



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
Candice Breaux Youth Group Minister
Betty Cain Bookkeeper
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Pedro Hernandez Custodian
Jayne Jason Christian Formation
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 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.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

One of the most important questions that frightens people today is when and how the end of the world would come? Before the beginning of the year 2000, there was a lot of speculation that the world was going to end before the new year. But nothing of that sort happened. In fact, the interest in knowing about the end of the world is as old as Christianity. When Jesus spoke about the destruction of the Temple that we heard in the Gospel, his contemporaries thought that he was referring to the end of the world. Because for the Jews, the destruction of the Temple was equivalent to the destruction of the world, and so they asked, "When will this happen?" (Lk21:7). And when Jesus spoke of the trials and tribulations prior to the destruction of the Temple, people thought that at the end of world the sky would fall, the sun would burst and the moon would disintegrate, etc. But was this the big question that Jesus was concerned about? The concern of Jesus was not how or when everything will take place, but how we should be prepared for this day or that moment.

So, in a way, Jesus is telling us that surely the end will come, the calamities would occur prior to that, which the Christians have to bear, but it's far away. And he warned us not to be misled by those who would say, "The time is near" (Lk28:8). He is, therefore urging us that instead of being misled, be well prepared for the end, by engaging ourselves in the tasks of the present, which are challenging enough to demand our full attention. No matter what we do or where we are, we have to be fully present and alive. Being a good Christian and living our life according to the Gospel values would help us to be prepared for our future. We have to live everyday as a gift from God and live it well. It's easy for us to be misled by what a group does, or by our companions or by what the majority does or says. There will be people coming after you saying, "Don't worry, let us eat, drink enjoy and have fun today. Morality, goodness and values are what we will consider tomorrow." It's easy to follow the crowd and be swayed by the ways of the crowd. Jesus in today's Gospel warns us about such friends and groups, he says, "Don't be misled by them." Have the courage to say no to things that would go against your conscience, your beliefs and your way of life.

This stand of ours may not be easy; for it may bring enmity, rejection, isolation, suffering, pain and sorrow. Are we ready to face those moments and go through them? All the same, they are part and parcel of Christian life. They are challenges that every Christian has to face in following Jesus. We are not alone in those moments, for Jesus has promised his presence and his strength to us. Therefore, we can persevere in any situation if we can bring Jesus into our life, and especially in our difficult moments, in our pain and feelings of rejection. Hence, our concern should be, not when and how the world is going to end, but how prepared we are to face that moment when it comes.

God bless you all!

Fr. John

Christian Formation

Thanksgiving holiday: There will be no religion classes on November 21, 22 or 23.

Religion Mass: Mass for students in grades K-8 is scheduled for Monday, November 28 at 5:30pm. All parents and grandparents are welcome to attend this Mass. Please drop off your child at 5:15pm in Church & pick up your child at 6:20pm from Church.

Sacramental Prep for 1st Reconciliation: Child only on December 5 or 6 at 5:30pm in the Activity Center

1st Reconciliation Retreat: Parent & Child from 9:00am-12:00pm on Saturday, December 10 in the Activity Center

1st Reconciliation: Parent & Child celebrate Sacrament on Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00pm in Church



Upcoming Events....

November 14: Food Pantry distribution at 8:30am from the Activity Center

November 17: Zipper's Sale at 7:30am
The Zippers will be closed from November 19-27. NO DONATIONS will be accepted during this time.

November 24: Thanksgiving Mass at 8:00am

November 24 & 25: Church Office closed for Thanksgiving holidays

December 4: Blood Drive from 7:00am-1:00pm

December 12: Nativity Carol Christmas Concert at 5:00pm in Church; Cookie Reception to follow in the Activity Center

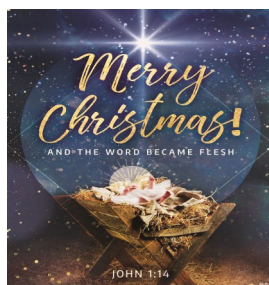
December 14: Advent Penance Service held at 6:00pm along with 1st Reconciliation

January 16-21, 2023: March for Life trip to Washington, D.C. for all young adults
Please call June Hebert, 749-3387, to register.



The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of R.L. Berthelot and Peggy LeBlanc.

Please bring any Christmas cards to the Office that you would like to donate to the prison ministry. Deacon Alfred Ricard will collect them by December 1st. Thank you for supporting this ministry.



STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES November 6, 2022

307 Identified:	\$17,370.00
Loose Collection:	+ 754.00
Total:	\$18,124.00

All Saints Day Collection:	\$1,467.00
October Building Fund:	\$6,415.00



The Port Allen Rotary Club will have a sit-down Thanksgiving lunch for the Senior Citizens of our community on November 22nd at 11:00am at the Holy Family Marian Hall in Port Allen. You are invited to arrive at 10:00am and dine together at 11:00am.



The Bishop's Annual Appeal provides tuition assistance to Catholic Schools. Please support students by helping to educate their minds and encourage talent. Please go to: diobr.org/baa to help students today!



Will you go on a journey with Jesus?

Has God called you to a life as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

**If so, please contact
Father Josh Johnson,
225-336-8778,**

**jjohnson@diobr.org
if you want this Vocation.
or visit:
www.diobr.org/vocations**

St John the Baptist Parish Council Members

2022-2023

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Readings for the week of November 13, 2022

Sunday:	Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9/2 Thes 3:7-12/ Lk 21:5-19
Monday:	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/ Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/ Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/ Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday:	2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/ Lk 23:35-43

Please support the KCs by purchasing a 2023 calendar for \$20 for their fundraiser. You can contact any KC member or call Jerry Eagan, 939-1673, to get your calendar today!