



**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.

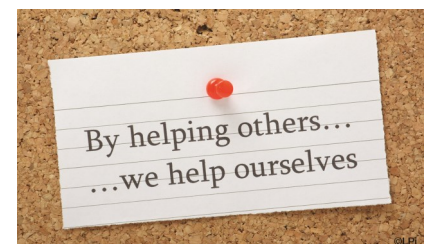
Dear Parishioners,

We all know that one of the effects of sin is that it breaks down relationships. On the other hand, the chief effect of the resurrection is that Christ restores unity through peace. But, according to the second reading, his disciples must work for it by living the kind of life that God wants. This is what St. John said while addressing the Church, “My children, our love is not to be just in words or mere talk, but in deed and in truth.” In this way, the disciples of Jesus must build themselves up. The first reading gives us a clue on how this is done, by singling out the action of Barnabas, a good man filled with the Holy Spirit and faith (Acts 11:24). What Barnabas did for Saul is a beautiful example for the Church and every Christian. Saul had met with resistance when he had reached Jerusalem, after his encounter with the Risen Lord on his way to Damascus. The disciples were afraid of Saul because they could not believe that he was a changed person, and had really become a disciple of Jesus. His track record as a persecutor of Christians had not yet dissipated. They were not yet able to trust him, for fear that he would again betray them. To quote the reading, “When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple.” It was at this point that Barnabas stepped in and took charge of Saul, and introduced him to the apostles and told them that on the way to Damascus, Jesus had appeared to him and the real conversion of Saul had taken place, and his name became Paul.

As we know, Barnabas was also known as the son of encouragement, and we see that he was indeed true to his name. Paul, at this point, was bewildered and shaken, and Barnabas stood as guarantee for Paul. Paul was encouraged by such support and started to go around preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord, in the Holy City of Jerusalem, which was the center of Judaism. We can all imagine how far an encouraging word, a pat on the back, or determined support by someone, can influence the course of events in the life of a person. We can see that this happened in the life of St. Paul. Similarly, the Church is expected to take us by the hand and offer support when we are liable to fall. The Church must show her love and support not just by words, but by encouragement, and not merely by empty talk, but by concrete actions of solidarity and strength. In this, we see the people of God.

Today, the Church as a whole should ask herself, what is she doing as one who provides encouragement? Will she take care of the confused and struggling brother or sister, or support the one who gives unrelenting support to our faith, such as the lonely missionary at the frontier, in a remote area or a crowded hostile environment? Will she support the discouraged priests, religious, or laypersons who feel their ideas and plans are rejected, and feel ignored? What are we doing to build ourselves up or to build up the Church? For this, Jesus in today’s Gospel is asking us to remain united in Him. To remain united in Him, we have to listen to Him and keep His words, believing that Jesus is the real vine and we can do nothing without Him. When Christians get together and live in Christ, then through the power of the Holy Spirit love reigns in our hearts, and then the Church can build herself up and we will see wonderful things happening in the Church. As we are preparing ourselves for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, let us continue to live in the Easter joy. May the Lord bless all of us during this Easter Season and remain united in him, and prepare ourselves for the feast of Pentecost.

God Bless You,  
Fr. John





# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**Dive into friendship with God!**  
 Vacation Bible School  
 July 8th through 12th

Registration forms are available online and in the Church Office.

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

**Congratulations to the High School Seniors who received a blessing at Mass on April 21st! They enjoyed a lunch afterwards with their families in the Activity Center, that was hosted by the Catholic Daughters.**



**Pray for Vocations**  
 Let us pray for those who God is boldly calling forth to serve Him and His people as religious brothers. If you are being called to this vocation, 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)



## Upcoming Events in May

**The Zippers Thrift Shop Sales** are at 7:30am on Thursday, May 2nd, May 16th & May 30th.

**Rosary Making** with our **Women's Ministry** will be in the Activity Center at 6:00pm on Friday, May 3rd.

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

**Food Pantry Distribution** will be at 8:30am on Monday, May 13th at the Activity Center.

**Eucharistic Revival and Adoration/Holy Hour** is Thursday, May 30th from 6:30pm-7:30pm in Church.

## Stewardship of Finance

Total Collection for April 21th: \$13,366.33

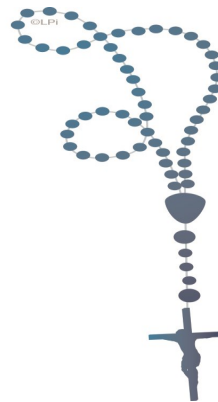
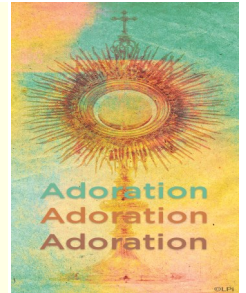


*Congratulations and Marriage Blessings are extended to Jessica Ann Hunt and Jacob Dominick Campesi who were married on April 19th!*

## All Night Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, May 3rd at 8:00pm through Saturday, May 4th at 8:00am. Sign-up sheets are in the back of Church.

1st Saturday Mass is at 8:00am on Saturday, May 4th.



## May Crowning at the Grotto

The May Crowning Ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 12th, at the Grotto before 9:00am Mass at approximately 8:45am.

The Catholic Daughters will lead a Rosary in honor of Mary following the 9:00am Mass, at the Grotto, weather permitting.

*The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of the Mouch & Levantino families.*

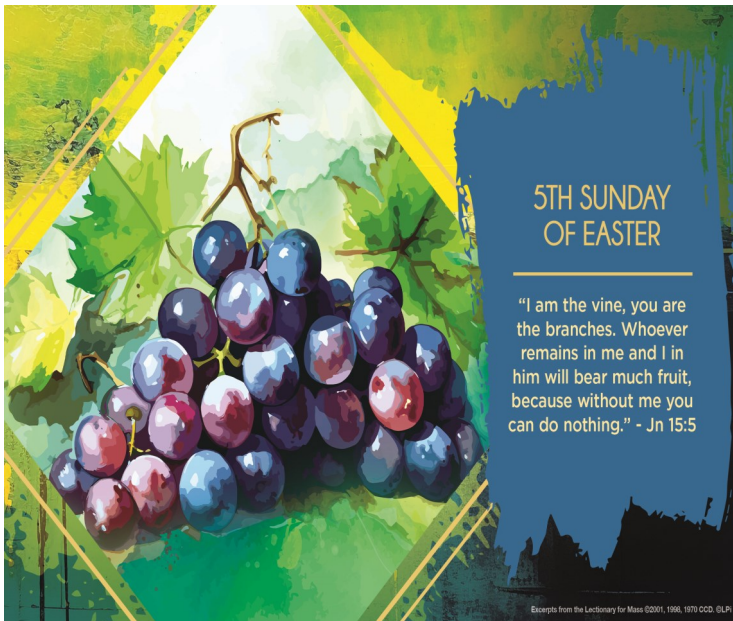
**Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the families of Myron D. Culberson and Murrall Bourgoyne Brown upon their deaths.**



## Church Membership Directory Drive

The Church Membership Directory is in progress to update our parishioners' contact information. Please complete the form found in your pew and leave it in the box in the back of Church or drop it through the mail slot located on the back door of the Office. You can also find this form on our website. 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) Helen Gossman has graciously volunteered to get this project started. If you can help, please call her 225-938-2924. We hope to have this project completed in the next two weeks.



## 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - Jn 15:5

### Readings for the week of April 28, 2024

- Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/  
1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
- Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/  
Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4  
(see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

### **Beginning Experience, A Weekend of Healing for the Separated & Divorced**

**This program is designed to help those struggling with the trauma of separation and divorce. It is scheduled for the weekend of May 17-19 through the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Hopefully you will experience positive growth by attending this program. For more information, and to register, please contact Liz Reis, 504-858-1813, or email her: lzbthreis@yahoo.com**

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