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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  
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 Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.

**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 Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.

Dear Parishioners,

In olden times, lepers were considered untouchables. They were supposed to keep away from society. Jesus was not concerned with all the strict prohibitions of the Jewish Society when he encountered a leper. In fact, when the leper called out for help, He did not just see a leper, but a human soul in desperate need. So, Jesus stretched out his hand and healed him with His touch. That power of healing was given to the disciples. We as Christians, who are the disciples of Jesus, possess the incredible capacity to be instruments of the healing power of Christ. We have the duty not only to pray for the sick and to get the effective medical help, but we can also pray over them and extend the touch of Jesus to them with our hands. In the second reading, St. Paul challenges us to imitate Christ. We are to be the ministers of healing. We are to touch not just the physically sick, but all those whose lives are hurting and need healing in any way. It is unchristian to ostracize anyone for any reason. In Christian society, even those with the most contagious diseases are cared for in a way that gives them dignity and love. A beautiful example of this is the ministry Mother Theresa started, and still continues today by her nuns and coworkers. Even if people have done the most unchristian thing to us, they are to be treated with respect and love, and should be received back to the Church.

The story of the leper contains an important message for all of us. It illustrates something that happens in all of our lives, for example, when a big tragedy strikes our lives, like a loved one dies, a friend betrays us, an accident leaves a child as an invalid, a father loses his job, or a mother becomes an alcoholic. When misfortune of this sort strikes us, we are overwhelmed with grief and anguish. We are crushed as the leper was, when he contracted this disease. We are plunged into a state of shock. How does the story of the leper speak to tragedies like this? It tells us that tragedies of any kind can be overcome. It tells us that no calamity is so crushing that we can't recover from it, no disaster is so destructive that we can't pick up the pieces and start over again. Whenever we feel life is ruined, we need only to turn to Jesus. The all-powerful healer who healed the leper can heal us, and repair our broken lives. Jesus can do more for us if we have the will power and the willingness to turn to Him. He can make a broken life something better and more beautiful than it was before. We see it with our own eyes and experience it in our day-to-day lives. Look at what happened to Japan that was bombed in the Second World War; it was totally destroyed and it is now one of the richest and advanced countries in the world. The 911 tragedy is still fresh in our minds, but we recovered and are still recovering from it. Even the disastrous hurricanes that hit Louisiana and destroyed lives and properties, many are still recovering from these disasters. So, there is nothing that Jesus can't fix, and no illness that Jesus can't heal. When we go through these moments of tragedy, brokenness, and loss, all that we need to do is turn to Jesus for help. He will give us the strength to deal with these situations without becoming completely broke. Let us ask the Lord's grace that we may never hesitate in turning to Him in our needs.

On another note, I want to share with you that I will be leaving for India on Monday, February 12th and will return on March 5th. Though I don't like to be away from our Church Parish during the Lenten Season, and especially since we are starting the Divine Mercy Novena this year, as a religious priest I have no choice. Since I was the former Provincial Superior of my Province, I am an ex-officio member of the Provincial Chapter, where we elect the new Provincial Superior. The Chapter begins on February 15th and concludes on February 25th. While I am in India, I want to spend a few days with my mom, since I will not be able to go again in June. Please keep me in your prayers as I travel to India and back.

May God bless you all!  
Father John



# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**9th Grade Retreat** begins at 11:00am Mass on Sunday, February 18th and ends at 5:00pm in the Activity Center.

**Youth Group** for Middle School & High School students will be on Sunday, February 25th & March 24th in the Activity Center. Middle School students will meet from 4:00pm-5:30pm and High School students will meet from 6:00pm-7:30pm.

**Adult Confirmation** will be at 10:30am on May 19th at St. Joseph's Cathedral. Please contact June Hebert, 225-749-3387, by April 12th, if you wish to receive this Sacrament.

*The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Wallace Thibodeaux.*



## Lenten Mission

At the 6:00pm Mass on Wednesday, **February 21st**, Father Babu Vareeth will speak on Healing.

At the 6:00pm Mass on Wednesday, **February 28th**, Father Tomi Thomas will speak on the Eucharist.

At the 6:00pm Mass on Wednesday, **March 6th** Father Matthew Dunn will speak on Forgiveness.



## Pray for Vocations

Will you proclaim the Good News as the Disciples did? Are you being called as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If so, please answer God's call by contacting Father Josh Johnson at 225-336-8778 or email him: [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org) or visit: [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations)



St. John the Baptist Women's Ministry  
Day of Prayer & Reflection in the Activity Center  
The 7 Last Words with Pamela Folse  
Saturday, March 9th, from 9:00am-2:30pm  
Mass begins at 8:00am.  
Lunch will be provided.

Registration forms can be found in the back of Church, on the Church website, and on the SJBWM website. The registration deadline is March 1st. Fee for this event is \$10.

Stewardship of Finance	
Total Collection for January 28th:	\$8,028.00
January Building & Maintenance Fund:	\$13,252.00
Church in Latin America Collection:	\$994.00



**Divine Mercy Novena & Mass**  
On Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> our Church Parish will begin its Novena of Divine Mercy with Mass. Mass will be at 6:00pm and will be immediately followed by the sung chaplet of Divine Mercy and Novena prayers. The Novena will continue every Wednesday for 9 weeks ending on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, leading up to the Feast of the Divine Mercy Sunday on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Upcoming Events

**Operation Rice Bowl** can change lives! Please take a rice bowl from the back of Church and help a family in need.

**The Eucharistic Revival** will be held on Thursday, February 22nd from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Activity Center.

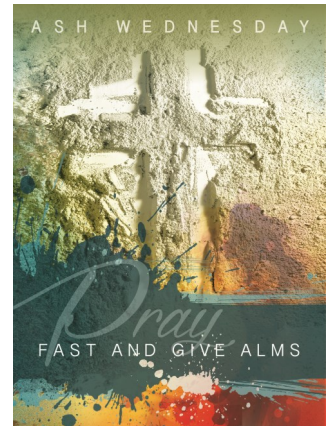
**The KCs** will have their Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Sunday, March 3rd from 11:00am-1:00pm in the Activity Center.

Our next **Baptism Seminar** will be held on March 6th at 6:00pm in the Church Office.

## Ash Wednesday & Way of the Cross Schedule

February 14th is **Ash Wednesday**. Our Masses will be at 8:00am, 12:00pm & 6:00pm. The Divine Mercy Novena will follow the 6:00pm Mass.

**Way of the Cross** will follow 12:00pm Mass on Fridays during Lent. February 16th will be the first Friday during Lent.



**Retrouaille** is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples develop a stronger bond and improve communication. March 8th-10th weekend retreat. For more information, please contact Randall & Robin Bellard, 225-271-4092, or visit: [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)

**KC Calendar Winners for January**  
Connie Chenevert, Zac Lemoine, Amy Beatty, Gabrielle Kimble, Burton Theriot, Chad Landry, Dennis Landry, Rene Larose, Bobby & Dale Mire, Kannon Ourso, Mary Catherine & Ray Campbell, Conrad Gauthreaux, Ross & Cherie Blanchard, Oakley Boudreaux, Katie LeBlanc, Kannon Ourso, Elyse Daigle, Lisa Beatty, Becky Wood, Sydni Alleman, Henry Daigle, IV, Beverly Babin, Leslie Stephens, Dana Landry Green, Carl Badeaux, Bishop Schnebelen, Shirley Eagan, Jacob Barbier, Gloria Pintado, Lydia Landry, Bonnie Kleinpeter



### Readings for the week of February 11, 2024

- Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
- Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/  
Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/  
Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4,  
5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/  
Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
- Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/  
1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

### Happenings in our Diocese

**St. George Catholic Church:** Immaculata Men's Conference on February 17th, "Behold the Lamb of God", [www.catholicmenbr.com](http://www.catholicmenbr.com)

**St. John the Evangelist, Plaquemine:** March 2nd Lenten Retreat, "The Holy Spirit," with Gwen Hayes from 10:30am-3:00pm in their Parish Hall

**St. George Catholic Church:** March 7th at 7:00pm, Mass & Talk on "Jesus heals the body and soul"

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church:** March 9th at 9:00am, Day of prayer, fellowship & reflection for KCs & CDA

**Marriage Enrichment Series:** year-round, Together in Holiness, please call 832-779-1070 to sign up

**St. John the Evangelist, Prairieville:** March 23rd at 9:00am, Heaven or Bust family retreat

**LA State Capitol:** Catholic Faithful Citizenship Day is April 17th. You can learn about the work of the Catholic Bishops with the legislature. Please contact Susan Wolf, [swolf@laccb.org](mailto:swolf@laccb.org), for more information.

**Fullness of Truth, Lenten Catholic Family Event in the spirit of the Eucharistic Revival**  
February 23-25, Riverfront Center in Alexandria, LA  
Concert, dynamic speakers, Lenten devotions  
For tickets & schedule, [www.fullnessoftruth.org](http://www.fullnessoftruth.org)