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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,

PhD degree holders are causing confusion in Africa. People call them doctors and when simple village people hear it, they flock to them with their problems. These “doctors” find themselves in a serious predicament, as they try to explain that even though they are called doctors, they do not cure the sick. Nobody seems to give a satisfactory answer to the question of the village folks: “If they do not cure the sick, why do people call them doctors?” In today’s Gospel, Jesus finds himself in the same predicament. Though Jesus came as the Savior of the world, what does that mean to people? In last Sunday’s Gospel, we saw Jesus in the Synagogue healing the man with an unclean spirit. From the synagogue, he goes to Peter’s house, as we see in today’s Gospel, and heals Peter’s mother-in-law, who has a fever. That evening people brought him those who were sick and possessed with demons, and he cured them. In the early morning, Jesus escapes to a quiet spot to pray. But before he could finish his prayers, his disciples hunt him down and tell him, “Everyone is looking for you.” There was a bigger crowd waiting for Jesus. The disciples thought Jesus would have been ecstatic about this, and would have told them that now our strategy is working, great! But what does He say? “Let us go to the neighboring villages, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came to do.” Jesus came to proclaim the Good News, not just heal a few sick people. But that’s what people had seen him doing, and so they brought the sick and infirmed to him to be healed. I am sure this must have disappointed the disciples. But, Jesus knew what he was doing.

Jesus came to proclaim the Good News to the poor. This good news is spiritual and material as well, just as a human person consists of a soul and body. But when it comes to the order of priority, for Jesus the spiritual comes first, then the material. We see this teaching of Jesus in Matthew 6:33, “Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” What Jesus came to do is to proclaim the Kingdom of God, and to invite everyone to let God reign as King in their hearts and in their lives, and to reconcile with God and one another. Much of the sickness, poverty and suffering we see in the world can be traced to the state of disharmony or sin that separates us from God and one another. By healing the root cause of all our problems, we find ourselves in a position to receive God’s abundant blessings in all areas of our lives, spiritual as well as physical, moral and material, social and psychological. So, we have to make peace with God before we seek physical healing and material well-being. By not doing so, is like “putting the cart before the horse”; which doesn’t work. This is what the people of Capernaum tried to do with Jesus that morning, which made Jesus not attend to them, but to go to other cities of Galilee to proclaim the message. The people who came looking for Jesus went home disappointed. They did not find Him, because they were looking for Him for wrong reasons. They were looking for Him simply to get what they wanted, not for what Jesus came to give them. It’s not because Jesus is not interested in our material welfare, but for Jesus the spiritual should come first.

Like the people of Capernaum, we come to Church looking for Jesus. We come with our various problems of soul and body. Hence, to avoid disappointment, the first thing we need to do is to forget our personal problems and seek the Kingdom of God that Jesus came to proclaim. When we seek the Kingdom of God first, then God will see to all our other needs of soul and body.

The Indian mystic Ramkrishna used to say, “God laughs on two occasions. He laughs when He hears a physician say to a mother, “Don’t be afraid, I shall cure your baby.” God says to Himself, “I am planning to take the life of this child and this man thinks he can save it.” He also laughs when He sees two brothers dividing their land by means of a boundary line saying, “This side belongs to me and the other side belongs to you.” God says to Himself, “The whole universe belongs to me and they claim to own a portion of it!” Yes, God is the author of life and all we have, and it’s He and His Kingdom that should be our focus. Let us pray today for the grace to seek His Kingdom first, so that God can help us with the needs of our soul and body.

God bless you all!

Fr. John



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

First Eucharist Meeting is at 6:00pm for parent and child on Thursday, February 8th in Church.

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

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



Please welcome to our faith community:
Molly Jade Watts
daughter of Austin & Madison Watts
who was baptized on January 27th.

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of
Roy Mouch, Sr.*



Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the families of **Jerry Zimmerman, Sr.** and **Jerry E. Moore** upon their deaths.

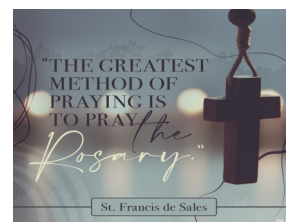


Divine Mercy Novena & Mass
On Wednesday, February 7th our Church Parish will begin its Novena of Divine Mercy with Mass. Mass will be at 6:00pm and will be immediately followed by the sung chaplet of Divine Mercy and Novena prayers. The Novena will continue every Wednesday for 9 weeks ending on April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



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.

The Catholic Daughters will host a Rosary for Our Lady of Lourdes, at the Grotto in front of Church at 10:00am on Sunday, February 11th. All are welcome!



Pray for Vocations
Are you being called to a simpler life of prayer with the Lord? If you are considering the priesthood or a consecrated life, please answer God's call by contacting **Father Josh Johnson** at 225-336-8778 or email him: jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations



Upcoming Events
Zippers Sale Dates are February 8th and 22nd beginning at 7:30am.

Food Pantry distribution is at the Activity Center at 8:30am on February 12th.

Please support the **KCs Baby Bottle Campaign** by leaving your donation in the bottle in the back of Church by February 11th. Thank You!

The Church Office will be closed on February 12th and 13th for the Mardi Gras holidays.

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

Stewardship of Finance
Total Collection for January 21st: \$9,849.00

Thank You for your generosity!

Retrouvaille offers hope for a better marriage.
March 8th-10th weekend retreat
For more information, please contact **Randall & Robin Bellard**, 225-271-4092, or visit: HelpOurMarriage.org

SJB Women's Ministry presents "The 7 Last Words", a morning of prayer and reflection with Pam Folse, begins with 8:00am Mass on Saturday, March 9th. The program includes lunch and will conclude at 2:30pm in the Activity Center. Registration forms can be found in the back of Church, on the Church website and on the Women's Ministry website. Please contact **Alena Prejean**, 225-235-1709, for more information.

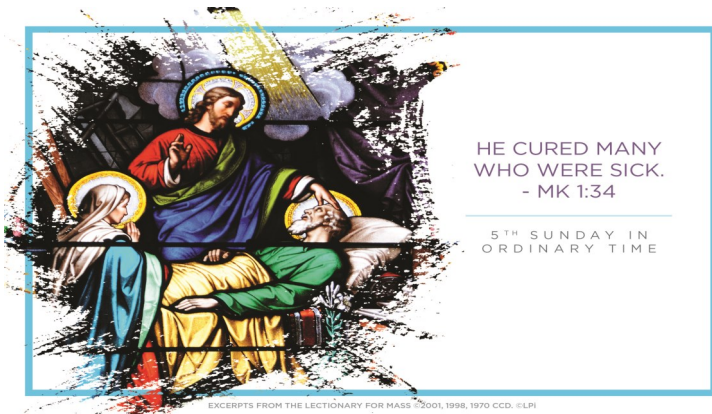
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MEN'S CONFERENCE
02.17.2024 | ST. GEORGE

2024 THEME: 'BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD'

FR. LARRY RICHARDS
DC. MICHAEL PARKER
CHEF JOHN FOLSE
MARK HOUCK

REGISTER ONLINE AT
CATHOLICMENBR.COM

The Immaculata Men's Conference will be held at St. George Catholic Church on February 17th. A Eucharistic Procession will be led by Bishop Duca at the conference. Please join this faith-filled group and hear from some very dynamic speakers. You may use the graphic registration code or go to: catholicmenbr.com



Readings for the week of February 4, 2024

- Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
- Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/
Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/
Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10
- Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

**DAY OF PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP
AND REFLECTION**

Saturday, March 9, 2024 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church
2250 Main Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Pray and discern how God is calling you
to share the mission of the Gospel!

WHO'S INVITED?
Diocese of Baton Rouge:
Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxillary
Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxillary
Catholic Daughters of the Americas


 The Roman Catholic Diocese of
BATON ROUGE

RSVP at diobr.org/pfr 

Payroll Manager position open at the Diocese of Baton Rouge

This job offers full time benefits and is responsible for payroll and expenses in the diocesan wide payroll system. For more information on the requirements of this position, go to: www.diobr.org/employment-opportunities

VITA Volunteers are needed between January 16th-April 15th at Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge. These volunteers assist low-wage working families prepare their tax returns. No experience is needed; training will be provided. Please call 225-336-8700 to sign up or email: drials@ccdiobr.org