



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.



Dear Parishioners,

During World War II, John Howard was blinded in an airplane explosion and could not see a thing for the next twelve years. One day as he was walking down the street near his parents' home in Texas, he suddenly began to see "red sand" in front of his eyes. Without warning, he regained his sight. According to an eye specialist, the blood blocking his optic nerve caused by the explosion, had cleared. Commenting on this experience John said, "You don't know what it is like for a father to see his children for the first time." But something more spectacular happened in today's Gospel, for Christ conferred to the blind man, not only physical sight, but spiritual sight as well. Jesus was so kind to open his inner eyes of faith and radiate his own light into the mind and heart of the blind man; and as a result of this, the blind man believed.

Faith helps us to see things differently. Faith, like love, is the way to see. We have a saying that "love is blind." When we see unusual partners together, like a beautiful woman going for an ugly looking man or vice versa, we hear people saying what does this woman see in that man or that man see in this woman? And with a shrug people respond, "Love is blind." I think it is a mistake to think that love is blind. Love, and love alone, can see the wonderful qualities in a human person which those without love fail to perceive. Love gives vision, a deeper way of seeing. Faith is similar to that. Faith, and faith alone, can truly see all the wonders of God. We see in today's Gospel Jesus giving sight to the man who had been born blind. The Pharisees who heard and saw the blind man, who now could see, looked at Jesus and could see him only as someone who is a trouble maker, and who broke the Sabbath law. Jesus was guilty in their judgment. They rejected him and his actions, though he did only good, and never evil. On the other hand, the man who had been healed of his blindness looked at Jesus and saw him as his Savior.

Jesus' miracle in today's Gospel is a symbol of faith, and we all have received this same gift of faith at our Baptism, the faith which is the light of Christ. This light helps us see the truth, justice and righteousness. This light helps us to experience joy and happiness amidst pain and suffering. This light enables us to emerge from the tombs of sin and death, and into the light of Christ. St. Paul in the second reading says, "Brothers and Sisters, you were once in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord", which means that now we are enlightened by Christ. It is good to ask ourselves, "Do we live like enlightened people? Do we live like people who have the light of Christ within us? Or, are we still in darkness though we have been washed in Baptism?"

We are in darkness whenever we are imprisoned in our egoism, whenever we refuse to accept others as they are, whenever we sow the seeds of enmity, or whenever we discard the poor and needy and fail to see Jesus' presence in them. If we are in darkness, do we desire to come out of it and come to the light? It is possible that we prefer to be in darkness, rather than coming into the light of Christ. Is our faith so weak that we cannot see the light and goodness beyond the situations that we are in? Lent is a time to garner courage to face the darkness, to go through those moments in faith so that we can see the light and begin to walk in the light of the risen Christ. Pray today for the grace that we are able to experience the light of Christ in our life, so that we can bear fruit worthy of the light.

God Bless You,
Fr. John

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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

10th Grade Retreat begins at 11:00am Mass on Sunday, April 2nd, and ends at 5:00pm in the Activity Center.

Religion Classes for K-8 end April 5th.

St. John the Baptist's Women's Ministry Committee Meeting on March 23rd at 6:30pm

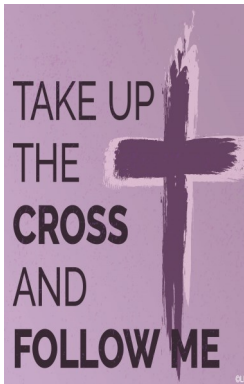
SJBWM strives to bring our female parishioners closer together and to God.

We need volunteers to serve on the SJBWM committee. If you are interested, please email Alena Prejean: alenaprejean@yahoo.com
Please include your email address and mobile phone number by March 20th.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Vocations

Will you take up the cross and follow Jesus? If you think God is calling you to a Church Vocation as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, please contact
Father Josh Johnson,
225-336-8778,
jjohnson@diobr.org
or visit:
www.diobr.org/vocations



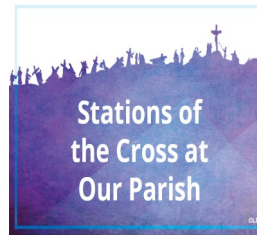
Rita's Closet/Zipper
Next Sale is March 23rd at 7:30am

They will be closed from April 1st-9th.
NO DONATIONS will be accepted during this time.

Thank you for your support!

KC CALENDAR WINNERS FOR MARCH 2023

Jaidyn Mabile, Ronald & Wendy Hebert, Barbara Theriot, Rebekah Motichak, Jody & Judy Cazes, Benson Templet, Kristy Morel, Beverly Prejean, Jamie Whaley, Mike Cazes, Coot Breaux, Kristy Alleman, Judy LeBlanc, Christopher Bourgeois, Ruston Allain, Clay Bourg III, Angelle Soniat, Shirley Collins, Lucille Theriot, Skyler Seneca, Carl D'Albor, Kim Sedotal, Lydia Piendel, Jennifer Martinez, Gerald Mabile, Denise Soileau, Henry Daigle, Jr, Gary & Linda Gaudet, Bennet LeBlanc, Peyton Forestier, Gary LaBauve



LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE
Every Wednesday throughout Lent
5:30pm Confession
6:00pm Mass
6:30pm Way of the Cross

*The Sanctuary
Candle burns in
memory of
Diana Bouvier,
M/M Rickie Bouvier,
M/M Andrew Adams,
Dixie & Moise Vegas*



All Night Eucharistic Adoration
Friday, March 31st at 8:00pm through Saturday, April 1st at 8:00am. Sign-up sheets are in the back of Church. Please call Julie Millard, 776-4646 or Mary Benoit, 324-5289 for more information.

Knights of Columbus

Donuts on April 2nd after 7:30am Mass in the Activity Center
Meeting in the Activity Center on April 12th
Officer's Meeting at 6:00pm
Membership Meeting at 7:15pm
Pro-Life Rosary on April 15th at 4:00pm

Thank you for helping make the Baby Bottle Campaign a huge success!
We raised over \$3700!

Catholic Daughters

Meeting in the Activity Center on April 12th at 7:00pm

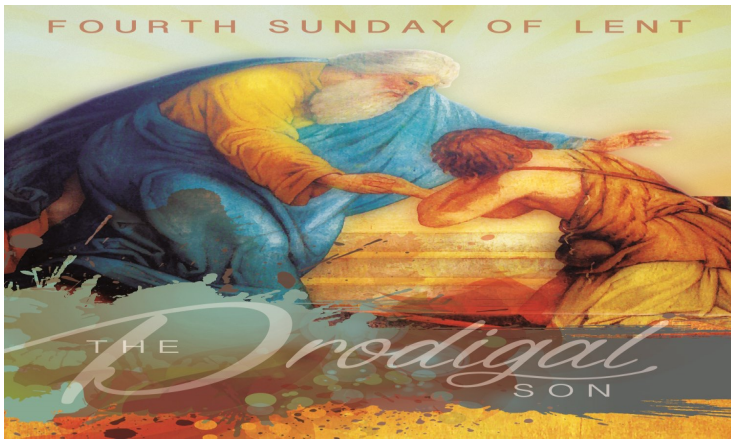
Stewardship of Finances

Total Collection for March 5th: \$14,366.40

March Building Fund: \$9,136.00

Lenten Missions in Our Area:

- 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



Readings for the week of March 19, 2023

- 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
- Monday: 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
- 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: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a,8b-9, 10, 11/
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Next Sunday: 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 Thursday, April 6th, Mass at 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 7th

Way of the Cross at 12:00pm

Passion at 3:00pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass

April 8th at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 9th

Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am

