



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 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,

The Gospel passage this weekend speaks about two categories of people: the risk takers and those that are cautious. The first category is represented by the ones who were given five talents and two talents, respectively. The Greek word for talent is *talentos*, which refers to quantity. As Jesus uses it in the parable, a talent is not something that we possess, but what God possesses and loans to his servants. Therefore, the talents belonged to the Lord who entrusted them to his servants for use in trade. According to the parable, the first category of people is the two men who traded with their amounts and made ten and four talents respectively. And as we can see, their business risk paid off. The person who received one talent represented the second category, the cautious one. He seemed to be afraid of the master, whom he understood as harsh and unjust and who would make unreasonable demands on him. This fear made him not use the amount in trading, but instead he hid the talent in the ground. We see this man as someone who was unwilling to take any risks. And as expected, when the master returned from his trip abroad, he praised and rewarded the ones who took the risk and traded with their talents. As for the over-cautious man, the master was stern and harsh with him for hiding the talent in the ground, and he was given rigorous punishment. The Christian life, may in a way, be seen as a time of waiting for the Master. We are given this life as a gift by the Master. The question is, how do we use the life given to us? Do we take risks in our lives by making this life productive? Or do we act like the one who was cautious and did not use his talents.

I can be like the cautious one when I am guarded by becoming stiff and rigid, which can prevent me from experiencing emotions of love, joy, sadness, grief, etc. Therefore, I will raise barriers which keep me from experiencing and learning about myself and my self worth or value. It is only when I am in touch with myself, that I become aware of myself at a deeper level. Another area where I am cautious is in establishing relationships. I am afraid that if I form a relationship, or share with others in depth, that I could be rejected; or that demands may be made of me, or that I may not be able to cope with my own issues in any relationship. Therefore, I keep to myself and mingle with only those who I am comfortable with. But taking a risk in a relationship will open up new avenues for learning about oneself, developing a friendship or engaging in common projects with others.

Another area where I may not want to take a risk is in the area of using some of my own talents, that I haven't utilized thus far. One of the common excuses people give for not utilizing their own talents is, "I have never done this before." These people just stay with what they have tried and will not venture into new tasks, or utilize new talents, or assume new responsibilities, or take up leadership in organizations or communities. We have seen people who were willing to venture into the unknown, enrich themselves and make their lives successful. In the Gospel Parable, we see that the ones who took risks pleased the master, and they were greatly rewarded. Similarly, when we are willing to take a risk, we allow ourselves to experience emotions, deepen our relationships and utilize new talents for our community, and for our Church Parish. Hence, we will discover that our lives have been enriched in the process, and we will be rewarded greatly. This weekend the Church is inviting us to take risks in experiencing emotions, deepening our relationships with others, and utilizing our talents and gifts for our Church Parish and our community. Let us pray for God's grace in taking risks in our lives, so that we can enrich ourselves, our Church Parish, and our Community.

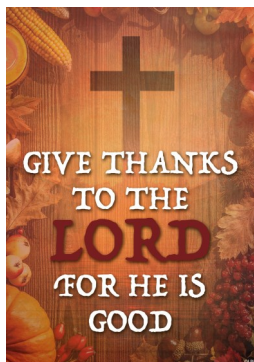
May God Bless You,

Father John



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

A Chairperson is needed for the February and August Bereavement Committee. This ministry is important to our Church Community. Please consider this role and call Ruth Landry, 225-749-3101.



Vocations
Give thanks for all the priests and religious of our Diocese! If you think God is calling you to a vocation as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, please contact Father Josh Johnson at 225-336-8778 or email him: jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations

Can you volunteer as a Leader of the Altar Society to clean the Church during the months of March and August? Please contact Carolyn Bourgeois for the details, 225-776-3325, and join this ministry.



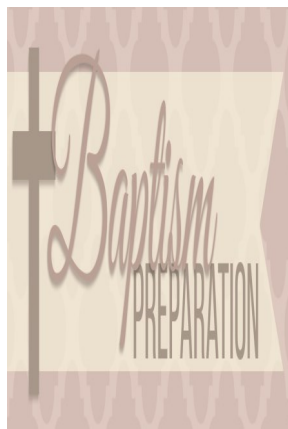
*The Sanctuary
Candle burns in
memory of
Johnny & Austin
Morain.*



We are collecting Christmas Cards and other greeting cards for the prison ministry now through December 7th. Please drop them off at the Church Office. Thank you for your generosity!



John Windham is retiring as our Leader of Baptism preparation and seminars. Thank you for your service in this ministry!
We need someone to guide our young families through the Baptism process. Please call the Church Office if you are interested in this position.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Zippers Thrift Store will be closed to donations from November 18th-26th. Their next sale date is Thursday, November 30th.

There will be no Christian Formation Classes from November 20th-22nd due to Thanksgiving holiday.

Mass of Thanksgiving will be at 8:00am on Thursday, November 23rd, Thanksgiving Day.

Eucharist Revival Procession is after 10:00am Mass on Sunday, December 3rd. Masses will be at 7:30am and 10:00am that day.

O.L.O.L. Blood Drive will take place from 7:00am-1:00pm on Sunday, December 10th in our Church parking lot.

Nativity Carol Christmas Concert will be at 5:00pm on Sunday, December 10th with a cookie reception to follow in the Activity Center.



Poinsettias of Remembrance Sale
Please consider purchasing a large Poinsettia for \$35 from our Church for your loved ones that will be included in our Christmas decorations. All names will be included on the Christmas flower list. Order forms can be found on our website and in back of the Church. All orders are due by November 21st. You will be able to take a poinsettia home with you after 12:00pm on January 7th. Thank you for your thoughtfulness!

November 2023 K.C. Calendar Winners

Ruston Allain, Jeffrey Rivet, Gary Hughes, Gerry Klebbo, Donna Sauce, Faye Bourgoyne, Harry Lavergne, Kenneth Breaux, Landon & Allison LeBlanc, Jacob Kershaw, Dino Tramonte, Ralph Wille, Bo Branch, Father Joel LaBauve, Sherry Metrejean, Nicholas & Jessica Strubb, Arthur Barrilleaux, Cecile Blanchard, Chad Smith, Karla Landry, Randy Mouch, Brandon Miller, Michael Ware, Michael & Janet Landry, Emmitt Alexander, Thomas Childress, Anthony White, Sr., Lydia Landry, Al & Joan Dugas, Jacie Rivere



We are in need of a Sacristan to set up before 9:00am Mass. Can you help Father John? Please call the Church Office to volunteer for this position.



Readings for the week of November 19, 2023

- Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
(see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15,
19-21
- Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53,
61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/
Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/
Lk 19:41-44
- Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc,
11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/
Lk 20:27-40
- Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

**Rosary of Healing and Hope, after a loss from suicide
Thursday, November 30th at 7:00pm
St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Baton Rouge
For more information, please call the Diocesan
Office of Evangelization, 225-387-0561.**



BUS TRIPS

**All aboard to Branson, Missouri with the
W.B.R. Senior Spirit group! This bus trip is
from April 9-12, 2024. You will stay at the
Lodge of the Ozarks, enjoy three fabulous
shows including Queen Esther, and go to the
Top of the Rock Heritage Preserve. You can be
a part of this great adventure by calling
Paige Currie at Senior Spirit, 225-215-5290.**

**Women’s Advent Silent Retreat
Saturday, December 9th from 10:30am-3:00pm
St. John the Evangelist Church Parish Hall, Plaquemine
Please register by calling 225-687-2402.**



**The Church Office will be closed
on November 23rd & 24th for
the Thanksgiving holidays.**

**Happy Thanksgiving to you and
your family from Father John
and the Office Staff!**