas Faulk.

Wednesday, 1/12

9AM: Bessie Alston, Merlin Billeaud.

Thursday, 1/13

9AM: Lovina Lopez, Percy Lavergne, Sidney & Vernice Arceneaux, Edward & Rita Norton, Vladas, Cicilija Kasparavici.

Friday, 1/14

9AM: Claire Thom, Mr. & Mrs. Gus DaGain, Mr. & Mrs. Max Merrick, Jean Merrick, T. R. Roy, III, Kelly Perrin.

Saturday, 1/15

4PM: Jack Hudson, Mrs. Brino "Boo" Kidder, Laura G. Rhodes, Jean Jones, Bob Buniva & Parents, Benny Manuel, Harold Guillot, Irene Thompson, Lois Domingue, Irene D. Thompson.

Sunday, 1/16

9AM: For the Parishioners.

11AM: Glenn Laviolette, Brooks Bernard, Elmer & Betty Luquette, Lisa Ann Duplechien Trahan, Percy & Earline Hebert, Ruth Bienvenu, Jack Hudson, Gladys Chustz, Mr. & Mrs. Lefiad Simon.

5PM: Harold Guillot, Normand Family.



ATAR FLOWERS

If you would like to provide the flowers for the Altar in memory of or in thanksgiving please contact the church office at 984-9636 Ext 211

~ Adult Faith ~

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A CALL TO CONSCIOUS LIVING Spirituality for our Busy Lives Saturday, January 29, 2011 / 9-4pm

Join spiritual directors Robin and Easton Hebert as they work together with participants to help families establish a new rhythm for marriage and family living—one that is dedicated to the care of the soul through conscious living—balance, simplicity, holy leisure, centering practices and prayer. Included in this day of retreat for couples and singles will be talks, sharing, time for reflection and prayer. Please register through the Jesuit Spirituality Center in Grand Coteau, LA (337-662-5251) \$40.

“Growing in the Fullness of Love” A Retreat for Married Couples February 11-13, 2011 St. Mary of the Pines Retreat Center Chatawa, Ms.

Join Robin and Easton Hebert on this special weekend for married couples and explore the fullness of love to which we are called, indeed John Paul II's captivating vision for love and marriage. Included in the retreat will be ample time for deep personal sharing, couple discernment, and prayer. *Suggested donation is \$280.00 per couple.* For reservations: Call Sister Helen Roper at 601-783-3494 or e-mail: retreatcenter@ssnddallas.org

FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

The Friday Morning Prayer Group meets every Friday Morning in Rm. 13 in the Calais Religious Education Bldg.; 6:30am-7:30am. Each week the group reflects on scripture and the call to mature Christian faith. Newcomers are welcome! Please join us!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Would you like to become Catholic?

The **RCIA** is the normal way for un-baptized persons and those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition to become a Catholic, through a process of discerning and ritualizing the stages of gradual conversion. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic faith and consider becoming Catholic please call to enroll in the RCIA process. We have an ongoing process so you can enroll at any time. Please call **John Schexnaildre** at the church office 984-9636 ext 233 or Adult Faith Formation at 654-9671.

Pro Life Activities



OUR LADY'S ROSARY MAKERS will be held at the Immaculata Center (Katharine Drexel Meeting Room) on **Monday, 10 January**, at 9:00 a.m. Contact Trista Littell (261-5607) for details.

LOUISIANA LIFE MARCH

January 22, 2011

Baton Rouge

10:00 am – noon

All are welcome to join the march from the Old State Capitol up 4th Street to the current State Capitol. Please visit the website for further details at www.LALifeMarch.com

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| 9 - 10 AM | Gather behind Old State Capitol (100 North Blvd.) |
| 10:00 AM | March from Old State Capitol, up North Blvd, then down Fourth Street to State Capitol (walk is 0.8 of a mile). |
| 10:50 AM | Prayer and Inspiration on the steps of the State Capitol lead by religious, government, and community leaders |
| Noon | Life Ministry Mobilization Area near Capitol |

ST. EDMOND CHURCH PRO-LIFE WALK

St. Edmond KC Council #10293 will be hosting its annual **Right to Life walk** on **Saturday, January 22, 2011**, the 38th anniversary of Roe v Wade court decision legalizing abortions, beginning at 8:00am with reflective music in St. Edmond at 4131 W Congress St.

Bishop Jarrell and Fr Gil Dutel, Pastor of St. Edmond, will lead us in Prayer at 8:30am followed by guest speaker, Mr. Chad Judice and the walk will begin at 9:00am.

The walk begins at St. Edmond Church to St. Mary's Church. At St. Mary's there will be a 20 min refreshment break and then a walk back to St. Edmond. (4.4 miles round trip)

A rosary and reflective music will be prayer along the whole route. Acadian Ambulance, along with police will be on route if needed. Courtesy vans, for those who cannot walk any or part of the route will be available.

All are welcome to come out and be a voice for the innocent unborn.

For more information please contact Mr. Pat LaBorde, KC Council 10293 at 298-3586.

Question of the Week

~ Religious Formation ~
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Gospel Reflection Matt 3:13-17 Gospel Reflection

Jesus does not contradict John when he says, "I should be baptized by you!" In a very real way, John was right. However Jesus only says, "Give in for now." Jesus had a bigger plan in mind and he was asking John to cooperate by laying aside his own way of thinking "for now."

Question of the Week: Does God ever ask you to "give in" on the smaller issues? When is it important for you to be "right", and when can you lay aside your own way of thinking in order to let God's bigger plan unfold?

Children's Question: What can I do this week to bring peace into my family?

ROMAN MISSAL

Please visit the Alcove to the Blessed Mother and pick up handouts as we continue to offer our faith community instruction and preparation. You may also visit the USCCB website at www.usccb.org/romanmissal and learn more about the revised Roman Missal.

EMPOWERED BY GOD'S GRACE THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE LITURGY

Full, active participation means entering into the movement of the liturgy itself. Liturgy wants to transform us into the image of God's Son. If we hold ourselves back, we hinder the action of God's grace within us. If we try to maintain our separation from our brothers and sisters, we resist God's efforts to form us into the one Body of Christ. If we enter into the action of the liturgy, then God can shape our minds and hearts according to the divine will. Then we will become effective instruments of God's will in our world. Empowered by God's grace, we who have been transformed can be used by God to transform our world. Copyright © 2010 Resource Publications, Inc. All rights reserved.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT SCHEDULED

All students in the Religious Formation program will participate in the diocesan required Safe Environment program the week of **January 9th** during their regular class time. Topics are age appropriate. Parents are encouraged to attend.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Next weekend the Confirmation candidates will be on their retreat. **Please pray** for the **Candidates, Elihu** who will be conducting the retreat, and the **Retreat Support Staff**.

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA SECOND OFFERING January 16, 2011

Next week's offering supports the Church in Latin America (CLA). The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poor dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. CLA funds programs for lay leadership formation, youth ministry, evangelization and formation for religious, priests, and deacons. Please visit www.usccb.org/latinamerica for more information.

HOMILY RECORDING ON WEBSITE

Were you aware that we can access a recording of the Sunday Homily on our website? Please visit our website at www.holycrosslafayette.com and explore our website. On the homepage we have a broadcast icon that links to the Sunday homily recording. We also have an Events calendar. Take a look and send us your feedback.

2011 REGIONAL CONFERENCES OF ACADIANA Save the Date

The Diocese of Lafayette is sponsoring four regional conferences. All are welcomed to participate. Registration brochures are forthcoming later this month.

Central Region
North Region
South Region
West Region

Holy Cross Church, Lafayette
St. Anthony of Padua, Eunice
Sacred Heart of Jesus, New Iberia
Vermillion Catholic HS, Abbeville

Saturday, February 26th
Saturday, February 12th
Saturday, March 19th
Saturday, April 2nd

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9 <i>*Religious Formation Classes</i> <i>*Confirmation Class</i> <i>Rev. Salvino "Rubin" Primor</i>	10 <i>Ladies Altar Sodality Meeting</i> <i>Religious Formation Classes</i> <i>Rev. Hernando</i>	11 <i>Rev. Louis Richard</i>	12 <i>Religious Formation Classes</i> <i>Msgr. Robie</i>	13 <i>Rev. Raymond Robitaille</i>	14 <i>Rev. William Rogalla</i>	15 <i>Confirmation Retreat</i> <i>Rev. Mario Romero</i>
16 <i>Confirmation Retreat</i> <i>Msgr. Robert Romero, VE</i>	17 <i>Rev. William Ruskoski</i>	18 <i>Rev. Michael Russo</i>	19 <i>Senior Citizens "Bingo & Lunch"</i> <i>Rev. Gary Schexnayder</i>	20 <i>Rev. Robert Seay, OFM</i>	21 <i>Rev. Clinton Sensat</i>	22 <i>Rev. Augustinus Seran, SVD</i>

~ Please pray daily for our priest ~



A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY AWAITS AN EMPTY NESTER!!

We are looking for someone to be our receptionist Monday through Thursday from **8:00am till 12 noon**. If you are interested please call the office, 984-9636 or email Fr. Blessing at shepherd@holycrosslafayette.com

We look forward to hearing from you!!

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Office of Marriage and Family Life Ministry is again sponsoring the DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION to honor couples who have been married 50, 60 or more years. Our second anniversary Mass will be on September 11, 2011, for those celebrating 25 or 40 years.

Our first celebration will recognize those married for 50, 60 or more years. These couples will be honored on February 27, 2011, 2pm, Our Lady Queen of Angels Church, 2125 South Union St, Opelousas, LA. Bishop Michael Jarrell will celebrate this special Mass and will give certificates suitable for framing to all couples being honored. A reception will follow the Mass in the Parish Hall. Registration closes on January 31, 2011. For more information, please call 337-261-5653



Thanks to all who participated in the Habit raffle. The proceeds from the raffle provided **\$7000.00** toward the house! Congratulations to the winners!

- *JEEP CHEROKEE, Richard Labiche
- *LAZY BOY RECLINER, Mark Dubroc
- *JUMPIN JAX JUMPS PARTY, Robbie Landry

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SAVE THE DATE



John Michael Talbot is scheduled to be at **St. Pius X Church** on **January 27** at 7:00pm, **St. Edmond Church**, on **January 29** at 6:30pm and **St. Peter's in Carencro** on **February 9** at 7:00 pm. He will lead a Holy Spirit-filled evening. This event is at no charge to you but an offering will be taken and attendees are asked to be generous. He will also sell his CD's and books that evening.