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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  
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,

Waiting is an inevitable and even necessary aspect of human life but it is not something that most of us relish. We wait in lines: to purchase groceries, to be served at popular restaurants, at stop signs and traffic signals, at amusement parks, to see a play or a film, etc. Statisticians have estimated that in a lifetime of 70 years, the average person spends at least three years waiting. Today's readings invite us to wait for the rebirth of the Lord in our lives with repentant hearts and renewed lives. On the one hand, salvation is God's doing and on the other hand, we must cooperate as God cannot force his bounty upon us. We start this process by preparing for the celebration of Christmas. All the Kings who succeeded David proved to be a failure by not following God's laws and commands; so the chosen people began to waver in their loyalty to Yahweh. In the first reading, Isaiah tried to dispel their fears, and stir up hope among his people by God's promise of a new David, a new King, who would establish peace and a glorious kingdom of justice on earth.

In the second reading, St. Paul was praying for the Jewish Christians in Rome and instructing them to draw endurance and encouragement from the Old Testament books. They were to live in harmony with the Gentile Christians accepting them as equals, and as brothers and sisters, while they waited for the second coming of Jesus. In today's Gospel, John the Baptizer, warned the Pharisees and Sadducees that they were to reform their lives so as to recognize and accept the promised Messiah. He challenged them to repentance, conversion and renewal. He told the common people who were filled with expectation that the Messiah was near, to act with justice and charity, letting their lives reflect the transformation that would occur when the Messiah would enter their lives. In the same way, as we prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas, John advises us to prepare the way of the Lord.

So, today we are called to prepare for Christ's coming by allowing him to be reborn daily in our lives. Advent is a time for us to make this preparation by renewing our lives through prayer, penance, and by sharing our blessings with others. Let us remember the often repeated words of Alexander Pope, the early British Writer: "How does it profit me if Jesus is reborn in thousands of cribs all over the world and not reborn in my heart?" He means that Jesus must be reborn in our hearts during this season of Advent, and every day of our lives, bringing love, kindness, mercy, forgiveness and a spirit of humble service.

The readings also call us to a conversion of heart; it is taking a deeper look at our hearts to see how we live the commandments of God in our lives and how do we relate to others. Speaking of conversion of our hearts, we have our Advent Reconciliation Service for our Parish, along with our First Reconciliation Students on Wednesday, December 14. Priests from other churches will also hear confessions. I invite you all to participate in the reconciliation service so that we can have a meaningful Christmas celebration. As we all prepare for Christmas through prayer and sacrifices, let us also be mindful of the poor and the needy around us this Christmas. By sharing what we have with the needy, we are sharing the joy of Christmas with them.

May God bless us all!  
Father John

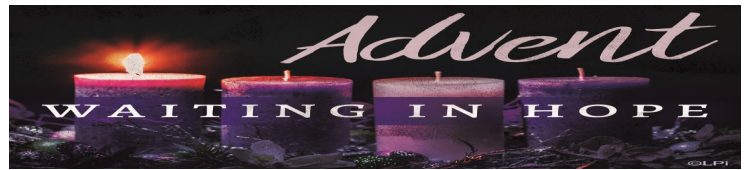
## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**Sacramental Prep for 1st Reconciliation:** Child only on December 5 or 6 at 5:30pm in the Activity Center

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

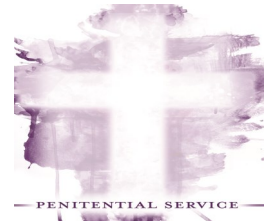
**1st Reconciliation:** Parent & Child celebrate Sacrament on Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00pm in Church

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



Please join us for the **Nativity Carol Christmas Concert** at 5:00pm on Sunday, December 11th. A cookie reception will follow in the Activity Center.

**Advent Penance Service**  
**Wednesday, December 14th**  
**6:00pm**  
**in conjunction with First Reconciliation**



*The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Brennan Bujol.*



## Baptism

Please welcome the following children to our faith community:

Victoria Kate Betz,  
daughter of April & James Betz

Shepherd Paul Black,  
son of Chelsea & Nathan Black

Hudson Joseph Blanchard,  
son of Caroline & Kipp Blanchard

Penelope Jean Kahao,  
daughter of Blair & Hays Kahao

Christian Paul Manola,  
son of Taylor & Blake Manola

Bonnie Ruth Prejean,  
daughter of Daryn & Ryan Prejean

Kolbie Jane Rivere,  
daughter of Nicole & Henry Rivere, Jr.



Please give generously to the Retirement Fund for the Religious next weekend. Your donation will be greatly appreciated!

### Stewardship of Finances

November 20, 2022

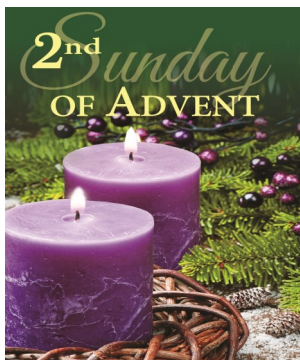
176 Identified:	\$11,139.33
Loose Collection:	+783.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$11,922.33</b>

Campaign for Human Development: \$790.00  
 Thanksgiving Food Bank Donation: \$1,159.00

November 28, 2022

111 Identified:	\$5,437.00
Loose Collection:	+621.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$6,058.00</b>

Sympathy and prayers are extended to the families of Hewitt Bouquet and Jason Paul Smith, upon their deaths.



**St. John the Baptist was called to prepare the way of the Lord. 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**



The Food Pantry distribution will occur on Monday, December 12th at 8:30am at the Activity Center. Please bring any nonperishable donations to the Church Office.

# 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**



**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

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## Readings for the week of December 4, 2022

- Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/  
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
- Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/  
Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/  
Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/  
Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6,  
11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/  
Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 5:7-10/  
Mt 11:2-11



**MISSIONERIA  
OF CHARITY**

“ AT THIS CHRISTMAS WHEN CHRIST COMES, WILL HE FIND A WARM HEART? MARK THE SEASON OF ADVENT BY LOVING AND SERVING THE OTHERS WITH GOD'S OWN LOVE AND CONCERN. ”

**ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA**

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