



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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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
Dana Babin Bookkeeper
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
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. 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,

Those who cook understand the value salt plays in cooking. I don't think anyone really enjoys the food that has either too much or too little salt. And if the food has the right proportion of salt, nobody even thinks about salt. When Jesus used the symbol of salt, he must have meant it as a great compliment. So, when someone tells us, "You are the salt of the earth", the person is emphasizing our usefulness and worth. Salt has many qualities. It is the product of the sun and the sea. The Romans considered it as the purest of all things. So, when Jesus used the example of salt, he must have meant that his followers should be models of purity. The second quality of salt is that it preserves. People of ancient times used salt as a preservative. Even today, in some third world countries, those who cannot afford a refrigerator use salt as a preservative to keep edible things from decaying. Salt, in fact, prevents rotting and decay. By using the example of salt, Jesus also meant that his followers should be like salt to our world, to preserve it from spoiling because of greed, injustice, lust, and to preserve it from decaying because of dishonesty, disloyalty and disrespect. Thirdly, salt flavors. It brings taste to food and without salt, food is insipid. We are all called to bring flavor to Christian life through our values of love, forgiveness, understanding and acceptance; otherwise our lives can be useless. Christians are called to be the salt of the earth.

Jesus also said, "You are the light of the world". The function of the light is to shine or to illuminate. Light is to be seen. A Christian life should not to be hidden, but it should shine forth so that others may see the goodness in our lives. A mother and her small child once drove past the restored home of Abraham Lincoln in Springfield. It was at night, and the light of the national shrine of the United States was brightly lit. Seeing the light inside the house, the little child excitedly said, "Look Mama, Mr. Lincoln left the lights on." The mother smiled, "Yes, he left them on for the world to see." Although Lincoln has been dead since 1865, he still is a tremendous inspiration to all people. Light can also guide us. It warms up, removes fear, and it shows us the path. Christians are called to assume leadership. This leadership is not to boss or criticize others, but to follow the great light of Jesus, so that through us others can experience the true light. We are called to be the light of the world, illuminating our homes and communities with truth, justice and peace, and to guide the world along the way with the light of Christ. Blessed Mother Theresa left a comfortable life in a European cloister to work among the poorest in India. She did it not with the intention of being a good example to others, but out of love for Jesus, and in the process became a light to the world.

Moreover, our being salt and light to the world must be an answer to the particular needs of our time. We must be salt in preserving the world from becoming more and more corrupt, through injustices done to others. We need to be the light dispelling the darkness of greed and selfishness which drive millions hungry, naked and homeless. The Lord's appeal through Isaiah the Prophet, "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the homeless and clothe the naked," still resounds today, maybe louder than ever. And while we serve the world as its salt, and shine as the light of Christ, we are met with opposition from those who prefer to live in darkness, and refuse to come closer to the light. It might sting like salt in an open wound, but we should not be discouraged, for we are doing God's work and relying chiefly on the power of the Spirit. St. Paul found success through the power of the Spirit. In the second reading, we heard St. Paul say, "I did this so that your faith should not depend on the human philosophy, but on the power of God." "God from God, light from light," is the power on which we need to depend in serving people as a shining beacon and as salt to the earth. Pray today to deepen your faith in Christ so that we can function as salt and light.

God Bless You,
Father John

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Religion Mass CHANGE to February 13th at 5:30pm for all K-8 students

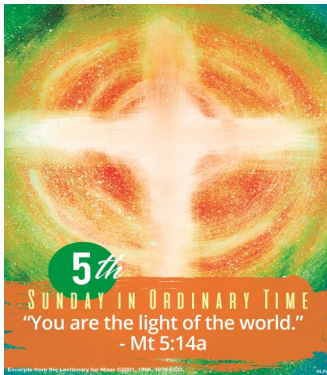
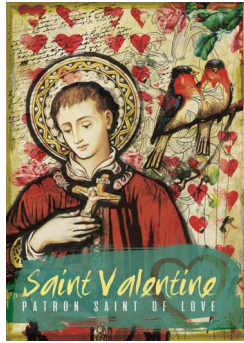
Please drop off your child at 5:15pm in Church and pick up your child at 6:20pm from Church. All family members are welcome to attend! There will be NO religion classes for K-8 students on February 14th or 15th.

First Eucharist Meeting for Parent & Child is at 5:30pm on February 16th in Church.

NO Religion Classes on February 20th, 21st or 22nd due to Mardi Gras holiday.

NO Religion Classes on February 27th, 28th or March 1st due to Church Mission.

Will you spread faith and love as Jesus and St. Valentine did? If God is calling you to love others and serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, please contact Father Josh Johnson, 225-336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations



The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux and Leonard Gauthreaux.

Coming soon.....
A Lenten Mission to our Church Parish with Father Miles Walsh February 27th, February 28th and March 1st Begins at 6:00pm each day Please join us!



Confirmation CELEBRATION

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES 2022-23

Cale Alexander	Ryder Loup
John Foster Benoit	John Maciasz
Avery Berthelot	Natalie Marchiafava
Nathan Berthelot	Lane Marino
Brooklyn Bourque	Caroline Martinez
Brooklyn Castle	Luke Patrick
Ethan Crochet	Madison Prudhomme
Hannah Crochet	Beau Rabalais
Julian Devall	Abby Rizer
Maggie Dunn	Alyssa Roe
Emma Fabre	Hudson Russo
Lauren Flatau	Anna Claire Scott
Logan Harrell	Brandt Settoon
Allie Hebert	Adrian Temple
Connor Hebert	Allie Theriot
Shelby Johnson	Jude Verret
Brooklynn Landry	

Congratulations to all of these candidates who celebrated the sacrament on January 19th!

Anointing of the Sick

If you are infirmed and wish to be anointed, you may receive this blessing after 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, February 11th.



Please extend a warm welcome to Dana Thibodeaux Babin as our new Bookkeeper in the Church Office!

Please participate in the KCs Baby Bottle Campaign by taking a baby bottle from the back of Church and returning it with your donation now through February 19th. This campaign benefits the Family Life Foundation Problem Pregnancy Center.

Stewardship of Finances January 29, 2023

100 Identified:	\$4,326.00
Loose Collection:	+ \$595.00
Total Collection:	\$4,921.00



5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” - Mt 5:14

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. ©LPI

Readings for the week of February 5, 2023

- Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/
Mt 5:13-16
- Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and
35c/Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/
Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/
Mk 8:1-10
- Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
(1b)/1 Cor 2:6-10/
Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37



2023-2024 REGISTRATION DATES

- **February 7, 2023: 9:00am-1:00pm, Activity Center, for St. John the Baptist parishioners**
- **February 14, 2023: 9:00am-1:00pm, Activity Center, open registration to all**
- **Ages accepted: 18 months by September 30, 2023 through PreK 4 year olds**
Please contact Lil Stutes at 413-4527 with any questions.

THERE IS HOPE
For a Better Marriage

Retrouvaille is a three-phase program for marriages that helps couples face their marriage challenges in a productive and healthy way. It begins with a weekend retreat, followed by post weekend follow up sessions, and ongoing monthly marriage support.

Visit HelpOurMarriage.org
to Register for an Upcoming
Retrouvaille Weekend Retreat
or Call 1-800-470-2230 for Information