



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

catholic church



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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
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 the Church 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 225-281-0333.

PRAYER LINE

Please call the Church Parish Office.

Dear Parishioners,

Once a teacher asked the kids, "Tell me the name of a being that lives on land as well as in water". A child got up and replied, "A fisherman". So, the child is right in the sense that a fisherman can spend a lot of time in the water fishing. A fisherman understands water well. Most of the apostles were fishermen and received their livelihood from it. For them, water meant life. They also knew that water could mean death. As fishermen, they might have had many terrible experiences in the water, and in particular, the experience of the apostles we just heard. The wind was howling above them and the water was roaring beneath their boat; and they knew the danger of the water could mean death. Can we imagine how astounded the disciples must have been when they saw Jesus walking toward them safely and unperturbed on the lake? And when they realized it was Jesus, their fears were calmed. But, the impetuous Peter was not satisfied as he desired to do something more. He wanted Jesus to empower him, so that he himself could walk on the water. "Tell me to come to you across the water," Peter demanded, and to his surprise, Jesus said, "Come". But it did not work as he thought, when he began to sink. Then he called out to Jesus, "Lord I am drowning", and then the Lord immediately stretched out his hand to help him.

The raging waves of the sea are often compared to storms of human life. Our lives can be destroyed by turbulent waves of adversities. In these moments, do we have the faith of Peter to call on Jesus and to cling to him? Our lives can be ravaged by a stormy marriage, straying children, an impossibly demanding job, or by a dreaded disease. Or our lives can be disrupted by a shattering history of drugs and alcohol, or an addiction to worldly desires. We need to know that even in the midst of all this, we should cry out to Him like Peter did when he said, "Lord, I am drowning". In today's Gospel we see that Peter wanted to do what Jesus did, walk on water. As Peter begins to sink, he is overcome with fear. But not wanting to give up, he turns to the Lord and cries, "Lord save me". We see this in all his frailties. In a way, Peter's action is telling us that it's when we are in trouble that we need to seek the Lord. We can also identify with Elijah the Prophet, who ran away from God when he was in need. When Elijah was unable to face the violent opposition, he gave in to despair and hid himself in a cave. God called upon him to go outside to meet Him. We can take this as a reminder not to run away from God, especially in turbulent times, but for this we need faith.

God comes to us in various ways, and if we are attentive, we can hear Him saying, "Have no fear, I am with you." He may come in a tiny whispering sound, as Elijah found Him, and not necessarily in unusual ways that we may expect. Are we able to turn to him and listen? Do we cling to Christ always? The Church itself is a frail craft manned by weak human beings. Therefore, our ultimate faith should be in Jesus and not the Church. As all of us are aware, the Church itself is rocked by problems. From the beginning, time and again the Church has been encountering rough waters. Hence, Jesus alone can carry us and sustain us. Faith is more of an encounter with Christ, rather than our belief about him. It's more of an experience of his divine presence. Though faith in Christ may not remove all our difficulties, it will give us the strength to cope with them. It won't eliminate the darkness that surrounds us, but it will allow us to recognize Christ's presence in that darkness. Let us pray today for the grace to understand that Jesus comes to us always, in various ways, and that we recognize him, so that we can experience the saving hands of Jesus in our lives, especially when our lives are ravaged by turbulent waves of adversities.

God Bless You,
Father John



FAITH FORMATION

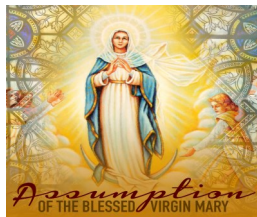
All students in grades K-8 are expected to attend the Religion Mass at 6:00pm on Tuesday, August 15th. Families are welcome to sit together. Please drop off your child at 5:30pm at Church and pick up your child at 7:00pm from Church.

9th Grade Religion Parent Meeting is at 7:00pm on Tuesday, August 15th in the Activity Center.

Religion Classes will begin on Monday, August 21st at 5:30pm for grades K-8.

9th Grade Religion Classes will begin at 7:00pm on Tuesday, August 22nd in the Activity Center.

Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday, August 15th
8:00am & 6:00pm



Join us for a Medical Care Presentation and Tips for the Senior Citizens of our Church Parish

Friday, August 18th at 10:30am in the Activity Center

Dr. Phil Padgett and Kayla Richoux will share health and medical care information for our Senior Citizens. Father John will discuss how they should stay healthy spiritually and maintain a good quality of life.

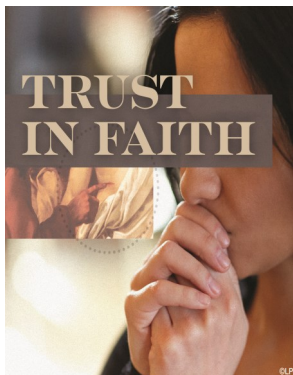
Refreshments will be served at the Conclusion of the presentation. Please call the Church Office, 225-749-2189 to register.



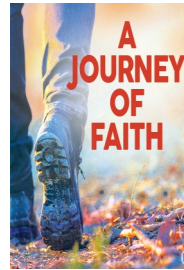
The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of the Myhand and Gauthreaux families.

Vocations

Trust your faith and accept the call to a religious life. If God is calling you to a Church Vocation, please contact Father Josh Johnson at 225-336-8778 or email him: jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations



Family Evangelization Meeting
Thursday, August 24th at 6:00pm
in the Activity Center
Father John would like to invite all the young families of our Church Parish to attend.



Please begin your Catholic Faith journey by enrolling in the R.C.I. A. program. We will have an Open House on Wednesday, August 23rd in the Church Office at 6:30pm. If you have any questions, please call Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.

Feast on the Levee is Sunday, October 8th.

You can help in many ways:

- * Prepare one of these dishes: Seafood Pasta, Tamales, Chicken Strips, Shrimp Etouffee, or Crawfish Bisque
- * Donate a new or hand-made item for the Silent Auction.
- * Make a donation to purchase items needed to make the Feast a success.
- * Volunteer your time in any booth.

Our fantastic Musical Line-up for the Feast includes John Foster & Rhodes, Cajun Fire, Origin Story, Maurer & Bourgeois Band with special guest Gaylen Martin and Kenny Altazin.

Beignets will be served at 8:00am.
Food will be served at 11:00am.

5K Fun Run on Saturday, October 7th

What's happening in your Church Parish?

- * Zippers Sales on August 17th and 31st at 7:30am; and also on September 14th & 21st
- * Youth Group meets at 5:30pm on August 20th in the Activity Center
- * Ministry Dinner on August 26th at 5:30pm in the Activity Center
- * Mother's Day Out Meet & Greet on August 31st from 10:00am-12:00pm in the Activity Center
- * Feast on the Levee Masses on October 8th are 7:30am & 10:00am
- * Church Card Party is October 30th in the Activity Center

Stewardship of Finances
Total Collection for August 6th: \$21,077.00
Thank you for your generosity!

Readings for the week of August 13, 2023

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

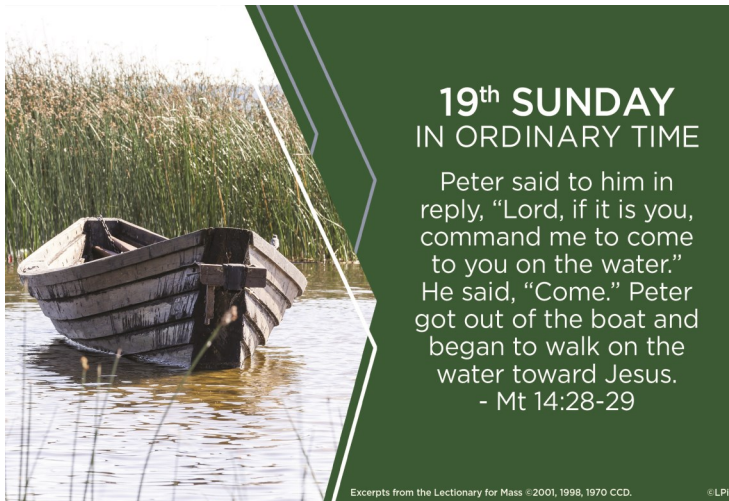
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



Marriage Saving Weekend

Retrouvaille will host a program on September 15-17 for those couples who are experiencing misery in their marriage. For more information, please call Randall and Robin Bellard, 225-271-4092, or visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org

K.C. Calendar August 2023 Winners

Don & Judy LaBauve, Sydney Blanchard, Darlene & Greg Navarre, Tanya Persick, Chris Kershaw, Randy Mouch, Janet Bankston, Larry Durbin, Joni Courtade, Janice Farmer, Chancy Alexander, Barry Riggs, Craig Sarradet, Robert Palermo, Cherie Prejean, Douglas Badeaux, Stacey Brown, St. Joseph the Worker Church, J.B. & Ann Landry, Katherine Balcuns, Carrie McKinney, Opie Vidrine, Dana Babin, Mike Cazes, Kathryn Moreau, Francisco Garfias, Ann Lunsford, Bonnie Betters, Roger Black, Darlene & Greg Navarre, Curt Bezet

Fall Bible Study at St. John the Evangelist Church in Plaquemine

Two Bible Studies will be offered this fall beginning September 11th and September 14th. The topics are: The Early Church and Jesus through the eyes of St. Paul in the Gospel of Mark. For more information, please contact Marsha Dupont, 225-687-2402.