



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

• catholic church •



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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
Betty Cain 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.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

The young Newman, who later became a Cardinal, was returning by sea from Italy to his native England. While the boat was detained in Sicily, he fell ill and nearly died. While he was recuperating from his illness, Newman wrote these words: "Lead kindly light amid the encircling gloom." He, in fact, experienced that the prophecy of Isaiah had come true, "People who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in gloom, a light had shone." Yes, Jesus by his incarnation fulfilled this prophecy of Isaiah. Jesus is the light to people who live in darkness. He did not limit this privilege of becoming light to people, to himself, or to his own time, or to his own people. Jesus wanted everyone to experience this light, and so in the Gospel today, He calls to the Apostles, "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." His disciples were to carry this light and spread his message to the ends of the earth. They were to bring the light of Christ all over the earth, carry the faith to people who are faithless, bring the light of hope to people who live in hopelessness, bring strength to the weak, and comfort to those who are mourning. Jesus entrusted this mission to the Apostles, the Apostles to their predecessors, the bishops, priests, deacons, religious, ministers and to every Christian. It is the mission of every follower of Christ to experience this light in their own lives and to pass it on to others. Jesus has made us the sons and daughters of this light, in order that we like the fishermen, leave behind our narrow cells and launch out into a larger sea of life as the Apostles of Christ.

The basic requirement to bring this light of Christ to others is, we have to experience it in ourselves first. In order to find out if we experience this light in ourselves, we have to ask ourselves, "How do we deal with our dark moments of life?" There are many things that throw us into darkness: the death of a life-long spouse, an unexpected rejection by a loved one, failures in business or loss of health, a life-threatening illness, etc. Some time ago, I read in the newspaper that a man in northern Italy killed himself out of grief for his ailing wife, and a few hours later his wife came out of her coma. He could not experience the light of Christ in his hours of grief and pain. In such tragic moments, true believers in the past have seen the light of Christ, a light that illumined their hearts. Even today true believers can rely fully on this light- Jesus, to be guided and directed by him. Jesus is always ready to guide us through the storms of our life struggles, if we let him.

One day a young woman telephoned Norman Vincent Peale. Her husband was abroad during war and he was on the front line. She was worried about him, and in her panic she had contacted Peale. Their telephone conversation goes like this: "What shall I do? It would kill me to lose my husband," she told Peale. "How old are you young lady?" "Twenty-six." Then hearing a child's voice Peale asked, "Have you a youngster there?" "Yes, a two-year-old girl" she replied. "Is she upset and worried like yourself?" "Of course not!" she answered. "How do you explain her lack of nervousness?" After some hesitation she said, "Because she is only a baby. Besides, she has her mother with her. I suppose she just puts her trust in me and lets me do the worrying." Then, after asking her to relax by taking three deep breaths, Peale suggested something quite simple over the phone and it worked. He told the lady, "Take your girl on your lap. Now try to make a transference. Try to think of yourself as a child in relationship with God. As your child put her trusts in you, put your trust in the heavenly Father, put your husband and all three of you in God's care." When we put ourselves in God's care, then He will take us through the rough and stormy waves of life. And once we are able to experience this guiding light and God's unconditional love and care for us, then we will be able to become evangelizers of this light and love, and thus fulfill our own duty in spreading God's word. Pray today for the grace to experience this light and love, and for the privilege of becoming evangelizers.

God bless you all!

Fr. John

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

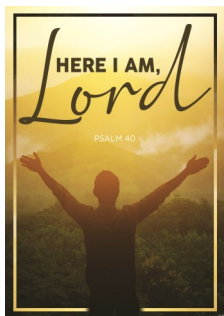
Religion Mass for K-8 students will be at 5:30pm on Monday, February 6th. Please drop off your child at 5:15pm in Church and pick up your child at 6:20pm from Church. All family members are welcome to attend!



2023-2024 REGISTRATION DATES

- January 31, 2023: Current MDO families
- 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.



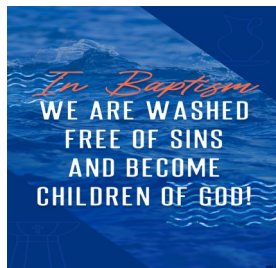
Will you reform your life and follow Jesus? Can you serve God as a priest, deacon, brother or sister?

If so, please contact
Father Josh Johnson,
225-336-8778,
jjohnson@diobr.org
or visit:
www.diobr.org/vocations

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ W.I.N.E. Catholic Women's Conference is on January 28th at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Please go to: CatholicVineyard.com for more information.
- ◆ Cub Scout Pack 39 will have a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on February 5th in the Activity Center beginning at 6:00am.

All Night Eucharistic Adoration
Friday, February 3rd at 8:00pm through
Saturday, February 4th at 8:00am
Sign-up sheets are in the back of Church.
Please call Julie Millard, 776-4646 or Mary Benoit, 324-5289 for more information.



Please welcome to our faith community:
Caroline Elizabeth Borruano
daughter of Dylan and Megan Borruano,
who was baptized on January 14th.

Happy Anniversary

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled for Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 2:00pm at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, 2025 Stuart Avenue, Baton Rouge.

Bishop Duca will celebrate this Mass for the Anniversaries of 25, 50 and 65 years during the year of 2023.

To register, please contact Layne at the Church Office to complete the necessary form before January 31st.



The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Earl Sarradet.

Catholic Daughters

Meeting: February 2nd at 7:00pm in the Activity Center

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: February 2nd in the Activity Center
Officer's Meeting at 6:00pm

Members' Meeting at 7:15pm

Baby Bottle Campaign: On February 4th & 5th baby bottles will be available in the back of Church for pick up

Donuts: February 12th after 7:30am Mass in the Activity Center

Pro-Life Rosary: February 18th at 4:00pm in Church





Readings for the week of January 22, 2023

- Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
- Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4,
5-6/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 708a, 10,
11/Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/
Mk 16:15-18
- Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/12/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5,
11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/
Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/
Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
(Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a



January 2023 K.C. Calendar Winners

Briggs Richard, Taylor & Kelsie Robnett, Faye Gilliam, Gilbert Bourgoyne, Dane Barras, Corey Kimble, Dana Kimble, Emily Mouiton, Jake Little, Michele Dupuy, Claire Sanchez, Douglas Badeaux, M/M Thomas Hue, Christian Dean, Crystal Leonard, Julie Bewick, Judy Dupuy, Gary Haydel, Mel St. Germain, Geneva Gros, M/M Ben Cox, Eileen Andre, Richard Bouchereau, Larry Vicari Sr., David Brown, Lou & Gloria Landry, Chancelly Ducote, Gerard Aucoin, Gail Alleman, Paul Hebert, Beth Sawyer