



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.



Dear Parishioners,

Some years ago, the film and musical Jesus Christ, Superstar was released. In this movie, Jesus is presented as a great star and a popular singer. But was Jesus any of these? The Jews wanted to make Jesus a King after he multiplied the bread, but Jesus refused to accept the kingship. He said, "My Kingdom is not of this world." Peter did not want Jesus to suffer and carry the cross. But Jesus rebuked him, "Get behind me Satan." Why did Jesus refuse honor and glory? He could have easily become a superstar, but he did not want it. Jesus knew that this superstar thing would not ultimately help. He knew that the redeeming and liberating power comes from the cross and not from the earthly throne.

We see a certain paradox in the life of Jesus. When Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the King?" His reply was, "I am a king." But the paradox is that this king does not live like the kind of king we have come to know or read about. He has no ministers and servants, no royal mantle, and no scepter. On the contrary, his crown is of thorns, not gold, his mantle is bloodstained, and he ended up being alone, condemned and despised. Not a sign of a superstar, but on the contrary, a man who suffered. Does this mean that Jesus is no real king? No! If he were not a real king, the devil would not have obeyed his command, Lazarus would not have come back to life. The wind would not have stopped at his command, and the sea would have been still raging. Christ is the real king, but a different one. This is the strangeness of his kingship. It becomes obvious in today's liturgy whereby instead of celebrating some glorious enthronement, we read about a man on the cross.

Jesus Christ is really King; first of all, **because of who He is**. He is the best and noblest human being who ever lived: the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation, in whom everything in heaven and on earth was created through him and for him (Col 1:15-16). Jesus Christ is real, but a different king, **also because of what He did**. Some years ago, divers located a 400-year-old sunken ship off the coast of Northern Ireland. Among the treasures they found on the ship was a man's wedding ring, on which was engraved a hand holding a heart with this inscription: "I have nothing more to give you." Of all treasures found on the sunken ship, none moved the divers more than that ring and its beautiful inscription. The engraving on that ring and its inscription could have been placed on the cross of Christ, for he gave us everything he had when he died on it. Because of that, we have redemption and forgiveness of sins. Jesus as King came not to dominate, but to love, not to overpower, but to serve, not to condemn, but to forgive, and to seek and find us. As he spoke to the repentant thief on the cross, "Today you will be with me in paradise"; he too, could receive forgiveness. Like the people in the first reading who gathered at Hebron to acclaim David as King of Israel, we too can now ask Jesus to be the Lord and King of our lives.

Christ will be our King if our life and actions resemble what Jesus is and what he does. Do we love others as Christ loves us? Do we serve others as he serves us? Do we forgive others as our King Jesus forgives us? If we are strong in love, we can serve others and forgive them. Blessed are we if we can accept this strange and different king. Pray today for the grace to accept Jesus as the king of our hearts, our life, our family, our society and the whole world.

God Bless You,
Father 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: Children 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

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Austin and Johnny Morain.



The Port Allen Rotary Club would like to invite all Senior Citizens of our community to a Thanksgiving Lunch on November 22nd at 11:00am at the Holy Family Marian Hall in Port Allen. You may arrive at 10:00am and dine together at 11:00am.

Can you sponsor a family in need this Christmas? Catholic Charities of Baton Rouge needs your help to make someone's Christmas merry and bright. You can choose a family to support by December 5th by visiting: christmas.ccdiobr.org



Job opening at our Church
Maintenance, Custodial & Groundskeeping Position
This position is flexible and can pay up to 32 hours per week. For more information, and to obtain an application, please contact the Church Office.



Upcoming Events.....

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.



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.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal serves the most vulnerable in our community. Please help care for the needy as Jesus asked us to by donating today.

Please go to: diobr.org/baa to support those in our diocese.



Will you follow the example of Jesus?

Is God calling you to serve 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 20, 2022

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/
Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4,
5/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

