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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  
Candice Breaux ..... Youth Group Minister  
Betty Cain ..... Bookkeeper  
June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
Jayne Jason ..... Christian Formation  
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.



**Dear Parishioners,**

**In the Gospel this weekend, we see that people in their uncertainty asked Jesus, "Are you the One who was to come?" And even John the Baptist, who in fact came to prepare the way for the Messiah sent his disciples to ask, "Are you the One who was to come or should we expect someone else?" Jesus did not give a direct reply, but told them, "If you doubt, go and tell John what you see." Because Jesus knew that experience would be more persuading in order to believe, than intellectual arguments or speculations.**

**Another reason which prompted them to ask this question is curiosity. The message of John was of doom and final judgment. What was Jesus' message? Was he going to subjugate Israel's enemy and restore the land to its former glory? Is he really the "Way and the Truth", who would initiate a new Messianic era? Jesus' reply to this was, "Tell John about what I am doing, not what I claim to be." Yes, Jesus was helping the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear and proclaiming the Good News to the poor, which was His mission. So, Jesus' reply indicated that his deeds--preaching, teaching, and working miracles, are all signs of God's Kingdom, as announced by the prophets of the Old Testament. And our mission is the mission of Jesus himself: Being Christlike in our life, in our attitudes and service to others. The season of Advent is a call to be Christlike; to do our best in imitating Jesus. It's good to ask ourselves, are we in some way trying to become Christlike in our daily life?**

**Are we like Jesus, able to help the blind see, and the lame walk? There are many who come into our life who are blind to the reality of truth, justice and love. Can we, through our life, help them see truth, justice and love? If we can, we are becoming Christlike. Or do we help the lame walk? There are millions who are lame, not just physically, but emotionally, mentally, psychologically and spiritually, that are helpless in walking the journey of life fully and alive. If we can help, we are trying to be Christlike. Again, there are millions who suffer from lack of true love and affection. Can we come to love these unfortunates?**

**A wealthy young couple walked into a large orphanage one day to adopt two children. They gladly filled out forms and gave vital statistics, while the officials of the Institution did their best to make the visitors comfortable. Finally, the director, beaming with satisfaction said, "Now we will show you two of the nicest children in the orphanage." The wife turned quickly and then remarked kindly but firmly, "Oh please, no! We don't want the nicest children; we want two that nobody else would take." This couple is trying to be Christlike. People often choose to associate with the people they like, those who are most congenial. But we are missing something important in life, if we do not try to go beyond this limited circle. Everyone is entrusted with a portion of God's love that he or she is expected to share with others, especially with those who have little of it, and therefore need it most. During this weekend may God's words inspire all of us to be Christlike.**

**God Bless You,  
Fr. John**

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**1st Reconciliation Retreat:** Parent & Child from 9:00am-12:00pm on Saturday, December 10 in the Activity Center

**1st Reconciliation:** Parent & Child celebrate Sacrament on Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00pm in Church

**Religion Class Break:** No Religion Classes for K-8 students from December 19-January 6

**March for Life:** January 16-21, 2023 in Washington, D.C. for young adults



Please give to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to support tuition assistance, seminary formation, and the needy of our community. You can help make someone's Christmas merry and bright!



Can you be a messenger of the good news?  
Is God calling you to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother?  
If so, please contact  
**Father Josh Johnson,**  
225-336-8778,  
jjohnson@diobr.org  
if you want this Vocation.  
or visit:  
[www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations)

**Volunteers are needed to help decorate our Church for Christmas!**

Please join us at 1:00pm on Sunday, December 18th to help with Nativity set-up, poinsettias, garland, trees, lights and decorations.



WINE: Catholic Women's Conference  
Anchor of Hope  
Saturday, January 28, 2023  
Begins after 8:00am Mass  
Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

Join other women from around the Diocese of Baton Rouge for a day of inspiration, faith, fellowship and fun.

To register: [anchorofhope2023.eventbrite.com](http://anchorofhope2023.eventbrite.com)  
or visit: [CatholicVineyard.com](http://CatholicVineyard.com)



*Congratulations and Best Wishes to  
Alyssa Maria Landry  
and  
Dylan Joseph Iueli  
who were married on December 2nd*

**Advent Penance Service  
and First Reconciliation  
December 14th at 6:00pm**



*The Sanctuary Candle  
burns in memory of  
Carllys Sibille &  
Elodie Lemoine.*

**Stewardship of Finances  
December 4, 2022**

<b>258 Identified:</b>	<b>\$22,056.00</b>
<b>Loose Collection:</b>	<b>+780.00</b>
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$22,836.00</b>

**November Building Fund: \$10,614.00**

**St. John the Baptist Parish  
Finance Committee Members**

Betty Cain  
Carolyn Dupuy  
Father Arun John  
Drew Maciasz  
Laurie Moreau  
Arron Pierre  
David Toups

We are in need of Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. If you can serve in any of these ministries, please call the Church Office to sign up. A training will be held at a later date.

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24**  
Vigil Masses at 4:00pm and 6:00pm  
**Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25**  
Masses at 8:00am and 10:00am

**Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, New Year's Eve**  
Saturday, December 31, Mass at 4:30pm  
**New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1, 2023**  
Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am and 11:00am

# St John the Baptist Parish Council Members

2022-2023

**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**  
**Joey Normand**  
**Edana Robnett**  
**Derek Scott**



## Readings for the week of December 11, 2022

- Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 5:7-10/  
Mt 11:2-11
- Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/  
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and  
23/Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,  
13-14/Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/  
Lk 7:24-30
- Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Jn 5:33-36
- Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/  
Mt 1:1-17
- Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/  
Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

