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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
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,

There are many different types of calls: a telephone call, which helps us to reach out to someone far away; a door bell, a call which helps us to answer the door to receive a friend; the Church bells that calls and invites us to prayer; a mother yelling in the morning to call and wake her children; or a child's cry, which is a call to get the attention of its mother. In today's first reading we hear Samuel responding to the call of God, "Speak Lord," he says, "your servant is listening." Similarly, the disciples heard the call of Jesus and followed Him. So, we naturally wonder, how does God talk to me? I wish, if only God would guide me in so many of the decisions that I need to make in my life. We feel the need of God's guidance in the difficult situations of our lives. God is not restricted in the ways He can communicate to us. In the first reading we learn that Samuel heard God's call in his sleep. St. Paul fell down to the ground when he heard the Lord say, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" Joan of Arc heard her inner voice telling her what to do. We also know of the angel announcing the birth of Jesus to Mary. Jesus had the Holy Spirit descending upon him like a dove, when a voice from the cloud stated, "This is my beloved Son." God can communicate to us in any way He chooses.

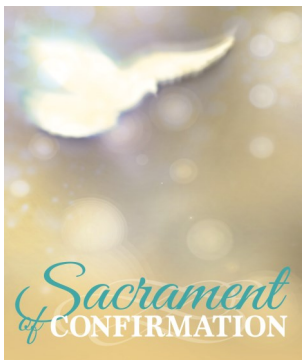
For most of us, God's call doesn't come in such extraordinary ways. It wasn't until the fourth time that God spoke to Samuel, that he understood that it was God who was speaking to him. In the beginning, Samuel thought Eli was calling him. Finally, Eli had to tell him that it was the Lord who was calling him. After knowing that the Lord was speaking to him, Samuel responded, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." Since Samuel was going to be the future leader of the faith community, God wanted Samuel to listen. No one else was listening at that time; as Scripture says, "For the word of the Lord was rare in those days." What about now? Is the word of the Lord rare in these times too? Or is it that God is not heard because most don't want to listen? We see that in the beginning, Samuel could hear, but he wasn't listening. He needed the help of Eli to tune into the real source of the sound, which came from God. I am sure that we all want to listen to God. We all would want to know when God is speaking, or would want to distinguish God's voice from other voices. It is very difficult to listen to God's voice these days, because there are too many voices and too much noise.

There was a time when Martin Luther King was hearing the voice of God, calling him to stand up for equality and raise the conscience of the American people. In spite of the angry threats he received, and in spite of the fear and exhaustion, he appealed to God for help. It was then that Martin Luther King experienced the divine presence of God, which gave him the courage and faith to pursue his mission. Another reason that Samuel was able to hear the voice of God, was that he slept near the area of the covenant. In other words, he always "hung out" at the temple. Similarly, when we are willing to stay close to the Church, close to God, we give God an opportunity to speak to us. The voice of God calls us to free ourselves from whatever holds us back, and live with the assurances that God is with us. The voice that speaks with compassion and righteousness is the voice of God. The voice that speaks the language of love, peace, and unity is the voice of God. Whenever we turn to that voice, then we are not distracted by other distorted sounds. Whenever we turn to the voice of God, then we are willing to take risks and be open to the newness only God can give. This weekend the Church is inviting us to really listen to the voice God and to follow that voice in our day-to-day lives.

May God bless us all!

Fr. John





The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Thursday, January 18th at 7:00pm. A reception will follow in the Activity Center for all Confirmation Candidates and their families.



Please welcome these children to our faith community who were recently baptized:

**Lee Thomas Yarbrough
son of Trent & Brickley Yarbrough**

**Liam Brooks David
son of Cody & Brooke David**

Congratulations to these families!

**Congratulations and many blessings to:
Harsimranjeet Kaur Sidhu
& Alex James Bickham
who were married on
December 30th!**



Happy Anniversary!

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Mercedes & Bill Garlington.



**2024 Wedding Anniversary Mass
Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 2:00pm
Most Blessed Sacrament Church
15615 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge
The Diocese of Baton Rouge will celebrate
Wedding Anniversaries of 25th, 50th &
65th, and those over 65 years at this Mass.
A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.**

Please call the Church Office by January 31st to register.

Announcements

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 15th for the holiday.

There will be no Religion Classes for grades K-8 from January 15th-17th.

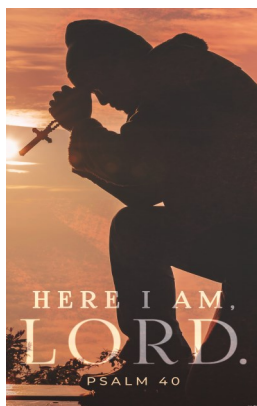
The Women's Ministry of S.J.B. will meet at 6:00pm on Thursday, January 18th in Christian Formation Room One.

The Zippers next sale date is Thursday, January 25th at 7:30am.

The Bereavement Committee is in need of a Group Leader for February & August. Please consider this Ministry and call the Church Office.

Pray for Vocations

Will you help build the Kingdom of God? Can you serve others? If God is calling you as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, please reach out to Father Josh Johnson at 225-336-8778 or email him: jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations



Sympathy and prayers are extended to the families of Enos "E.J." Tullier, Valerie Marks Cloutre, & Evelyn Simoneaux upon their deaths.



Stewardship of Finance	
Total Collection for December 23/24:	\$8,751.00
Total Collection for December 30/31:	\$7,914.00
Christmas Collection:	\$7,489.00
Catholic Services/Emergency Assistance Fund:	\$1,025.00
Solemnity of Mary Collection:	\$375.00

Thank you for generosity in 2023!!

Eucharistic Revival

The following Sessions will take place in the Activity Center from 6:30pm-7:30pm:

January 25th: Bread for the Journey

February 22nd: The Eucharist: Source & Summit

March 21st: The Eucharist as Sacrifice

April 25th: Eucharistic Miracles

May 23rd: Adoration/Holy Hour (Church)

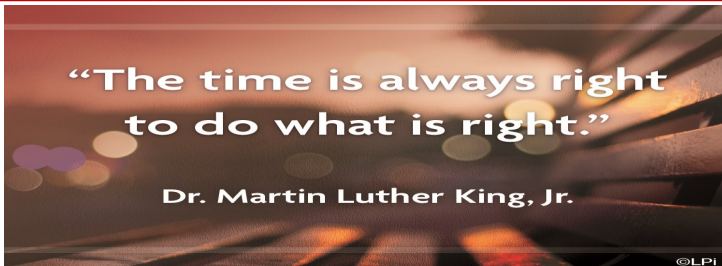


Readings for the week of January 14, 2024

- Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
Jn 1:35-42
- Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21
and 23/Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/
Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2,
9-10/Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a,
10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/
Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3,
5-7/Mk 3:20-21
- Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1
Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Women's Giving Circle– Give, Pray, Bless

The Women's Giving Circle of our Diocese is launching its third year of prayerful giving. The Women's Giving Circle is open to women of all ages and promotes faith sharing and collective giving to families in need. You can join them for Mass and lunch on Wednesday, February 7th at 10:30am at St. Gerard Majella. For more information, please call Julie Millard, 225-776-4646 or visit: diobr.org/womens-giving-circle



Catholic Charities Executive Director of the Diocese of Baton Rouge Job Opening

The Executive Director oversees the administration and management of this Agency. This person is also responsible for the budget and financial performance of the Agency. To apply for this position, go to: www.diobr.org/employment-opportunities.