



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,

We find people dying of cancer, old age, accidents, war, starvation, disease, natural disasters and also by becoming victims of violence or terror. But for Christians, death is the supreme festival on the road to eternal life. We believe what Prophet Ezekiel said, “Out of the graves new life emerges.” St. Paul states, “God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will also raise us to new life”; for Jesus has shown us this by his own resurrection. The raising of Lazarus was an indication of what Jesus would do for us today. The question we need to ask ourselves is, how many of us really believe in it? Sometimes people go about brooding over the loss of their loved ones, even after many years, and as a result they are unable to move on with their lives. Moreover, we have to understand that we are not alone in facing such realities. An elderly Chinese philosopher was once approached by a young woman who was grief-stricken by the loss of her only son. “I will be able to help you,” he assured her, “If you bring me some mustard seeds from a home where there has never been any sorrow.” The woman started her search with hope and eagerness. In every place she visited there had been some trials and loss of loved ones. Returning disappointed, she exclaimed, “How selfish I have been; sorrow is common to all.” “Ah,” said the philosopher, “You have learned a valuable lesson and acquired a wealth of wisdom which has not only eased your grief, but also helped you to sympathize with others.” This is what happens when it comes to accepting the death of a loved one.

What about facing our own death? How ready and willing are we in facing the fact of our own death? I am sure none of us want to die, and some don’t even want to hear about death. While taking my Eastern Spirituality and meditation classes at Our Lady of Mercy, I talked about death and wanted to meditate on our deaths. One of the participants had a fit; he got up and said, “Why do you want us to meditate on death? Let us meditate on life, happiness and joy. I don’t want to hear the word death.” Yes, it is true that some of us don’t want to hear about death. We want to live, and live as long as we can. It is also a fact that many of us take care of ourselves and do things that help us to live longer and healthier lives, which we must do because life is a precious gift from God to each of us. But at the same time, we must always be prepared for death. St. Paul tell us in today’s second reading that we have to live our life as people in whom the spirit of God is active and alive. This calls for living a life inspired by Jesus’ own life and his dying, who lived for God and others. This can be done by giving our time, talents, resources, energy, and ourselves in the service of God and our neighbor. We know that although we have the desire to always be prepared by living our life in the Spirit, we are not yet ready to give up our old ways or our sinfulness.

As Lent is coming to an end, God is calling us again to bring about a change in our lives. If we think that we are too settled to change, or we are afraid that we have been too long in the grave of mediocrity to effect the desired change in our life, God can help us with His power. Lazarus came into life not by his own power, but by the power of God. Lazarus literally means “helpless.” He stands for human weakness and helplessness without God; Lazarus without God was helpless and could not come back to life. It’s Jesus’ power, the power of God that enables us to break the fetters of fear, selfishness and mediocrity. Therefore, we have to bring all our fears and frailties to God in prayer. Martha brought her sadness to the Lord and her sadness was transformed to a faith experience: her brother was dead, but now he is alive with God. Hence, instead of living in such fear and mediocrity, let us bring ourselves to God. God’s power combined with our own Lenten sacrifices, can help us live a life in the spirit and always be ready for His call in our life.

God Bless You,

Fr. John

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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.

Seniors' Lunch will be Sunday, April 16th after 11:00am Mass in the Activity Center. Please call June Hebert, 749-3387, to sign up your Senior and family.

First Eucharist Retreat is Saturday, April 29th from 9:00am-12:00pm in the Activity Center for Parent and Child.

First Eucharist will be celebrated at 2:00pm on Sunday, April 30th in Church.



LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

Every Wednesday throughout Lent

5:30pm Confession

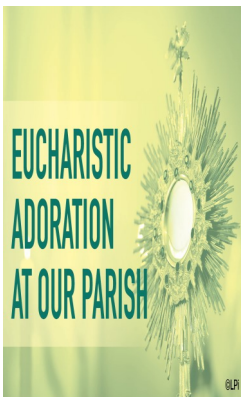
6:00pm Mass

6:30pm Way of the Cross

6:30-7:30pm Confession- "Light is On for You"



*The Sanctuary
Candle burns in
memory of
Rod Prejean.*



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.

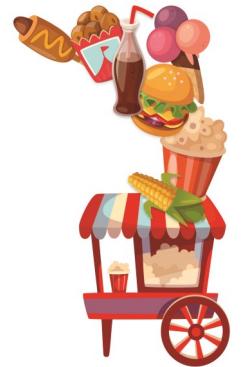
Fair Committee

We are forming a Fair Committee to organize our Church Fair for October.

WE NEED YOU!

Please call the Church Office to sign up and to offer your services and expertise.

THANK YOU!



Stewardship of Finances

Total Collection for March 19th: \$7,744.00

Thank you for your generosity!



CDA Pastalaya Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, April 23rd from 11:00am-1:00pm
St. John the Baptist Church Activity Center

Take-out ONLY

The dinners are \$10.00 each.

To purchase tickets, please contact Mimi Clouatre, 603-8782, or Julie Millard, 776-4646.

Thanks for your support!



Brusly Lions Club Card Party

Monday, April 17th
10:00am to 3:00pm

SJB Activity Center

To register, please call
Steve Guidry 773-6141

or

Terry Guidry 413-5418.

When you have the opportunity to do good, do not let it go by.

St. Polycarp

Vocations
Can you do good for others as a priest, deacon, brother or sister?

If God is calling you to a religious vocation, please contact

Father Josh Johnson,
225-336-8778,

jjohnson@diobr.org
or visit:

www.diobr.org/vocations

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Holy Thursday, April 6th, Mass at 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 7th

Way of the Cross at 12:00pm

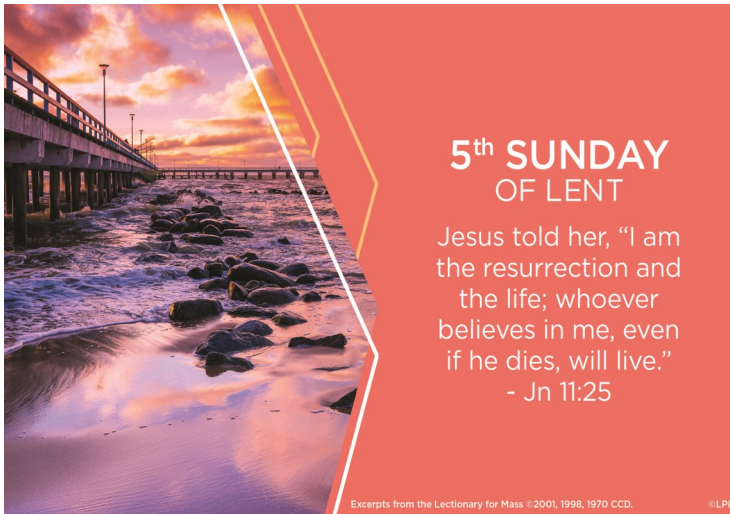
Passion at 3:00pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass

April 8th at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 9th

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



Readings for the week of March 26, 2023

- 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
- 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:** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
- 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:** Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20,
23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/
Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

