



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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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
Candice Breaux Youth Group Minister
Betty Cain Bookkeeper
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Pedro Hernandez Custodian
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. Also celebrated during Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of the 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 the Parish Office.

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 281-0333.

PRAYER LINE

Please call the Church Parish Office.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

The parable of the wedding guests in this weekend's Gospel is aimed at teaching the value of humility to the proud Jews around Jesus, who always seem to have a feeling of insecurity. Jesus could see this insecurity among the Jewish leaders who were scrambling for the first seat in public places. Those who put themselves first are not as respected as those who put others first. The irony is that the pushy and the proud do not realize this, and even if they do, they are afraid to change because of their feelings of insecurity. Moreover, they are selfish to the core and fail to be other-oriented. Through the readings of today the Church is urging us to follow Jesus, the humble servant of God. Jesus says, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled", and "God exalts the lowly and the poor". How willing are we to follow Jesus, the humble servant? We all are aware that humility, as a virtue, has fallen on hard times in our day, while arrogance and aggression, pride and pomp, self-righteousness and self-assertiveness are paraded as marks of the modern culture. Yet humility remains the root of Christian life. Today's readings are inviting us to ask, how humble are we?

One of the ways to recognize if we are pushy and proud is to see if we are receptive to others' ideas, if we are appreciative of other people, if we easily accept our mistakes, and if we are willing to change ourselves? Another way to know if we are proud and pushy is to find out if people like to be around us or do they try to avoid us? Most people dislike to be around the pushy and proud people, but love to be around the humble because the humble respects and cares for them and their ideas, which is very difficult for the proud. It is to such proud and pushy that Jesus is addressing today's Gospel.

Abraham Lincoln, in order to please an official, once signed an order transferring certain regiments. Secretary of War Stanton, convinced that the President had made a serious mistake, refused to carry out the order. And for good measure he added, "Lincoln is a fool!" When this was reported to Lincoln he said, "If Stanton said I am a fool, then I must be one, for he is almost always right. I think I will step in and see for myself." This is exactly what he did. Stanton convinced him that the order was a mistake and Lincoln promptly withdrew it. Being the President, he did not justify his action but accepted his mistake and corrected himself. Everyone knew that part of Lincoln's greatness lay in the way he welcomed criticism. For the proud this is not an easy task, because they worry more about what other people think about them and getting their egos hurt. True greatness lies in one's ability to be what one is and respecting and appreciating others for who they are. We lose nothing in saying sorry for our mistakes, on the contrary, such actions can gain respect and love.

Pope John XXIII once remarked, "Anybody can be a pope, the proof of this is that I have become Pope." Any great personality like him is humble, for greatness goes with humility. Someone who is puffed up by 'greatness' is like an empty vessel that rattles its small coins noisily. Let us ask ourselves, if we are humble people in dealing with others, in respecting and accepting other people and their ideas, and appreciating what others do? Let us pray for this humility today, so that we can deal with one another with love and respect.

God Bless You,
Father John

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



R.C.I.A. Begins
Wednesday, August 31st
6:30pm
in the Church Office
Please join us to begin your journey of faith!
To register,
please call the Church Office, 749-2189.

Pray for Vocations
Humbly ask the Lord if you are being called as a priest, deacon, brother or sister.
If so, please contact Father Josh Johnson, 225-336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations

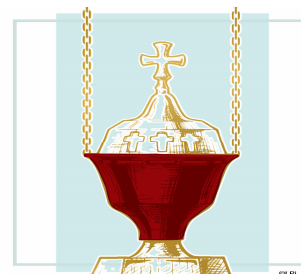


thank you!

Many thanks to Geri & Bill Schneider and their group for the Bereavement provided in August. Please call Ella Dean & Scrap Thibodeaux, 937-1998, if you can help in September.

Thank you to Lucille Bouquet and her team for cleaning our Church during August. Please contact Lisa Beraud, 749-3170, if you can lend a hand in September.

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Margaret Spragio



You are invited to attend the **Installation Mass of Father Arun John** at 4:30pm on September 10th.

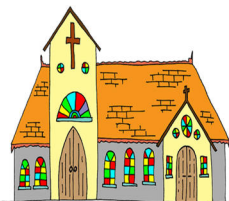
Bishop Duca will preside over the ceremony. Members of the Parish Council and the Finance Council are requested to attend. We will have a Reception following the Installation Mass in the Activity Center. All are welcome!

The schedule for Rita's Closet (formerly known as the Zippers) will be permanently changed to twice a month. Please see upcoming schedule on our parish website.

Baptism Seminar
September 14th at 6:00pm
Please call the Church Office to register, 749-2189.



Begins Tuesday, September 6th
Please contact Lil Stutes (413-4527)
with any questions about registration



Christian Formation invites all grandparents to attend the mass and sit with their grandchildren on Monday, September 12th @ 5:30pm



Our church office will be closed for Labor Day Monday, September 5th.

Catholic Daughters
The Annual Banquet will be on Friday, September 9th from 6:30-9:30pm in the Activity Center. (NO meeting on September 1st) Please contact Mary Vince (572-8039) for more information.

Stewardship of Finances
August 15, 2022

217 Identified: \$11,556
Loose Collection: +\$1,154
Total Collection: \$12,710

August 22, 2022

140 Identified: \$6,322
Loose Collection: + \$706
Total Collection: \$7,028

St John the Baptist Parish Council Members

2022-2023

Bob Bewick

Grayson Brewer

Christie Chapman, Secretary

Justin Clouatre

Horace Crochet

Paige Fitzgerald

Janice Hebert

Fr. Arun John, IMS

Mary Claire Meyer, Chairman

Joey Normand

Edana Robnett

Derek Scott, Vice-Chairman

Jewel Woods



Readings for the week of August 28, 2022

- Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14
- Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Mk 6:17-29
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39