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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,

It was customary for the Jews to visit the tomb of a beloved person for three days, since they believed that the spirit of the dead person hovered around the tomb for three days. Maybe, it is this belief that inspired Mary Magdalene to go to Jesus' tomb very early that morning; or it could be her deep love for Jesus, perhaps she loved Him more than herself. But whatever the reason, Mary was at the tomb of Jesus early that morning, and she was shocked when she found the empty tomb. Then she runs to Peter and John and narrates the story to them. These two disciples had been with Jesus throughout the most important events of His life. Hearing the news, these two rush to the tomb and are confronted with the facts of the resurrection: the empty tomb, and the clothes that had covered His dead body. Mary Magdalene and these disciples had experienced Jesus' unfathomable love, and therefore, they were the privileged ones who first witnessed the proof of Jesus' resurrection. It's only when we love God and one another that we can have the privilege of being loved, nurtured, and cared for by God and others. So, Easter is a call **to experience God's unconditional love for us, and share that love with one another.**

Easter also comes with a profound message: a message that **God offers us new life through the Risen Lord.** This new life is something precious, special and unique. I know of someone who was very sick with pneumonia. It became so bad that even the doctors gave up hope, and said that she would die within a couple of days. Others also thought the same, believing in the words of the doctor. But because of the continuous prayers of so many people, God's power miraculously worked for that woman and she recovered to normal health within a few days. Since she had a near death experience, when she got well she was no longer the same person. She experienced a new life. She experienced a tremendous joy within her heart. We might not have had that miraculous experience of new life, but at some time we might have had an experience of new life. For example, it could be when we decided to forgive someone who hurt us, or when we decided to give up a bad habit, or when we made a good confession, or when we experienced physical healing. For some, it can be at the time of baptism, if the person is aware of this. I am sure, we experienced the joy of new life when this occurred in our life. The new life cannot be found in modern science and technology, but the new life can be found in the Risen Lord. There are people who try to find the joy of new life in computers or in television. We forget that it is the Risen Lord who gives us the joy of new life, the joy of our soul.

God's offer of new life is for everyone, and for all time. The question is, do we recognize God's offer of new life and are we willing to accept it? If so, even death which seems to be the end of everything, can turn into an experience of new life. That is what the resurrection of Jesus communicates to us. But this will demand a life of loving surrender and obedience to the will of the Father, as Jesus did. **Hence, Easter is a call to share this new life with one another.** Every Eucharist is an invitation to experience this new life. The Risen Lord is present in the Eucharist, offering Himself to His Father. Let us pray that we may recognize the new life God offers to each one of us, experience it, and then share this new life with others.

I wish you all a very Happy Easter! May you and your family experience the peace and joy of the Risen Lord!
God bless you all,

Fr. John

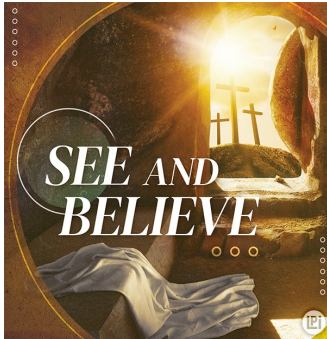
CHRISTIAN FORMATION

There will be **NO Religion Classes for K-8th** on April 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

First Eucharist Retreat is from 9:00am-12:00pm on Saturday, April 13th in the Activity Center for parent and child.

First Eucharist will be at 2:00pm on Sunday, April 14th. A reception will follow in the Activity Center.

Our **Graduate's Mass** will be at 11:00am on Sunday, April 21st. Lunch will follow in the Activity Center. Please RSVP to Jayne, 225-749-3387.



The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Wayne Knotts.

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of Andrew Seneca upon his death.

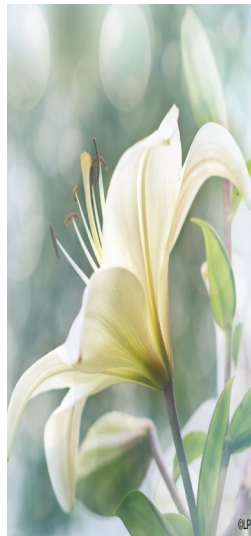
St. John the Baptist's Women's Ministry
Thursday, April 11th at 6:30pm: Please join their Fellowship night in the Activity Center featuring a presentation on St. Agatha. Registration forms can be found in the back of Church, on the Church Website or on their facebook page.

Catholic Daughters

Their Meeting date has changed to Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00pm in the Activity Center.

They will host a Rosary for Our Lady of the Rosary, at the Grotto in front of Church at 9:00am on Saturday, April 20th. All are welcome!

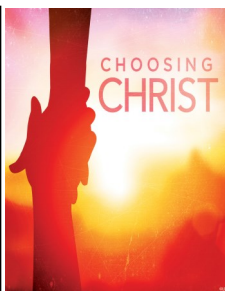
Their Pastalaya dinner fundraiser will be on Sunday, April 28th in the Activity Center. Tickets will be sold after all Masses on the weekend of April 6/7.



Eucharistic Revival

April 25th: Eucharistic Miracles from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Activity Center

May 30th: Adoration/Holy Hour from 6:30pm-7:30pm in Church



Divine Mercy Novena & Mass
Mass at 6:00pm every Wednesday through April 3rd, followed by the sung chaplet of the Divine Mercy Novena. This will conclude with the Feast of the Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 7th.

All Night Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, April 5th at 8:00pm through Saturday, April 6th at 8:00am. Sign-up sheets are in the back of Church.

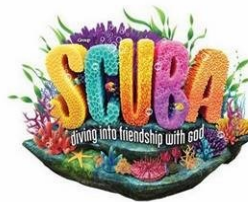
1st Saturday Mass is at 8:00am on Saturday, April 6th.

The Zippers need your help!

The Zippers donate clothes to Career Closet at BRCC. They need a volunteer to deliver career clothing to BRCC once a month. If you can help, please call Andrea Normand, 225-506-8622 or email her: bruslyrn@bellsouth.net

Zippers Thrift Shop Sale Dates

April 4 & 18 at 7:30am
May 2 & 16 at 7:30am



Vacation Bible School
July 8th through 12th

Registration forms will soon be available on the Church website.

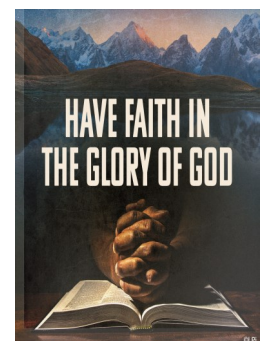
Stewardship of Finance

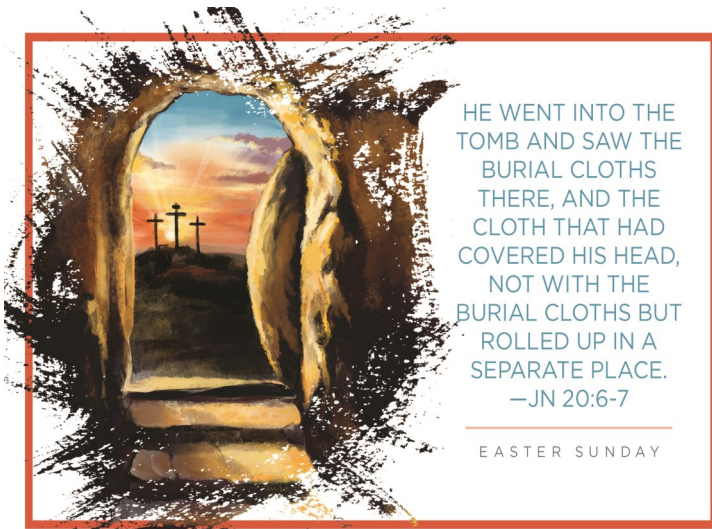
Total Collection for March 17th: \$8,997.00

Please support our Retired Diocesan Priests by returning your envelope in the Easter collection.

Pray for Vocations

The Lord is truly risen! Are you being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord's resurrection 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





HE WENT INTO THE
TOMB AND SAW THE
BURIAL CLOTHS
THERE, AND THE
CLOTH THAT HAD
COVERED HIS HEAD,
NOT WITH THE
BURIAL CLOTHS BUT
ROLLED UP IN A
SEPARATE PLACE.
—JN 20:6-7

EASTER SUNDAY

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Readings for the week of March 31, 2024

- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
(24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9
or Mk 16:1-7
- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10,
11/Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/
Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/
Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/
Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/
Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18,
19-21/Mk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/
1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31



Children's Church
9:00am & 11:00am Masses

- April 7**
- April 21**
- May 5**
- May 19**
- June 2**
- June 16**

St John the Baptist Parish Council Members 2024-2025

- Christian Benoit**
- Grayson Brewer, Vice Chairman**
- Chris Buckle**
- Christie Chapman, Secretary**
- Justin Clouatre**
- Horace Crochet, Chairman**
- Janice Hebert**
- Fr. Arun John, IMS**
- Joey Normand**
- Maggie Prejean**
- Mike Prejean**
- Edana Robnett**
- Derek Scott**