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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,

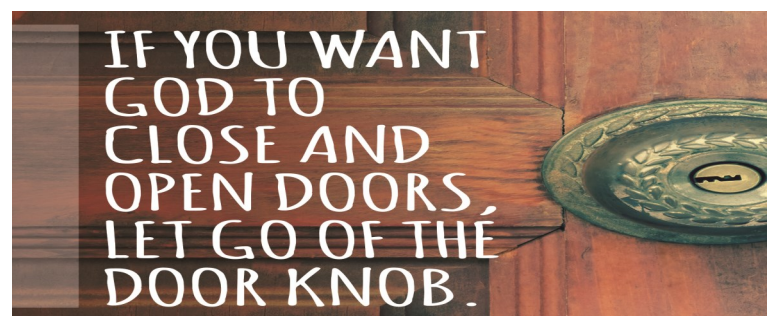
The Philosopher Karl Marx once said, “The aim of philosophy should be not just to explain the world, but to change it.” The same can be said about the Gospel we preach and teach. The people of Capernaum received instructions in their synagogue every Sabbath. One Sabbath they had a different teacher, Jesus. The way that Jesus preached the message that day really had the people spellbound. Why? The Gospel says, “They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the Scribes and the Pharisees.” Jesus taught people with authority, and the Scribes did not. What does this mean? When do we say that a person spoke with authority? A statement carries authority for two reasons: Who spoke that statement and what is being said in that statement. Here, it was Jesus who spoke, and his teaching carried authority because he lived what he preached. Secondly, what he taught was the truth. He taught us to love our enemies and to be kind to one another. Then on the cross, he forgave those who tortured and killed him. He was a loving and kind person. He spoke about God’s Kingdom and lived as the ideal member of that Kingdom. His preaching had weight and authority, because his message was in accordance with the mind of God. And unlike the Scribes, who spoke from the knowledge that they had from the commentaries on the law; Jesus’ message came as a result of his intimate relationship with the Father. When a person is convinced of his beliefs, it overflows into one’s words. When one is highly passionate about one’s faith, it overflows into one’s deeds and life. Jesus was indeed convinced of his faith in His Father, and He was passionate about the mission entrusted to him by His Father. That is the reason Jesus could speak with authority.

All of us would like to believe that what we say should be judged on its own merit. But often who we are, speaks louder than our words. While working as an associate pastor, I have heard people complaining about the treatment they received from their Pastor. In some cases, people have said that they stopped going to Church due to the way the pastor treated them. One person said, “My mother died. She had gone to this Church for fifty years before she went to the nursing home. The new Pastor said he never heard of her, and only after I protested, did he grudgingly agree to do her funeral.” It is not right for people to stop going to Church because of a problem with a priest. If you don’t like your hair-cut, you change your barber; you don’t refuse to get another hair-cut. The priest, who is supposed to lead and guide his people in following Christ, spoke louder by being unkind, than if he had shouted during his Sunday sermon. He was not true to his own message. His behavior certainly damaged his credibility and his authority, and may have totally destroyed it.

All parents want their children to be kind to each other. But if their children observe Dad and Mom being nasty to each other, then the children are going to learn nastiness, not kindness as a standard way of acting. People bring their children to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. They tell their children that it is important to worship God and go to Church. But if the parents are not worshiping or Church going people, then their actions are sending the message that is louder than their words. Parents who warn their children about the evils of drugs, but get drunk or take drugs themselves; they send the wrong message and will not be taken seriously by their children. The Gospel tells us that unlike the Pharisees and Scribes, Jesus spoke with authority. He was not hypocritical and He did not just speak the truth, he was the truth incarnate. Jesus gave orders to unclean spirits and they obeyed him. It was not the words that He spoke that kicked the evil out, but it was the person who spoke those words. He did not call us just do some of the things he did, he called us to be his presence for others. We are called to destroy evil in the world. We cannot do this unless we are determined to be Christlike. Today, we pray that we might be invested by the authority of Christ, an authority that flows not just from what we say, but from who we truly are - the disciples of Jesus.

May God bless you all!

Father John



# Confirmation CELEBRATION

**Congratulations to all of the Candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on January 18th!**

**William Adams  
Jack "Twitch" Allain  
Jackson Batts  
Hayden Bayham  
Julleann Bourque  
Aubrie Braud  
Ian Chapman  
Mason Comeaux  
Gabriel Cordell  
Avery Crochet  
Drew Daigle  
Emma Grace Daigle  
Claire Devillier**

**Hunter Distefano  
Kennedy Fiscus  
Haley Gaspard  
Braylee Gassie  
Emma Gueho  
Ava Jewell  
Jace Jordan  
Noah LaCara  
Max Latino  
Brein Ledford  
Claire LeRay  
Amalie Mabile**



**Please welcome to our faith community:  
Ella Michel Picou  
daughter of Joel & Jonell Picou  
who was baptized on January 6th.**

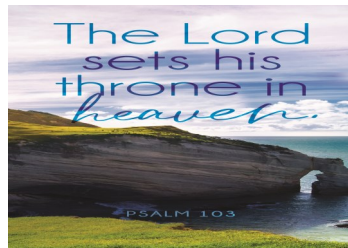
*The Sanctuary Candle  
burns in memory of  
Morris Crochet.*



*Happy Anniversary*

**2024 Wedding Anniversary Mass is Sunday, March 3rd at 2:00pm at Most Blessed Sacrament Church in 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 your Church Office by January 31st to register.**

**Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the families of Calvin LeBlanc and Ethel LeBlanc Forman upon their deaths.**



**Pray for Vocations  
Will you follow Jesus in prayer and action?  
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**



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

# BEREAVEMENT Ministry

Bereavement Committee Guidelines  
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Brusly  
Effective January 18, 2024

We are blessed to have over 120 individuals who serve as members throughout the year on our Bereavement Committee. These members prepare and serve food after funerals at our Activity Center. The Bereavement Committee Group Leaders had a meeting with Fr. John on January 3, 2024, to prepare guidelines for the Bereavement Committee. After some discussion, the Committee Group Leaders decided upon the following points:

- 1) A full meal will only be provided for the registered parishioners of St. John the Baptist, Brusly. A registered parishioner is a person who is 25 years old and older, registered, active, practicing, and tithing at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.
- 2) Even though the deceased person lives within the geographical boundaries of St. John the Baptist Church Parish, if he/she is not registered with St. John the Baptist Church, NO meal will be offered after the burial of that person.
- 3) A full meal will be offered for any priest who wishes to be buried in our Church cemetery.
- 4) The Bereavement Committee will only be able to serve food for up to 100 people.
- 5) Any exceptions to these guidelines are at the discretion of the Pastor.

The Bereavement Committee relies upon donations as funding for this Ministry.

The Bereavement Guidelines are available on our website:  
sjb-brusly.com

## Thank You!

**Thanks to Ruth Landry and her group for the Bereavement meals in January. Ruth Landry, 225-749-3101, will be the contact for the Bereavement Committee in February.**

**Thanks to Mary Delapasse and her team for cleaning our Church in January. To assist in February, please call Carolyn Bourgeois, 225-776-3325.**

Stewardship of Finance  
Total Collection for January 14th: \$13,318.33

Thank You for your generosity!

### Happenings in our Church Parish:

**Mother's Day Out Registration will continue through January 31st. Please contact Lil Stutes, mdo.stjohn@gmail.com**

**All Night Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, February 2nd at 8:00pm through Saturday, February 3rd at 8:00am. First Saturday Mass is at 8:00am on Saturday, February 3rd.**

**Cub Scouts Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 4th from 6:00am until 11:00am in the Activity Center. Tickets are \$5 each and you can dine in or carry out.**

**The Divine Mercy Novena and Mass will begin at 6:00pm on Wednesday, February 7th. It will continue for 9 weeks each Wednesday, and the last one will be on April 3rd.**

**The Catholic Daughters will host a Rosary for Our Lady of Lourdes at 10:00am on Sunday, February 11th at the Grotto.**

## Readings for the week of January 28, 2024

Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/ 1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/ Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/ Mk 6:30-34
Next 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



### St John the Baptist Parish Council Members 2024-2025

Christian Benoit  
Grayson Brewer  
Chris Buckle  
Christie Chapman, Secretary  
Justin Clouatre  
Horace Crochet, Chairman  
Janice Hebert  
Fr. Arun John, IMS  
Joey Normand  
Maggie Prejean  
Mike Prejean  
Edana Robnett  
Derek Scott

### **Eucharistic Revival**

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

**February 22nd: The Eucharist: Source & Summit**

**March 21st: The Eucharist as Sacrifice**

**April 25th: Eucharistic Miracles**

**May 30th: Adoration/Holy Hour (Church)**



### **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.**