



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

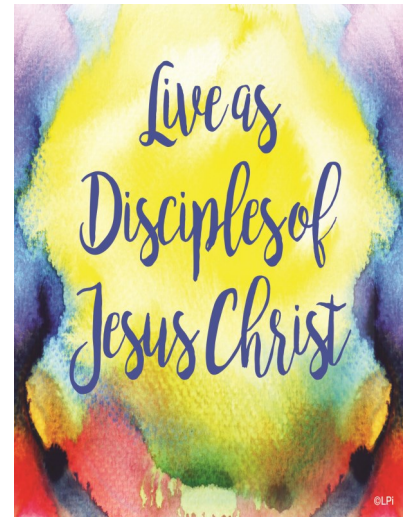
Family should contact the Pastor to begin funeral arrangements.
For Cemetery information, please call Jerry Deshotel 225-281-0333.

PRAYER LINE

Please call the Church Parish Office.

Dear Parishioners,

When Jesus asked his disciples, "What do people say about me?" They probably thought that he wanted to know about his popularity rating. According to the people of his time, being popular was important, but not to Jesus. Jesus was not interested in knowing how popular or famous he was, nor did he pursue popularity. By asking the disciples that question, Jesus really wanted to know if the people and the disciples in particular, had fully understood him. Fortunately, St. Peter on behalf of the disciples gave Jesus a very convincing answer, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." We hear Jesus approving of his answer by replying, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father." Peter's answer reveals to us that all human categories and all human terms are inadequate to describe Jesus. Peter was no philosopher or theologian. He did not arrive at this knowledge of Jesus by studies and research, but by his personal encounter and his firsthand experience of Jesus. It's not from his knowledge about Jesus, but his knowledge of Jesus that Peter could give this convincing answer. Once Jesus knew that Peter understood him correctly, he entrusts Peter with a mission. Peter was given the authority "to bind and to loose", and to lead the Church.



Jesus addresses the same question to each one of us: "Who do you say that I am?" The question of Jesus was a personal one to the disciples, it's a personal one to us too, and this demands a personal answer. It's a critical question that calls us to a commitment which will also determine our entire destiny. Regardless of where we are, all of us are confronted with this question. If Jesus is truly God's Son, then, either we have to confess it and act accordingly, or deny it and do our own thing. Therefore, to answer this question, we must have a personal encounter with Christ, a personal experience of Jesus. Let us ask ourselves, how will I, as an individual, answer this question?

Can I say that Jesus is my most faithful friend, the one who loves me even when the whole world despises me? When others are blind and deaf to me, Jesus sees and hears me; Jesus waits patiently to reconcile me with the Father. Holman Hunt's famous picture entitled, "Christ, The Light of the World", shows Jesus in a garden at midnight, holding a lantern and knocking at a large door with heavy panels. When the painting was unveiled, critics found fault with it; there was no knob on the door. To them, Hunt answered, "It was deliberately left out. That is the door to the human heart. It can only be opened from the inside." In order to open the door of our heart for Jesus, one should really know who he is, or else the one knocking could very well be considered a stranger and a nuisance. Once we have known him as the Messiah, the Son of the living God, will we hear his knock and open eagerly, and welcome him in and offer the center of our heart?

If Jesus is the Son of the living God for us, then he must be living in our midst. Therefore, we must use all means available to us to experience him. One way of experiencing Christ can be daily, meditation of the Bible. An African Chief wanted to know the secret of Britain's greatness. Queen Victoria, holding a bible in her hand, said, "Tell the Chief that this book is the secret of our greatness." Let us all read something from it daily and meditate. Another way of experiencing Christ is by sharing our faith-experiences with others. Those who share regularly will find it very fruitful and helpful in holding on to one's faith and making our faith stronger. Another means of encountering Christ is through prayer. As Tagore, an Indian writer said, "God respects me when I work, but loves me when I sing his praises." Hence, in the hustle and bustle of our lives, we must find time to kneel before God in prayer, with all our frailties, and in humility. For us Catholics, the sure and certain way of experiencing Christ is through the Eucharist. In the Holy Eucharist we celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, and we receive his precious body and blood. Therefore, whenever we gather to experience the Lord personally in the Holy Eucharist, we need to thank the Lord for the wonderful sacrifice of the Mass and all the other means He provides us to experience Him in a personal way. Pray that we all may have a meaningful experience of him, and for the grace to sustain our faith and commit ourselves to the mission He has entrusted to us.

God Bless You,
Father John

Christian Formation



There will be no Religion Classes for K-8 from September 4th-6th due to the Labor Day holiday.

Grandparents Mass for Religion Classes of K-8 has changed to Monday, September 18th at 5:30pm. All families are welcome to sit together. Please drop off your child at 5:15pm at Church and pick up your child at 6:20pm from Church. PLEASE note schedule changes for K-8!



Many Thanks to Geri & Bill Schneider and their team for the bereavement meals in August. Please contact Ella Dean & Scrap Thibodeaux, 225-937-1998, if you can help in September.

Many Thanks to Lucille Bouquet and her group for cleaning the Church in August. To help in September, please contact Lisa Beraud, 225-749-3170.

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Lou Duhon.



All Night Eucharistic Adoration
Friday, September 1st at 8:00pm through Saturday, September 2nd at 8:00am.
Sign-up sheets are in the back of Church.

1st Saturday Mass is at 8:00am on Saturday, September 2nd.



Vocations

Please pray that God will bless us with an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. If God is calling you in this way, please contact Father Josh Johnson at 225-336-8778 or email him: jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mother's Day Out Meet & Greet is Thursday, August 31st from 10:00am-12:00pm in the Activity Center.

The Zippers Sale will take place at 7:30am on Thursday, August 31st.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 4th for the Labor Day holiday.

Food Pantry Distribution will be at 8:30am on Monday, September 11th at the Activity Center.

The Baptism Seminar will take place on Wednesday, September 13th at 6:00pm.

The Parish Council will meet at 6:30pm on Thursday, September 14th in the Activity Center.

Stewardship of Finance

Total Collection for August 20th: \$14,952.00

Building & Maintenance Fund: \$12,200.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Organizations

The Catholic Daughters will meet in the Activity Center at 7:00pm on Thursday, September 7th.

Knights of Columbus:

Donuts after 7:30am Mass, September 3rd

Meeting at 6:00pm in the Activity Center on Thursday, September 7th

Pro-Life Rosary at 4:00pm on Saturday, September 16th

Feast on the Levee is Sunday, October 8th.

Mass times: 7:30am & 10:00am

Come out and enjoy the fun!

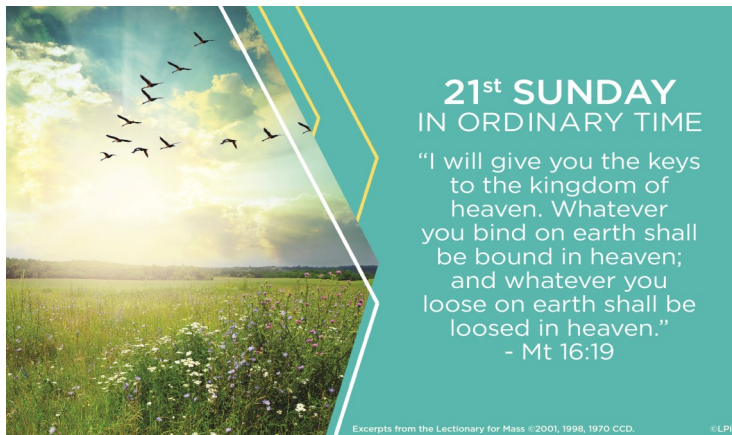
We will have Cajun food, fantastic music, Bingo, Corn Hole, Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, and Bounce Houses for the Children.

There will be a 5K Fun Run on Saturday, October 7th.

We will have a BBQ Cook-Off. Please sign up to see who will win the "Best BBQ" title.

Readings for the week of August 27, 2023

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and
9b/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/
Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/
Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/
Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



Fall Bible Studies 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 Source of Freedom through Exodus and The Gospel of Mark. For more information, please contact Marsha Dupont, 225-687-2402.

Memorial Scholarship Foundation for Ava & Jacob Saucier will hold a Jambalaya Benefit and Online Silent Auction on Sunday, September 24th from 10:30am-1:00pm at the Holy Family Parish Hall. You can call Andrea Normand, 225-328-4843 to acquire your tickets.

Marriage Saving Weekend

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



Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day Saturday, October 28th

8:00am-12:00pm

Alexander Park at 250 Elaine Street, Brusly

Go to: wbrCouncil.org for a list of acceptable items.