



ST. JOHN *The* **BAPTIST**
catholic church



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CHRISTIAN FORMATION: 225-749-3387

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 225-281-0333.

PRAYER LINE

Please call the Church Parish Office.

Dear Parishioners,

Bidding farewell to our dear ones is a painful experience. How many drops of tears do people shed at the airport, railway or bus stations while parting? Many thoughts come to mind, "When will I see him again? Or Will he or she have a safe journey?" I experience this pain whenever I leave home after I visit my family. My parents and loved ones shed tears. The disciples also felt sad at Jesus' farewell address. We can perceive a very tender concern pervading the whole proceeding. Jesus assures them of his company even after his physical absence, "I will not leave you orphans." The Holy Spirit abides with them, to teach them and to help them. Certain conditions had to be fulfilled for the Holy Spirit to abide with the disciples. They had to keep his word and the precepts of his love. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments", Jesus says. We have to prove our love for Jesus by our obedience to his commandments. The criteria of our love is, "Love one another as I have loved you." Once we do this, then we will be loved by the Father and we can become the abode of the Father and the Holy Spirit.

It's good to ask ourselves if we really keep his commandments, and if we do, why? Is my obedience to Jesus' commandments out of love for him or something else? Once an angel was walking down the street with a torch in one hand and a bucket of water in the other. "What are you going to do with the torch and the bucket of water?" someone asked. The angel replied, "With the torch I am going to burn down the mansions of heaven; and with the bucket of water, I am going to put out the fires of hell. Then, we are going to see who really loves God." Many people seem to obey Christ's commandments out of fear of hell, or hope of reward in heaven, but not for love of him. Is my keeping of his commandments an expression of my love for Jesus?

If we do this out of love for Jesus, then, and only then, he will send us the Holy Spirit. Jesus says, "If you obey the commandments, I will ask the Father, to send you another Helper." Don't we need this helper, the Holy Spirit? Certainly, we need Him. What is it that makes some horses winning thoroughbreds? Why is it that some horses have more speed, strength and stamina than other horses? Essentially these traits come from within the horses themselves. Still, they also need help from expert trainers and skillful jockeys to activate and develop their inner powers. Similarly, we have within us such capacities to overcome obstacles and grow, to discover more beauty in the world and the creation, to be compassionate to the needy, to be generous, and to see things clearly from God's point of view and to follow. Yet, like the champion horses, we also need a special kind of helper, the Holy Spirit, to activate and develop our inner capabilities to the fullest, so that we can reach a peak in our personal growth, become Christ-like and enrich the lives of people around us. As we are celebrating Mother's Day this weekend, let us thank the Lord for the gift of our mothers and for the sacrifices they have made for us. We don't have to go very far to find examples of love, just look at our mothers. Let us respect them for who they are and love them for all that they have done for us. I take this opportunity to wish all Mothers a very Happy Mother's Day! God bless you all,

Fr. John





May Crowning
 We will have the May
 Crowning Ceremony on
 Sunday, May 14th after
 9:00am Mass at the Grotto
 in front of Church.
Happy Mother's Day!



PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father,
 from the beginning you have chosen to entrust
 the human person to mothers in a special way.
 We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers;
 for their tenderness, care, and compassion,
 for their intuition and encouragement,
 for commitment and sacrifice.
 Bless all mothers this day.
 Keep, strengthen, and refresh them
 in your loving care.
 May they be blessed by our open-hearted
 love and gratitude.
 Amen.

*The Sanctuary
 Candle burns in
 memory of
 Virgie Curcio.*



Confirmation Retreat

The Confirmation Retreat will be held
 in the Activity Center on May 31st at
 5:00pm, June 1st at 1:00pm and June
 2nd at 1:00pm.
 Please call June Hebert,
 225-749-3387 for more information.



Vocations

Hail Mary Full of Grace!
**Can you be devoted to God as Mary
 was? If you think God is
 calling you to a Church Vocation,
 please contact Father Josh
 Johnson at 225-336-8778 or
 email him: jjohnson@diobr.org
 or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations**



Vacation Bible School

**We will have a Meeting for all Volunteers on
 Wednesday, July 5th at 6:00pm in the Activity Center.
 Volunteer forms can be found on the Church website, in
 the back of Church, in the Church Office or in the
 Christian Formation Office. For more information,
 please call June or Jayne, 225-749-3387.**

Stewardship of Finances

Total Collection for May 7th: \$9,276.00

Catholic Home Mission: \$655.00

Catholic Commentator: \$583.00



**Vacation Bible School will be
 July 10th-14th from 9:00am-11:30am.
 Our theme this year is
 "Shine Jesus' Light."**

**Our Registration deadline is June 28th
 for all children in Grades K-5.
 Registration forms can be found
 online, sjb-brusly.com, in the back of
 Church, in the Church Office and in
 the Christian Formation Office.
 The Registration fee is \$25 per child
 and \$75 max for a family.**



**Feast on the Levee
 Sunday, October 8th
 Please call the Church Office to
 volunteer your time.**

K.C. Calendar Winners for May, 2023

Rosemary Babin, Lucas Cordell, Anthony Simoneaux,
 David Brown, Darren Hebert, James Prudhomme, Harold Himel,
 Jacob Kleinpeter, Emily Shearer, Corey Kimble, Brad Lambert,
 Kenneth Ferachi, Dane Barras, James Martinez, Charles Mouiton,
 Phil Blanchard, Jennifer Malbrough, Joni Lacara, Gunner
 Bourgoyne, Rhonda Messina, Cory Soniat, Koral Bourgeois, Gary
 Tullier, Cathy Hebert, Matthew Babin, Cathy Theriot, Larry
 Schlatre, Sr, Brett Theriot, Jeanette Breaux, Katherine Cordell,
 John & Judy Neff



6TH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

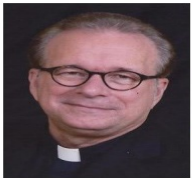
"And whoever loves me
will be loved by my Father,
and I will love him and
reveal myself to him."
- Jn 14:20-21

Readings for the week of May 14, 2023

- Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20
(1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
- Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/
Jn 15:26—16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/
Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/
Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/
Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
- Next Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/
Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1,
4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

**THE FINAL BATTLE: THE MESSAGE OF FATIMA
AND ITS MEANING FOR THE WORLD TODAY**

May 26 - May 28, 2023

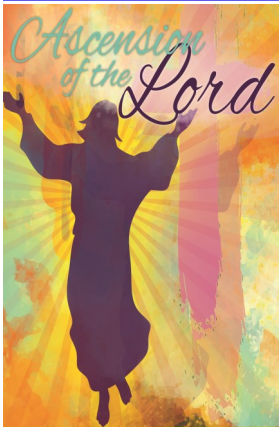


Join Father Miles Walsh at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Center in Chatawa, Mississippi, for a three day retreat that will explore the profound and urgent message that Our Lady of Fatima gave to the world. Discover the meaning of that message for our world today.

To register go to:

www.ourladyofhopems.com/register

or call: 601-202-3137



Please join Father Matt Dupre' for his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday, June 3rd at 4:00pm Mass at Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church in Donaldsonville. A Reception will follow at the Ascension High School Gym located at 311 Saint Vincent Street.