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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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**March 10, 2024**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if *they* are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "**For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him**" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it *without an act of condemnation*. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the *least* godlike thing we can do.

**Lenten challenge:** This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.

— *Father John Muir*

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# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**Religion Mass** for students K-4 will be held on Monday, March 11th at 5:30pm. No classes for grades K-4 on March 12th & 13th.

**7th & 8th Grade Confessions** will be heard during their regular class time of 7:00pm-8:15pm in the Activity Center on Monday, March 11th.

**5th & 6th Grade Confessions** will be heard during their regular class time of 5:15pm-6:30pm in the Activity Center on Tuesday, March 12th.

**10th Grade Retreat** begins at 11:00am Mass on Sunday, March 17th and ends in the Activity Center at 5:00pm.

## Children's Church

We are still in need of helpers for 9:00am & 11:00am Masses. Please call Jayne Jason, 225-749-3387, to be a part of this ministry.

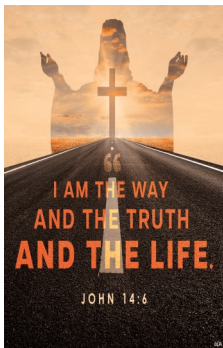


**Youth Group** meets on Sunday, March 24th in the Activity Center

**Middle School** meets from 4:00pm-5:30pm  
**High School** meets from 6:00-7:30pm

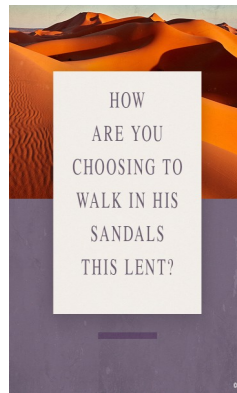
*The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Richard Landry.*

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of Cameron Whaley upon his death.



## Pray for Vocations

Whoever lives the truth comes to the light of Jesus. Will your vocation be to follow the light of Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If so, please contact your priest or reach out to Father Josh Johnson at 225-336-8778 or email him: [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org) or visit: [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations)



**Divine Mercy Novena & Mass**  
Mass at 6:00pm every Wednesday through April 3rd, followed by the sung chaplet of the Divine Mercy Novena.

**Stations of the Cross**  
Mass will be at 12:00pm on Fridays during Lent, followed by the Stations of the Cross. Confessions will be heard at 11:30am before Mass.

Please consider serving as a **Homebound Eucharistic Minister** on Friday or Sunday. Several of our dedicated ministers have resigned due to health reasons. Please call the Church Office to volunteer for this very important Ministry.



**Holy Week Liturgical Ministers' Practice in Church**  
Saturday, March 23rd at 9:00am  
For all those serving at Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Vigil

**Holy Thursday, March 28th:** Mass at 7:00pm  
**Good Friday, March 29th:** Passion at 12:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross  
**Easter Vigil, March 30th:** Mass at 8:00pm  
**Easter Sunday, March 31st:** Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am



## Announcements

**The Catholic Daughters** will host a morning of reflection and rosary at the grotto for Our Lady of Sorrows at 9:00am on Saturday, March 16th.

**The Eucharistic Revival** featuring "The Eucharist as Sacrifice," will take place in the Activity Center on Thursday, March 21st at 6:30pm.

**Join the Women's Ministry!**  
**Friday, March 22nd at 6:00pm:** Pray & Paint the Stations of the Cross in the Activity Center. Please register online at the Church website or the St. John the Baptist Women's Ministry Facebook page or email them: [sjbwmbrusly@gmail.com](mailto:sjbwmbrusly@gmail.com)



**Happy Anniversary & Congratulations to Margaret & Vic Canella and Gerri & Bill Schneider who celebrated their Wedding Anniversaries on March 3rd at Most Blessed Sacrament with all of the married couples throughout our Diocese.**

**Stewardship of Finance**  
Total Collection for March 3rd: \$23,081.00  
February Building & Maintenance Fund: \$7,760.00

Please help a family in need throughout the world by filling your rice bowl with a monetary donation and returning it to our Church by March 31st.



**Readings for the week of March 10, 2024**

- Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21  
*Scrutiny:* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
- Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
- Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33  
*Scrutiny:* Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Holy Land Olive Wood Sale**

**Blessed Olive Wood Creations will be selling olive wood carvings, crosses, nativity sets and much more after all Masses on the weekend of March 16/17. These proceeds benefit the Christian families who live in the Holy Land.**



**St. Joseph Altar on Sunday, March 17th from 12:00pm-1:30pm at the K.C. Hall in Plaquemine**

**The Blessing and viewing of the altar takes place after 4:00pm Mass on Saturday, March 16th at the K.C. Hall. Serving from the altar follows the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, March 17th.**



**Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt  
Good Friday, March 29th  
10:00am at the Lion's Club**

**Children of ages 0-12 years  
old are invited to  
participate.**

**K.C. February Calendar Winners**

Reeve Davis, Halle Kate Beatty, Gary & Rita Landry, Dalton Mouton, Wendy Gill, Joni Courtade, Clay Bourg, III, Angie Landry, Mike Cazes, Daniel Guillot, Hayden Toups, Kevin Hebert, Peggy Woods, Pam Alleman, Dan Patrick, Henry Williams, Gary Haydel, Father Al Davidson, Lynette Zeringue, Jennifer Little, Adalyn Bourg, Stephanie Sedotal, John W. Flowers, Stephen Dupont, Jr., Collin & Maddy LeBlanc, Connie Comeaux, Michael Gascon, Wendy Naquin, John Stelly