



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
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. 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 Church 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 225-281-0333.

PRAYER LINE

Please call the Church Parish Office.



INVITE THE HOLY SPIRIT INTO YOUR LIFE

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Dear Parishioners,

We as Catholics express our Trinitarian faith during our Baptism, while reciting Credo we begin our prayers, and we end our prayers in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. What do we understand from the Holy Trinity? The Holy Trinity involves three persons. But if there are three persons, how can we speak of God as one? The Holy Trinity is not a myth, but a mystery. A myth is unreal, but conceivable. Mystery is real, but incomprehensible. Because it's a mystery, we cannot grasp it fully; a mystery is something that transcends our ordinary human understanding.

It is not just the Holy Trinity that is a mystery; in fact, nothing about God can sufficiently be explained. We see that most of the time, Jesus did not give a direct response to questions relating to God and the Supernatural. For example, when someone asked, "What is the Kingdom of God like?" His reply was, "It is like a mustard seed..." Nevertheless, in the light of all that Jesus revealed to us about God, we can have a glimpse into the mystery of the Holy Trinity and try to explain it in some way. God is one, but has three different roles: God the Father the Creator, God the Son the Redeemer, God the Holy Spirit of the divine love within us. But whatever may be the depth of our understanding of the Holy Trinity, it will remain a mystery. Instead of worrying about: How can one God be three persons? Isn't it better that we try to enter into this divine mystery and have a closer relationship with the Holy Trinity?

One way we can enter into a closer relationship with the Holy Trinity is through prayer. Each night before falling asleep, set aside three minutes. During these three minutes, replay the day that has just ended. During the first minute, pick out the high point of your day, something good that happened to you—like escaping a car accident on the interstate, or meeting with a wonderful friend after so many years, or the news of you becoming a mother or grandmother. Speak to the Father about it and thank him for it. During the second minute, pick out the lowest point of your day—like chastising your child, but not correcting your child, instead venting your anger. Speak to Jesus about it and ask him to forgive you. During the third minute, look ahead to tomorrow, to some critical point where you have to confront someone who has been spreading false rumors about you; speak to the Holy Spirit about it and ask for wisdom and courage to deal with it properly. This daily exercise which combines prayer and self-examination, can lead us day by day into an intimate relationship with the Holy Trinity. And just like Moses, who used to benefit from his intimacy with God, not just for himself, but to win God's favor for his people when they sinned; our intimacy with God must be used also for others, just as the intimacy of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit is not for themselves, but for others. That is why He sent his Son to us to be our Savior; the love of the Father and the Son was poured out into us in the person of the Holy Spirit. In the same manner, if we know and love God intimately, we are urged to make sure that our intimacy is for others also.

Here are some ways our intimacy with the Holy Trinity can be used to reach out to others. If married, you are called to share your love of God with your spouse, which then can overflow into your family life. If I am an employer, then I am called to express my understanding of a merciful God in works of mercy and justice to my employees. Artists are called to translate their appreciation of the beauty of God's work into their art. If I am talented and gifted as a result of my intimate relationship with God, then I should share those gifts with others. As we are celebrating the Feast of the Holy Trinity this weekend, let us ask the Lord's Grace that we will be able to enter into a deeper and intimate relationship with the Holy Trinity.

As I wrote in my last letter to you, I will be on vacation from June 6th through July 6th. Please keep me in your prayers as I travel to India and back.

God bless you all!

Fr. John



Shine Jesus' Light at Vacation Bible School

July 10th-14th from 9:00am-11:30am

Children in Grades K-5 are welcome.

Registration Forms and Volunteer Forms can be found online at sjb-brusly.com or in the Church Office. Please call June or Jayne, 225-749-3387, for more information.

Volunteer Meeting

On July 5th at 6:00pm we will have a meeting for all Volunteers in the Activity Center.



Vocations

Will you listen to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to guide you toward a religious life? If God is calling you as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, please contact Father Josh Johnson at 225-336-8778 or email him: jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations



Summer Children's Church Choir

For Children in 3rd-8th grades

Rehearsals begin Monday, June 5th at 5:00pm in the Choir Loft.

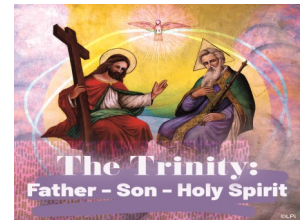
Children will sing at one Mass at the end of June, July and August.

Please contact Celeste Veillon at: celesteveillon@yahoo.com to register.



The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Carl Ducote.

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of Edna Anderson Crockett upon her death.



What's going on at SJB in June?

Zippers Sale Dates are Thursday, June 8th & 22nd beginning at 7:30am.

Food Pantry Distribution is Monday, June 12th at 8:30am at the Activity Center.

SJB Women's Ministry will host Pray and Paint at 6:30pm in the Activity Center on Thursday, June 16th. Please register on their facebook page.

O.L.O.L. Blood Drive is Sunday, June 25th from 7:00am-1:00pm in the Church parking lot.

AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM IN CHURCH AND IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER

If you adjust the Air Conditioning Settings in the Church or in the Activity Center, please remember to return the system to its normal setting after your use. THANK YOU!

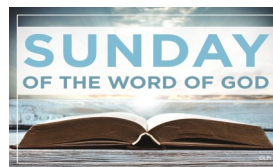


Infant Care Families are needed to temporarily care for babies who are waiting to be placed with their adoptive parents. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge, 225-336-8708, or visit: adoptbatonrouge.com

Feast on the Levee is Sunday, October 8th. If you would like to help set-up for the fair, cook or bake something delicious, serve a meal, or sell tickets, we need you! Please call the Church Office to volunteer your time.

Mass Changes for June

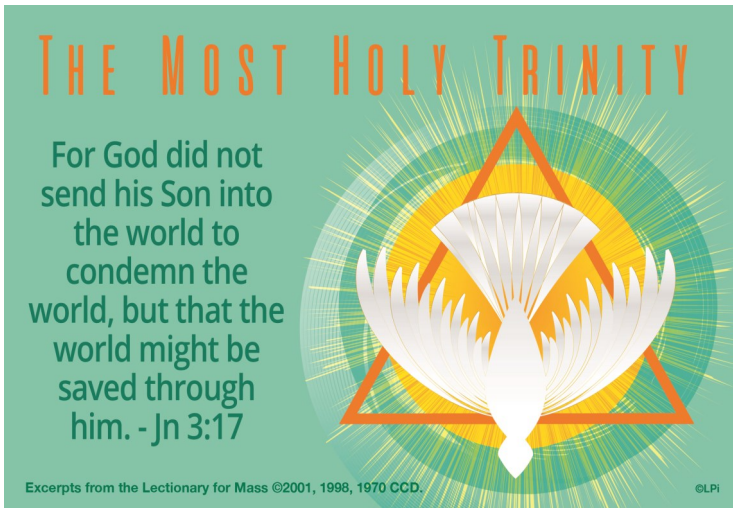
Father John will be visiting his family in India from June 6th-July 6th. Daily Mass will be held on Mondays and Fridays during this time. Communion Services will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week. We will have visiting Priests for our weekend Mass schedule and the previously mentioned Daily Masses.



Living Faith Books for July through September are available for purchase in the Church Office.

Mass Intention Forms

Please complete your Mass Intention form online at the Church website: sjb-brusly.com This form is located on the front page of our website. You can also obtain a form in the Church Office. Our Mass Intention Policy will change on January 1, 2024, as previously mentioned by Father John.



Readings for the week of June 4, 2023

- Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)/
2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18
- Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-4, 5-6/
Mk 12:1-12
- Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9/Mk 12:13-17
- Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc,
8-9/Mk 12:18-27
- Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3,
4-5/Mk 12:28-34
- Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/
Mk 12:35-37
- Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8/
Mk 12:38-44
- Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
(12)/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

St. Joseph's Cathedral will have a Eucharistic Revival procession after the 10:30am Mass on June 11th. All are welcome to join in the procession around the Cathedral property.



Fill a Prescription for the Needy
Please help those in need by taking a prescription bottle from the back of Church, adding your donation to it, and returning it to the cannister. THANKS!

St John the Baptist Parish Council Members 2023-2024

- Christian Benoit**
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- Horace Crochet, Chairman**
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