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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.



Dear Parishioners,

Before a pastor began to preach one Sunday morning, he thought he should explain why he had a Band-aid on his chin. He said, "As I was shaving this morning, I was thinking about today's message, I lost my concentration, and accidentally cut my chin with the razor." He then went on to preach the longest sermon of his life. After the service, one of the teens greeted the pastor and said, "Pastor, next week, why don't you think about your shaving and cut the sermon." One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking something up and gently throwing it into the ocean. Approaching the boy, he asked, "What are you doing?" The boy replied, "I am throwing the starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going down. If I don't throw them back, they will die." "Son," the man said, "Don't you realize that there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? Your effort wouldn't make much difference by throwing a few fish back into the ocean." After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish and threw it back into the ocean. Then smiling at the man, the boy said, "See, I made a difference for that one." This is a classic story of the power within each one of us to make a difference in the lives of others. Today's Gospel challenges us to make a difference in the lives of other people by our sacrificial service to those around us, in our own families, in the workplace, and in the wider world.

Just as Jesus made a difference in the lives of humankind during his time and the centuries that followed by offering his life for others, we too must possess heaven by making a difference in the lives of others, by dying to self, and spending our lives in self-giving sacrificial service. How do we make a difference in others' lives? How do we die to our own self so that we can serve others and thus make a difference in their lives? **First of all, we have to realize that new life and eternal life are possible only by dying to self through suffering and service.** There are so many day-to-day examples which can help us to understand this: Look at lighted candles. The candle that is lit is diminishing itself by melting its wax as it keeps burning but as it diminishes itself, it also gives light to many. Salt delivers its taste by dissolving in water. The oyster produces a priceless pearl by a long and painful process. Loving parents sacrifice themselves so that their children can enjoy better lives than they themselves had.

Secondly, only a life spent for others will be glorified here in this world and in heaven. We know that the world owes everything to people who have spent their time and talents for God and for their own fellow human beings. Mother Teresa, for instance, gave up her comfortable teaching career and with just 17 cents in her pocket, began her challenging life for the "poorest of the poor" in the crowded streets of Calcutta. Thus, she became in the words of the Secretary General of the U.N, "the most powerful woman in the world." We see similar cases in the history of great saints, scientists, and benefactors of mankind in all walks of life.

Thirdly, it is better to burn out than to rust out. This is one of the repeated pieces of advice Jesus gave us. George Bernard Shaw, in his play, "Joan of Arc," shows the saint praying, "Lord, I shall last only a year, use me as you can." There are many charitable foundations and research institutions financed by generous millionaires who understood this great Principle of life while so many others selfishly keep their God-given wealth and talents for themselves. Let us learn to live this Lenten period spending our time and talents for others around us by our humble, selfless, and self-giving service. If we wish to share in Jesus' hour of glory, we have to be prepared to die - die to our own selfish desires, set aside our search for selfish gain and our self-centered advancements, even our personal safety and security. Then we will live to share in the intimacy between the Father and Son, which truly is life eternal. This way we will be glorified in Jesus. May God bless us all!

Fr. John

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Youth Group meets on Sunday, March 24th in the Activity Center. Middle School students will meet from 4:00pm-5:30pm. High School students will meet from 6:00pm-7:30pm.

Our last Religion Classes for K-8th are April 8th, 9th & 10th.

Children's Church

April 7th and April 21st

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.

First Eucharist will be at 2:00pm on Sunday, April 14th.



**Adult Confirmation
10:30am on May 19th at
St. Joseph's Cathedral
Please contact June Hebert,
225-749-3387, by April 12th, if you
wish to receive this Sacrament.**

*The Sanctuary Candle burns
in memory of
Dee & Rosie Hernandez
and Brennan Bujol.*

**Prayers and Sympathy are
extended to the families of
Stephen Deville
and
Gus Lopez, Sr.
upon their deaths.**



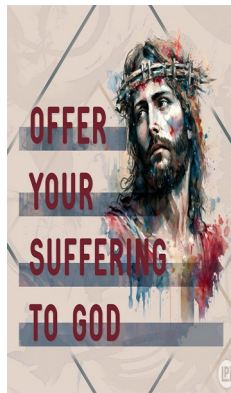
**Pray for Vocations
Are you being called to serve? Will you
follow Christ as a priest, deacon, sister
or brother? If so, please contact your
priest or reach out to
Father Josh Johnson at
225-336-8778 or email him:
jjohnson@diobr.org
or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations**

Stewardship of Finance

**Total Collection for March 10th: \$10,892.00
Catholic Relief Services Collection: \$835.00**

**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.**

**Thank you for your generosity during this
Lenten season.**



**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.**

HOLY WEEK



**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**

**Please welcome this child to our
faith community who was baptized
on March 10th:**

**Parker Elizabeth Richoux
daughter of Ainsley & Kayla Richoux**



Things to Do this Spring....

**The Zippers have a sale at 7:30am on
Thursday, March 21st. They will be closed
from March 22nd-April 1st. No donations
will be accepted during this time.**

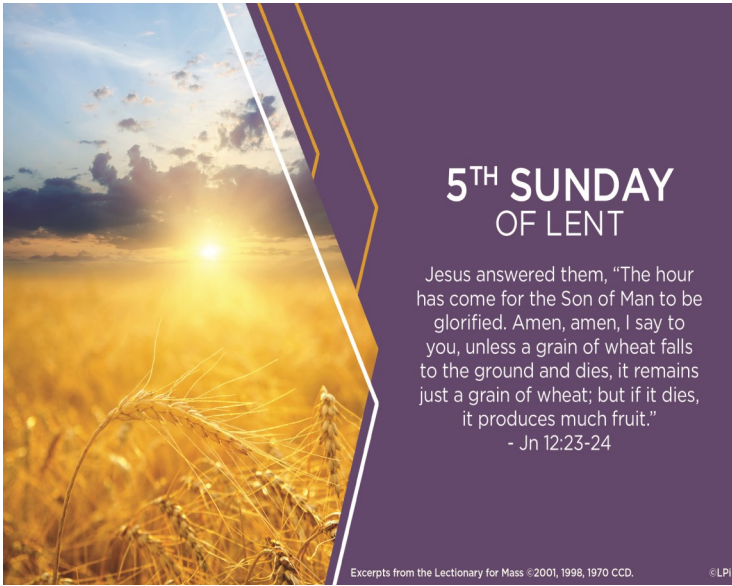
**The Eucharistic Revival featuring "The
Eucharist as Sacrifice," will take place in the
Activity Center on Thursday, March 21st
at 6:30pm.**

**The Women's Ministry will Pray & Paint the
Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm on Friday,
March 22nd in the Activity Center.**

**The Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt will take
place at 10:00am on Good Friday, March
29th at the Lion's Club on East St.
Francis Street.**

**The Lion's Club Card Party will be held on
Monday, April 22nd in our Activity Center.**





Readings for the week of March 17, 2024

- 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
- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and
29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/
Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/
Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/
Jn 11:45-56
- Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9,
17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/
Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Maintenance Committee
Richard Dugas
Joey Normand
Danny Rabalais
Nat Smith
Gary Tullier

**VITA Volunteers are needed now through April 15th
at Catholic Charities of the Diocese of
Baton Rouge. These volunteers assist low-wage
working families prepare their tax returns. No
experience is needed; training will be provided.
Please call 225-336-8700 to sign up or email:
drials@ccdiobr.org**

