



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,

Since the beginning of Christianity Jesus has been a puzzle to many. Over the years he has been described by people in many ways: He is a friend to the poor; He eats with sinners; He eats with the poor and publicans, etc. He has astonished many by his wisdom and power. Many found in Jesus the Messiah, the liberator, the king of the Jews, etc. Jesus transcends all these human descriptions. Those who want to know who Jesus is, have to climb the mount of transfiguration, where the mystery of his person is revealed: "This is my beloved Son, listen to him." We all have to ascend the spiritual mountain to get a glimpse of Jesus' Transfiguration. Jesus makes it clear to us through his own life, that we can ascend the spiritual mountain peak through the Cross only, in imitation of him.

In today's Gospel we see Jesus taking Peter, James and John to the mountain so that they too, can get a glimpse of the Transfiguration. Again, we see Jesus taking the same disciples into the garden of Gethsemane to witness his agony. This was to show these disciples, that as long as we live, we will be subjected to both joys and sufferings. The strength and consolation for us is that our way will be illuminated by the light of Jesus; he leads us through darkness into the light, and will transform all our sorrows into joy, in the same way he had to suffer all this in order to enter into his glory.

What was the reaction of the disciples who witnessed the Transfiguration and heard the voice: "This is my beloved son. Listen to him." The Gospel says, "They fell prostrate and were very much afraid." Jesus touched them and said, "Stand up, do not be afraid." The Feast of the Transfiguration is a feast of encouragement. Jesus encourages his disciples who were afraid, to stand up, to face fear, and be liberated from it. The most important journey we will ever make is from fear to trust. As we begin to trust God, life becomes full of possibilities. We read in Psalm 91, "God covers us with His wings." In today's Gospel, Jesus says to the fearful disciples, "Stand up, do not be afraid." We have to always be reminded of not just these words, but have trust that he is there with us. One day a Preacher kept telling his congregation, "You must put God in your life. You must put God in your life." A wise man from the congregation got up and said, "He is already here; all we need to do is to become aware of it." This is true. God is already here with us.

The readings this weekend invite us to experience the Transfiguration of Jesus in our own lives. Jesus the light, is always within us, to make us shine, and to guide us in our journey of faith. We must stay awake, like the disciples who stayed awake and saw his glory. If we become alive to God and to our own brothers and sisters, we will be able to experience the glimpses of light and glory in our own day-to-day lives. Pray today for the grace to be awake to God's presence, and the light that is within us, so that we can experience it in our lives and be guided by it.

God Bless You,
Father John



Our children need a 3rd and 4th Grade Teacher for our Tuesday Religion Classes. Please consider this ministry.

Religion Classes for Confirmation students begins at 9:10am on Sunday, August 13th.

10th Grade Classes will begin at 4:00pm on Sunday, August 13th.

All students in grades K-8 are expected to attend the Religion Mass at 6:00pm on Tuesday, August 15th.

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

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.



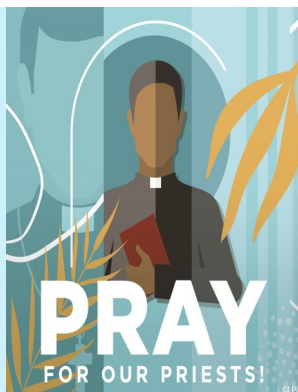
The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Wayne Knotts.

Mass Intention Policy beginning January 1, 2024

- For weekdays, one (1) intention per Mass
- 4:30pm Mass will be multiple intentions
- 7:30am Mass will allow one (1) intention per Mass
- 9:00am Mass will allow multiple intentions
- 11:00am Mass will allow one (1) intention per Mass
- "For the Parishioners" Mass will rotate each month
- Holiday Masses will allow one (1) intention per each Mass
- There will be a limit of 12 Mass intentions per Parishioner per household per year.

Vocations

Please pray for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and 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



SJB Women's Fellowship Night
Thursday, August 10th at 6:30pm in the Activity Center
Please register for the presentation on St. Germaine by August 8th by submitting your form in the box in the back of Church or via email to: alenaprejean@yahoo.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Pantry: August 14th at 8:30am at the Activity Center

Building & Maintenance Fund: These donations will be collected after all Masses on August 12th & 13th.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass: August 15th at 8:00am and 6:00pm

Mission Appeal: All Masses on the weekend of August 19th & 20th

R.C.I.A.: Open House at 6:30pm on August 23rd in the Church Office

Family Evangelization Meeting: August 24th at 6:00pm in the Activity Center

Ministry Dinner: 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: Sunday, October 8th at 7:30am & 10:00am

Secretary Position at St. Anthony

St. Anthony of Padua Church in Baton Rouge is in need of a Secretary. For more information about this full time position, please contact Sr. Hong Nguyen: 225-357-4800.



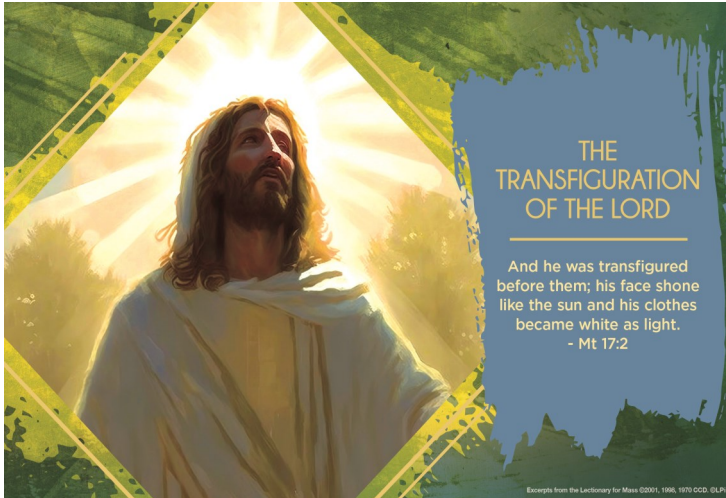
Congratulations to the members of the St. John the Baptist Knights of Columbus Council that received the Louisiana State Deputy Award for their outstanding service to our community!

Stewardship of Finances

Total Collection for July 30th: \$8,566.00
Thank you for your generosity!

Readings for the week of August 6, 2023

Sunday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/ Mt 17:1-9
Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/ Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/ Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
Friday:	Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/ Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/ Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



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 sign-up after all Masses on the weekend of August 12th & 13th.**

We have a great musical line-up from our Church Parish that you will enjoy!

St John the Baptist Parish Council Members 2023-2024

Christian Benoit

Bob Bewick, Vice Chairman

Grayson Brewer

Christie Chapman, Secretary

Justin Clouatre

Horace Crochet, Chairman

Paige Fitzgerald

Janice Hebert

Fr. Arun John, IMS

Mary Claire Meyer

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