



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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Parishioners,

Since the beginning of Christianity Jesus has been a puzzle to many. Over the years he has been described by people in many ways, for example, "He is the friend of the poor and downtrodden; or He eats with sinners, the poor and publicans." Jesus has really astonished many by his wisdom and power. Many people called him Jesus the Messiah, the liberator, the king of the Jews, etc. But Jesus transcends all these human descriptions. Those who want to know who Jesus is have to climb the mount of transfiguration, where the mystery of his person is revealed: "This is my beloved Son, listen to him." We all have to ascend the Spiritual Mountain to get a glimpse of Jesus' transfiguration. Jesus makes it clear to us through his own life, that we can ascend the Spiritual Mountain peak only through the Cross, in imitation of him.

In today's Gospel we see Jesus taking Peter, James and John to the mountain so that they, too, can get a glimpse of the transfiguration. Again, we see Jesus taking the same disciples into the garden of Gethsemane to witness his agony. This was to show these disciples that as long as we live, we will be subjected to both joys and sufferings. The strength and consolation for us is that our way will be illuminated by Jesus' light; he leads us through darkness into the light, and will transform all our sorrows into joy, in the same way he had to suffer all these in order to enter into his glory.

What was the reaction of the disciples who witnessed the transfiguration and heard the voice, "This is my beloved son. Listen to him." The Gospel says, "They fell prostrate and were very much afraid." Jesus touched them and said, "Stand up, do not be afraid." The feast of the transfiguration is a feast of encouragement. Jesus encourages the disciples who were afraid, to stand up to face the fear and be liberated from it. The most important journey we will ever make is from fear to trust. As we begin to trust God, life becomes full of possibilities. We read in Psalm 91, "God covers us with His wings." Jesus in today's Gospel says to the fearful disciples, "Stand up, do not be afraid." We have to always be reminded of not just these words but to trust that he is there with us. One day a preacher was repeating to his congregation, "You must put God in your life! You must put God in your life!" A wise man from his congregation got up and said, "He is already there; all that we have to do is become aware of it." This is true. God is already here with us.

The readings this weekend invite us to experience the transfiguration of Jesus in our own life. Jesus, the light, is always within us, to make us shine, and to guide us in our journey of faith. All that we have to do is to keep awake, like the disciples who kept awake and saw his glory. If we become alive to God and to our own brothers and sisters, we will be able to get a glimpse of light and glory in our own day-to-day lives. Pray today for the grace to be awake to God's presence and the light that is within us, so that we can experience it in our lives and be guided by it.

God bless you all,

Father John

THE
transfiguration
OF CHRIST

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.

Bishop Duca invites you to a Holy Hour on March 8th from 6:00-7:00pm at St. John the Baptist Church in Zachary. This hour will include Eucharistic Adoration, Praise, Scripture, Community and Silence.



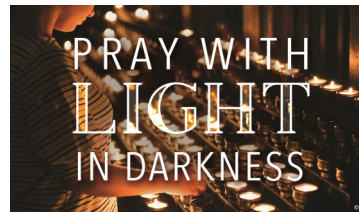
LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE Every Wednesday beginning March 8th

5:30pm Confession
6:00pm Mass
6:30pm Way of the Cross
6:30-7:30pm Confession- "Light is On for You"



R.C.I.A. Rite of Election at St. Joseph's Cathedral
R.C.I.A. Catechumens and Candidates attended the Rite on February 26th. Pictured Left to Right: Julie Adams (front), Jared Friddle, Courtney Carpenter, Rev. Arun John, Emily Brou, Dennis Jenkins. (Not pictured is Pamela LeDoux.)

Sympathy and prayers are extended to the families of Edna Mae Babin Gassie and Alton Boyd Paul Manola upon their deaths.



The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Richard Landry.

Stewardship of Finances

Total Collection for February 19th: \$10,305.16

Total Collection for February 26th: \$9,462.00

Adult Confirmation at St. Joseph Cathedral
May 28th at 10:30am
If you want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact June Hebert, 749-3387 for the guidelines of preparation.



Vocations
Can you follow in the footsteps of Jesus as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If so, please contact **Father Josh Johnson, 225-336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations**



Our next Baptism Seminar will be at 6:00pm on Wednesday, March 8th. Please call the Church Office to register.

Matrimony: A Calling to Forgive
Retrouvaille Weekend offers a welcoming space to couples who are in a failing marriage. To obtain more information about this program scheduled for March 10-12, please contact Randall & Robin Bellard at 225-271-4092 or go to their website: HelpOurMarriage.org



HOLY LAND OLIVEWOOD SALE
Blessed Olive Wood Creations will be selling olive wood carvings, crosses, rosaries, and much more after all Masses on the weekend of March 11/12. These proceeds benefit the Christian families who live in the Holy Land.





2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is my beloved
Son, with whom I am
well pleased; listen
to him.” - Mt 17:5b

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. OLP

Readings for the week of March 5, 2023

- Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/
2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
- Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/
Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
- Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17,
18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Next 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

Job Opening for Coordinator of Youth & Young Adult Ministry Programs at the Catholic Life Center

This position provides support to the Director of the Program and provides resources and support to youth, parents, young adults and youth ministry leaders. For more information, go to: www.diobr.org/employment-opportunities

St John the Baptist Parish Council Members 2023-2024

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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.