



**ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST**  
• catholic church •



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**CHRISTIAN FORMATION:** 225-749-3387

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil ..... 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.  
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday ..... 8:00 a.m.  
Friday ..... 8:00 a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.  
First Saturday of the month only ..... 8:00 a.m.

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday ..... 3:30–4:15 p.m.  
Monday, Wednesday thru Friday ..... 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

**PARISH STAFF**

Rev. Arun John, IMS ..... Pastor  
Dana Babin ..... Bookkeeper  
Candice Breaux ..... Youth Group Minister  
June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
Sara Hernandez ..... Janitorial  
Jayne Jason ..... Child Protection  
Layne Mire ..... Parish Secretary  
Lil Stutes ..... Mother’s Day Out  
Celeste Veillon ..... Music Director

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday–Thursday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
Office closed for lunch 12:00–1:00 p.m.

**BAPTISM**

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00 am Mass and also celebrated after the 11:00am Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord and Easter Sunday. Parents should call the office to enroll in our baptismal preparation program, preferably early in pregnancy. Parents are encouraged to register in the parish and actively practice their faith.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

Inquiries: Please call Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.

**MARRIAGE**

Contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. Preparation program is required. Couples should be actively practicing their faith.

**CARE OF THE SICK**

Emergency calls answered as soon as possible. Communion calls to homebound weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

**CHRISTIAN BURIAL**

Family should contact the Pastor to begin funeral arrangements.  
For Cemetery information, please call Jerry Deshotel 225-281-0333.

**PRAYER LINE**

Please call Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.



Dear Parishioners,

It's been said that every pastor ought to have six weeks of vacation each year; because if he is a really good shepherd, he deserves it; and if he is not a very good shepherd, his congregation deserves it. The fourth Sunday of Easter has been traditionally known as "The Good Shepherd Sunday". In today's Gospel passage, Jesus tells us exactly who He is, because the most important thing we need to know is who is taking care of us, and whose voice we should listen to. In the Gospel Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me." So, if we are one of His sheep, we are already known to Him by our name. This is beautiful for us to know that we have a shepherd who knows us individually, and allows us to know Him intimately.

On September 11, 2001, the Pentagon was slammed by a hijacked airliner. People were trapped in the flaming building. A police officer ran inside and kept repeating in the darkness, "Follow my voice." Six people did so. Today, they owe their lives to that voice. Jesus also tells us, "My sheep hear My voice." As Christians, we are expected to follow the voice of the Lord and be led by His voice, in order to be saved. But, we know that in today's environment, it is very difficult for us to hear Jesus' voice and follow it. Each day, hundreds of different voices call for our attention. These voices offer solutions to many of our problems like, health, wealth, happiness, etc. They come to us with solutions for getting along in relationships, raising children, avoiding depression, becoming popular, getting ahead, etc. We should not be surprised if the quality of our lives is affected by the voices we regularly tune into, and choose to follow. Many countries and societies are brought to misery by the voice of a tyrant demanding that people suffer deprivation, or shed their blood for the fulfillment of that tyrant's political ambitions. Many families are stuck in constant conflict because their value systems are dictated by the voice they hear in their day-to-day lives. Our personal lives can be in turmoil if we decide to follow the wrong voice of a person at work or school.

I can assure you that you will be amazed to find out how much the quality of your life can be upgraded if you tune out other voices, and follow the voice of the Good Shepherd, who has your best interest at heart. That is why in the midst of all these confusing voices around us, the voice of the Good Shepherd invites us to listen to His voice. Remember, as Jesus promised us in today's Gospel, He indeed laid down His life for us. Jesus also says in today's Gospel, "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must also lead those and they will hear my voice and there will be one flock and one shepherd." Hence, when all of us hear our shepherd's voice, we become one flock under one shepherd. The voice of our good shepherd leads us to what is best for us, our family and our world. Therefore, we are all invited to listen to His voice and follow it.

Once a wealthy parishioner invited a priest and sacristan for dinner with other friends. Before the dinner, many guests displayed their talents by playing musical instruments and singing solos. Knowing that the priest was an accomplished singer, the guests cried out, "Father, now you must sing for us." The priest sang, "The Lord is my shepherd", with exquisite expression. The applause was loud and long. Finally, it was the turn of the poor sacristan. "I am illiterate," he protested, and I can only say the psalm Father taught me. With much insistence from others, the sacristan closed his eyes and bowed his head and began, "The Lord is my shepherd..." So sublime and spiritual was the sacristan's rendition that all the guests were moved to tears. Holding back his tears, the priest said, "I know the psalm, he knows the shepherd." The reading of this weekend not only calls us to know our Shepherd, but also to follow him.

Pray that God may bless each one of us that we know our shepherd and follow Him.

Fr. John

# First Eucharist Class of 2024

Vivienne Aillet  
 Bruce Ankeny  
 Caroline Badeaux  
 Zachary Beard  
 Evan Benoit  
 Bryn Blanchard  
 Miles Bourgeois  
 Wes Bourque  
 Kyndall Broussard  
 Marlee Broussard  
 Emma Daigle  
 Ryan Domingue  
 Lola Fabre  
 Caroline Haydel  
 AdalyInn Hebert  
 Taylor Hotard  
 Grace Hunt  
 Charlie Jenkins  
 Zachary Landry

Aiden Langlois  
 Eva LeBlanc  
 Hudson Moore  
 Claire Morales  
 Grady Olson  
 Morgan Pierre  
 Evan Prejean  
 Gage Prejean  
 Ainsley Rabalais  
 Briggs Richard  
 Olivia Rivet  
 Delilah Robillard  
 Charles Saale  
 Brayden Saia  
 Milah Sanchez  
 Andi Tassin  
 Tenley Troxclair  
 Camille Ward



*Congratulations and Marriage Blessings are extended to Catherine Lea Bonaventure and Mason Reed Maurer who were married on April 12th!*



**Congratulations to Harsimranjeet Kaur Sidhu Bickham who completed the R.C.I.A. program at the Easter Vigil, March 30, 2024. Welcome to our Church!**

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**Let's Dive In!**  
 Vacation Bible School  
 July 8th through 12th

Registration forms are available online.

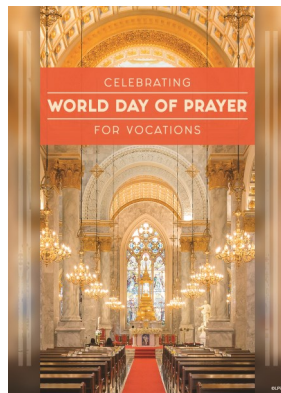
VBS Volunteer Meeting will be at 6:00pm on Wednesday, July 3rd in the Activity Center.



**THANKS to Karen Cordell and her group for cleaning the Church in April. Please contact Wendy Daniel, 225-687-1653, to help during May.**

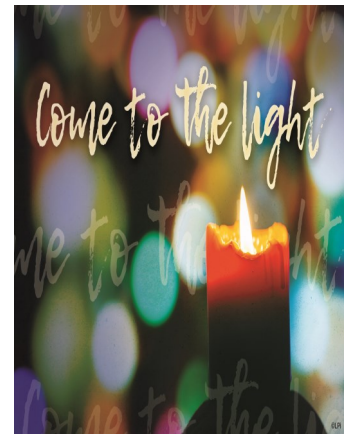
**THANKS to Josie Theriot and her team for the Bereavement meals in April. To help in May, please contact Janice & Joel Hebert, 225-749-3863.**

**Pray for Vocations**  
 Let us pray for those who are called to follow the Lord as a priest or religious brother or sister. If you are being called in this capacity, please contact your priest or reach out to Father Josh Johnson at 225-336-8778 or email him: [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org) or visit: [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations)



*The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Merlyn Bourgeois.*

**Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the families of Monica Prejean Sevin and Frank Foret, Jr. upon their deaths.**



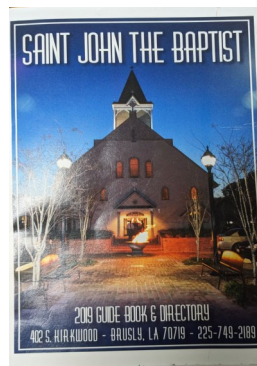
**Our next Baptism Seminar will be held on Wednesday, May 8th at 6:00pm in Room One of the Christian Formation Building.**



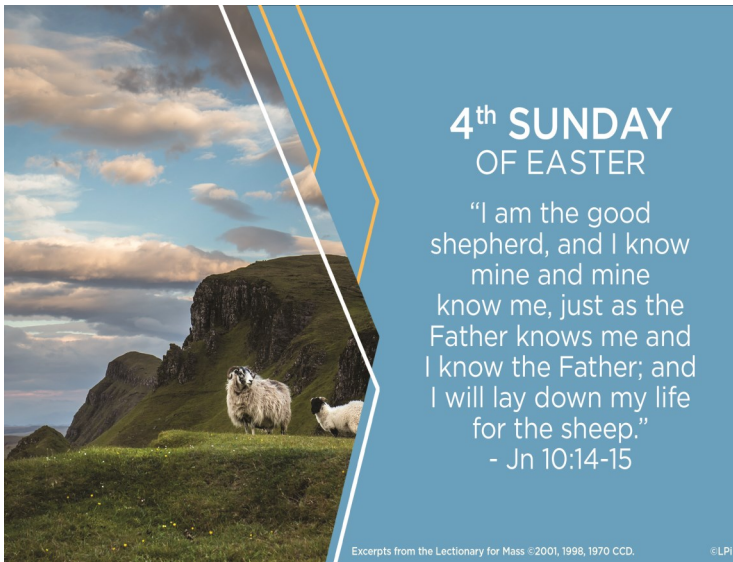
### Stewardship of Finance

Total Collection for April 7th:  
 \$19,502.00

Total Collection for April 14th:  
 \$11,361.26



Our Church is planning a Membership Directory to update everyone's information. Next week you will find a form in your pew. Please take a few minutes to complete the form and leave it in the box in the back of Church. This information will be used to update all registered parishioners' memberships. If you are not registered, please complete the church parish registration form on our website: [sjb-brusly.com](http://sjb-brusly.com) Only with your help can this project be successful!



## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

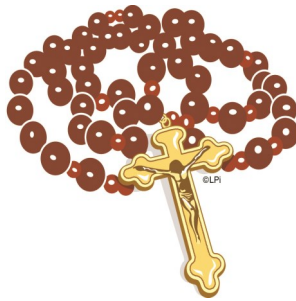
“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.”  
- Jn 10:14-15

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### Readings for the week of April 21, 2024

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18  
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30  
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/  
Jn 12:44-50  
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6  
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14  
Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/  
1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Please join the Women's Ministry Group for Rosary Making at 6:00pm on Friday, May 3rd in the Activity Center. To join in the fun, you can register online on the Church website, or the St. John the Baptist Women's Ministry Facebook page, or email them: [sjbwmbrusly@gmail.com](mailto:sjbwmbrusly@gmail.com)



**The Catholic Daughters will have their pastalaya fundraiser on Sunday, April 28th from 11:00am-1:00pm in the Activity Center. Dinners will be available for pick up or drive through.**

### Organizations

**Catholic Daughters will have a meeting on Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00pm in the Activity Center.**

**Knights of Columbus will have their meeting at 6:00pm in the Activity Center on Thursday, May 2nd.**

**Donuts will be served on May 5th after 7:30am Mass in the Activity Center.**

**Pro-Life Rosary on May 18th at 4:00pm.**