



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
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 281-0333.

PRAYER LINE

Please call the Church Parish Office.

THIRD SUNDAY OF

LENT

Dear Parishioners,

A thirst could be physical or spiritual; often it is both, as in the case of the unnamed woman in the Gospel today. Physically she is thirsty, and it was to satisfy that physical thirst that she came to the well day after day. She was also thirsty spiritually, and she was looking for the spiritual satisfaction which she finds when she meets Jesus. Notice the way she responds to Jesus when he said, "Whoever drinks the water that I give will never thirst again." She responded, "Sir give me this water so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Once she opened up to Jesus, she experienced the satisfaction of her soul's desire. Isn't this the kind of experience we wish for ourselves and for everyone during this season of Lent? We call this turn-around in life conversion. However, in order for Jesus to bring this woman to conversion, to that spiritual experience, He had to break the existing boundaries. Human Society organizes itself by erecting all kinds of boundaries: national, ethnic, religious and gender. Jesus demonstrates in today's Gospel that breaking such man-made boundaries are necessary for creating conditions for one's conversion. This is exactly what Jesus does to this woman. During Jesus' time, Jews were not supposed to interact with Samaritans. Walls of prejudice were built on the foundations of ethnicity and religion, which kept them apart. Jesus broke this boundary when he asked the woman for a drink of water. She reacted by saying, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" Jews do not have things in common with Samaritans.

That was not the only boundary broken. It was against the moral norms of the day for a man to engage in dialogue with a woman in a public place. And yet, Jesus engages this woman in the longest dialogue we have in all of the four Gospels. This action of Jesus was seen as morally objectionable by his own disciples. The Gospel says that they (the disciples) were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but not one of them said, "What do you want?" or "Why are you speaking with her?" If Jesus were to keep the expected behavior of his day, he could not have gotten the result that we see in the Gospel. We can see that unlike the many evangelists of our own time, Jesus never tries to condemn, threaten, or intimidate the woman. Instead, he was trying to invite, challenge and affirm her, patiently trying to enlighten her and clear any doubts she may have. Why does Jesus make such a tremendous impact on this woman? For the first time in her life, she meets a man who really understands her. In her excitement, she forgets her water and physical thirst and runs back to the village inviting the villagers to meet Jesus. She was inviting them to see "a man who told me everything I have ever done." He was probably the first man who did not reject her in spite of knowing what she had done. In this moment, the convert had become a missionary bringing others to Jesus and to the joyful experience of conversion. Another interesting point that is made are the words of the Samaritan villagers that the woman brings to Jesus. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you have said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

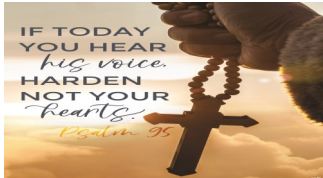
There are two stages in the believing or conversion process: First is believing because of what someone told us about Jesus; and second is to believe because we have come to know Jesus personally. It is okay to believe in someone because of other's words, but it is better to strengthen that belief through our own personal experience. Lent is a period when the Church invites all her children to come to Jesus personally and believe, not because someone told us, but because we have known him and experienced his love personally in our lives. I pray that this Lenten season may help each of us deepen our faith in Jesus.

God Bless You,
Father John

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Religion Mass for K-8 students will be at 5:30pm on March 13th. 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! There will be NO religion classes for K-8 students on March 14th or 15th.

9th Grade Retreat begins at 11:00am Mass on Sunday, March 19th, and ends at 5:00pm in the Activity Center.



Sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Biaggio Joseph Genusa, Sr. upon his death.

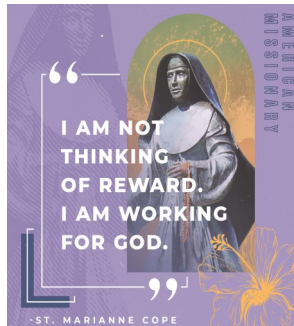
LENTEN Schedule

LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE
Every Wednesday throughout Lent
5:30pm Confession
6:00pm Mass
6:30pm Way of the Cross
6:30-7:30pm Confession- "Light is On for You"



The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Carllys Sibille.

Vocations
Will you work for God? If you are being called as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, please contact
Father Josh Johnson,
225-336-8778,
jjohnson@diobr.org
or visit:
www.diobr.org/vocations



Stewardship of Finances

Total Collection for March 5th: \$20,621.00

Contribution Tax Statements
To obtain a 2022 Contribution Tax Statement, please call the Church Office or email Dana Babin: dbabin@sjbbrusly.com
Statements will be printed upon request.

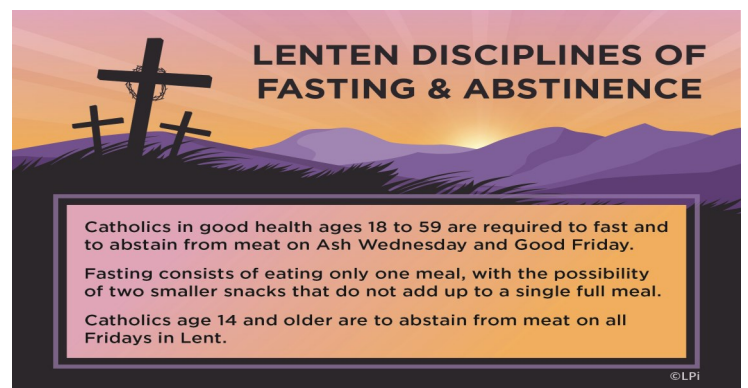


Operation Rice Bowl
Please give generously to Operation Rice Bowl throughout Lent to aid those who are hungry and poor. Your donation brings hope to these families in need: crsricebowl.org/donate
You can bring your rice bowl to the Church Office.
Thank you!

Lenten Missions in Our Area:

- Deacon Art Miller at St. Thomas More, Baton Rouge, March 13-15 at 6:30pm
- Dr. Durwin Walker at St. Aloysius, Baton Rouge, March 13 & 15 at 6:00pm
- Sister Mary Martha Moss at St. Margaret, Albany, March 12-14 at 6:00pm
- Eucharistic Amazement speakers at St. Joseph's, Ponchatoula, March 12-14 at 6:00pm
- Rev. Joseph Strickland at St. Agnes, Baton Rouge, March 15 at 6:15pm
- Doug and Dave at Our Lady of Peace, Vacherie, March 15-16 at 6:30pm
- Deacon Michael Parker at Immaculate Conception, Denham Springs, March 16 at 7:00pm
- Rev. Stephen Kramer at Holy Rosary, St. Amant, March 21-22 at 6:45pm
- Women's Silent Retreat at St. John the Evangelist, Plaquemine, March 25 from 10:30am-2:30pm

St. John the Baptist's Women's Ministry
Alena Prejean has been instrumental in organizing the Women's Ministry group. We need volunteers to serve on the SJBWM committee. If you are interested, please email her: alenaprejean@yahoo.com
Please include your email address and mobile phone number by March 20th.
We look forward to hearing from you!



Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.
Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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Readings for the week of March 12, 2023

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/
Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/
Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14
and 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 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

St. John the Baptist Parish Finance Committee Members

Dana Babin
Carolyn Dupuy
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