



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.
Tuesday, 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.
Tuesday thru Friday 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain Pastor
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Pedro Hernandez Custodian
Layne Mire Parish Secretary
Celeste Veillon Music Director
Katie Roettger Mothers' Day Out

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Office closed for lunch 12:30–1:30 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 – 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 immediately, if 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.

PRAYER LINE

Call the Parish Office

Dear Parishioners,

I don't know how closely you follow the weekly collections that are printed in the bulletin, but I have been very impressed with everyone's support of our parish in the midst of this pandemic. Especially since some people have had their income affected by limits placed on businesses, and the obligation to attend Mass is temporarily dispensed in order to curb the spread of this virus. Despite all of these factors, our weekly offertory collections have remained stable.

It's not that we have been totally unaffected by the crisis – our collections for the first six months of the fiscal year are down about \$30,000 as compared with last year – but I still feel exceedingly blessed when I hear how other churches are struggling to meet their obligations. We are blessed with very healthy reserves in our checking and savings accounts and so I feel confident we can weather the storm without cutting any staff or services.

In many ways we are a rich parish – rich in terms of our church campus and rich in terms of our faith. This places a responsibility on us to share our blessings with the less fortunate, and to cultivate a spirituality of gratitude and hope for the future. Our *Rita's Closet Thrift Shop* run by the Zippers, and our Parish Food Pantry, are both shining examples of our commitment to help care for our neighbors.

The events of the last few weeks in Washington provide disturbing evidence of the negativity and rage that has become more prevalent in our society. Much of the anger is manufactured by half-truths spread for political or economic gain, and it is deepening the divide in our nation. As Catholics, we are called to rise above this unhealthy state of affairs and set an example of peaceful discourse and concern for the common good.

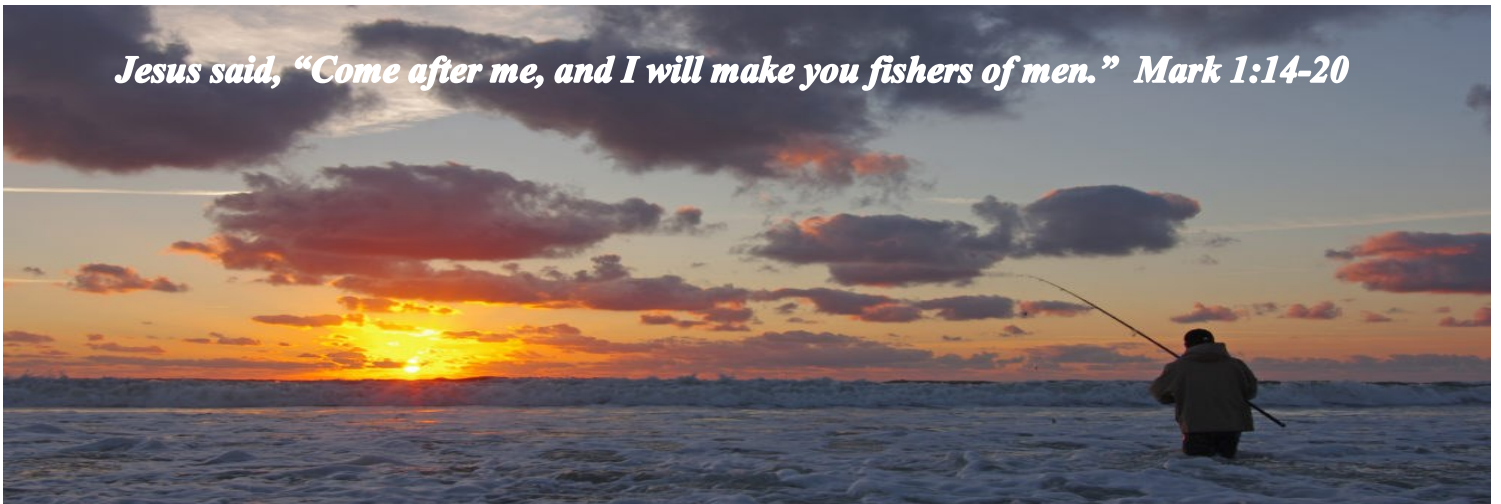
Our faith does not permit us to vilify or demean people who hold differing political views from our own. Good people can subscribe to different economic and social philosophies, and sometimes draw different conclusions from the same set of facts. That doesn't mean that those with differing views are evil or ignorant. "Love does no evil to the neighbor." (Romans 13:10)

Our Mother's Day Out program is now preparing for the fall 2021 session. Mother's Day Out is part time child care that encourages learning and social skills in children. It will operate from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and is available for 1, 2, and 3 year olds. Registration for parishioners will take place on Wednesday, February 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. For more information, please contact Katie Roettger at MDO.StJohn@gmail.com.

Our 11th graders celebrate their Confirmation this Thursday, January 28, at 7:00 p.m. They will now be fully initiated members of the Catholic Church and ready to serve as godparents and sponsors at baptisms and confirmations. I pray that God will continue to bless and guide their journey of faith as they finish their high school studies. I also offer thanks to their sponsors and our Confirmation team members for their great work.

In Christ,
Father Matt

Jesus said, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Mark 1:14-20



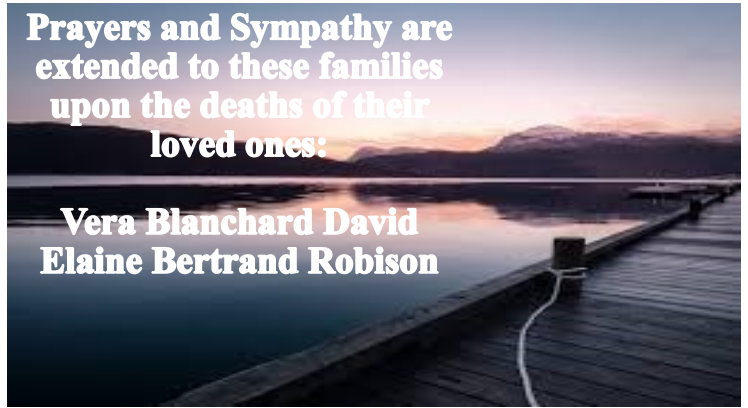


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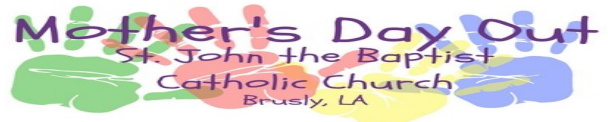
CONFIRMATION
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28TH @ 7:00pm
Please call June 749-3387 for details.

Prayers and Sympathy are
extended to these families
upon the deaths of their
loved ones:

Vera Blanchard David
Elaine Bertrand Robison



Congratulations to
JOY JASON, who
made her First
Profession as a
Discalced Carmelite
Sister at the
Monastery of the
Most Blessed Virgin
Mary of Mount
Carmel in
Morristown, New
Jersey on January
23rd. Her professed
name is Sister Abigail
Perach of the Child
Jesus, O.C.D. Please
continue to pray for
her and her fellow
Carmelites. You may
help the Sisters using
this website:
www.carmelnj.org



REGISTRATION OPENS FOR
2021-2022 School Year
Activity Center
February 4: Mother's Day
Out Families

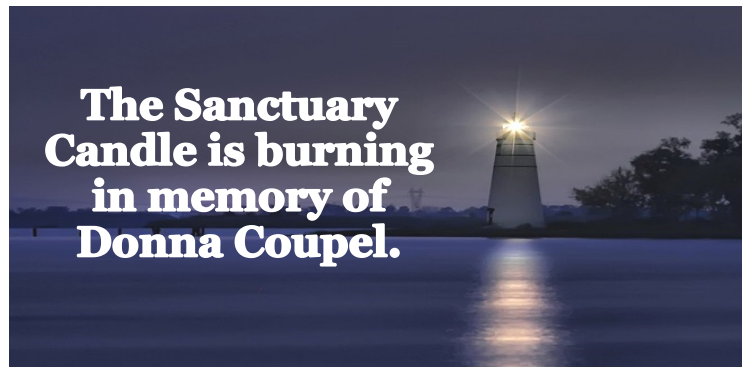
February 10: SJB Parishioners
February 24: General Public

If you have any questions, please
email: mdu.stjohn@gmail.com

*Will you leave everything
and follow Jesus? Can
you be a fishers of men?
If you believe God is
calling you to the
priesthood or religious
life, please contact
Father Josh Johnson
225-336-8778 or
jjohnson@diobr.org*



**The Sanctuary
Candle is burning
in memory of
Donna Coupel.**



**Please call Carolyn at the
Church Office 749-2189 to
request your 2020
Contribution Statement for
tax purposes.**

**HOOKED ON
Jesus**

St John the Baptist Parish Council Members

2020-2021

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

Readings for the week of January 24, 2021

- Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7: 29-31/Mk 1:14-20
- Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
- Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7: 32-35/Mk 1:21-28

