



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,

Soren Kierkegaard, who lived in Denmark about 150 years ago, was a philosopher and theologian and in one of his books, he had the following story about a King who fell in love with a peasant girl. Kings usually married royalty, so it wasn't an easy thing for him to marry the girl he loved. This King was very powerful and he knew that he could marry this girl and get away with it. He also realized that if he married the peasant girl, and stayed king, there would always be something missing in their relationship. Though the girl would always admire the king, it would not be easy for her to really love him. The gap between them would be too great. It would always bother her that he was royalty and that she was merely a lowly peasant. Therefore, the King came up with another plan. He decided that he would resign his kingship and become a lowly peasant. Then, he would offer his love to her as one lowly peasant to another. However, he feared that this plan would backfire. He could lose not only his kingship, but the girl as well. She might reject him, especially if she thought of him as foolish for what he did. So, the King was in a dilemma. What should he do? The King finally decided that he loved this peasant girl so much, that he would risk everything to make their true love possible.

The interesting thing about this story is that Kierkegaard never told how the story ended; if the girl accepted the king's love or rejected it. He never told whether they got married and lived happily ever after. In fact, Kierkegaard had two reasons for not telling how the story ended. The first reason is because that is not the point of the story. The point of the story is the King's love for the lowly peasant girl. Because of his great love for her, he risked everything, including his royalty and his throne. The second reason why he never told us how the story ended is because this story is still going on. It's a true story, whose ending has not yet been written. It is the true story of God's love for each one of us.

The king in his story is God and the girl in the story is each one of us. However, there are two differences in this story. Firstly, God is more than royalty; he is divinity. Secondly, God's love for us is infinite; he loves us more than the king could ever love a peasant girl. But the rest of the story is exactly the same. God could have loved us and kept his divine status by not taking the human form, but that would have made the gap between us too great, and it would be hard for us to love God freely. So, God decided to become one of us. In the person of Jesus Christ, he decided to become a lowly human being. He decided to declare his love for us in a way that we could understand perfectly, and respond to that love freely. This leads us to the second reason why Kierkegaard never did say how the story ended. It's because the love story between us and God has not ended, but it is still going on.

Each one of us is in the process of writing his or her own personal ending to that story. Each one of us is in the process of deciding whether we will live happily with God for ever after. To live happily with God forever after, we need to live our vocation as Christians, and as true followers of Jesus. The truth is, that each one of us by baptism shares in the Kingship of Christ. Since Christ no longer walks about on our earth, teaching people and healing them as he used to, we are to do that through His body. We are Christ's hands, we are his feet, we are his tongue, and we are his heart. In other words, the Kingdom God established by Jesus in his life-time, must be completed by us in our life-time. Hence, the Feast of Christ the King invites us to ask ourselves, "What are we doing personally and concretely to bring to completion the Kingdom of God on earth?" Today's Gospel spells out that the best way we can make this a reality is by loving one another. This was the first thing the pagan world noticed about the Christians, and it should be the same today. In Christ we have true wisdom, a wisdom clothed in love. Today Jesus is inviting us to reflect upon our share in His Kingship, and what we do towards the completion of the Kingdom that Jesus started.

God Bless You,
Fr. John

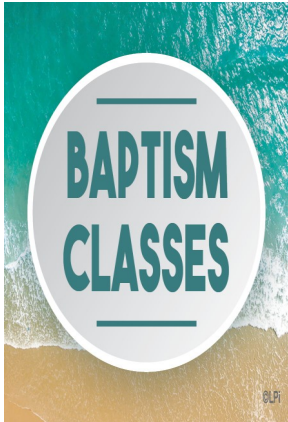


Christian Formation

First Reconciliation Retreat is at 9:00am on Saturday, December 16th in the Activity Center.

First Reconciliation is at 6:00pm on Wednesday, December 20th.

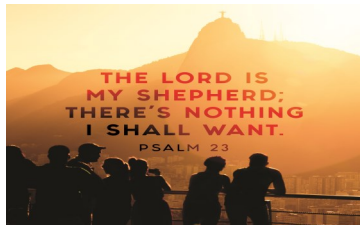
There will be no Religion Classes for K-8 from December 18, 2023 through January 5, 2024.



Can you be the Leader of our Baptism classes and guide our young families through the Baptism process? Then, we need you! Please call the Church Office if you are interested in this position.

Our next Baptism Seminar is at 6:00pm on January 10th.

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Dorothy Sarradet.



Sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of James Jester upon his death.



THANKS to Jackie Morain and her group for cleaning the Church in November. Please contact Carolyn Bourgeois, 225-776-3325 to help during December.

THANKS to Terry and Steve Guidry for the Bereavement meals in November. To help in December, please contact Janice & Joel Hebert, 225-749-3863.

Stewardship of Finance

Total Collection for November 13th: \$10,498.00

What you need to know throughout the Holiday season!

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

Zipper Sale Dates are December 7th & 14th at 7:30am.

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.

Food Pantry Distribution occurs at 8:30am on Monday, December 11th at the Activity Center.

We plan to Decorate our Church for Christmas on Saturday, December 16th. Please arrive at 10:00am to help with this project.

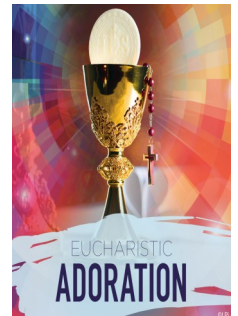
First Reconciliation & Advent Penance Service is Wednesday, December 20th at 6:00pm.

Christmas Mass Schedule is as follows:
Sunday, December 24th at 4:00pm & 6:00pm
Monday, December 25th 8:00am & 10:00am

All Night Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, December 1st at 8:00pm through Saturday, December 2nd at 8:00am. Sign-up sheets are in the back of Church.

1st Saturday Mass is at 8:00am on Saturday, December 2nd.



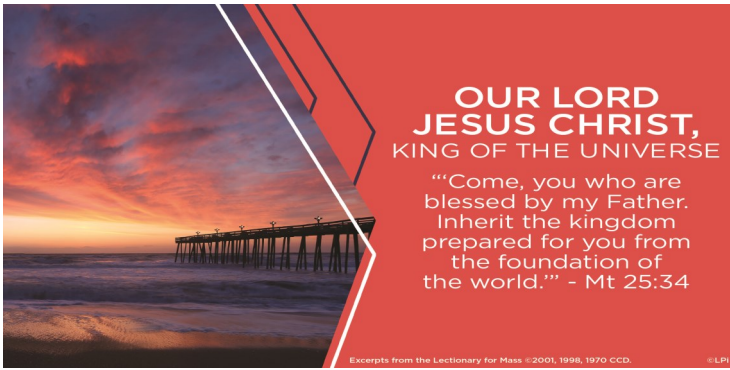
Vocations

Jesus served others. Can you follow Jesus' example and tend to the needs of others? 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

Women's Ministry Bible Study

Walking With Purpose Bible Study, Living in the Father's Love, will begin in January. This Bible Study will take place during the day and materials will need to be purchased. If you wish to join this group, please contact Roxanne Loreno, 225-614-5424 or Pamela LeDoux, 337-513-1334 by December 27th.



Readings for the week of November 26, 2023

- 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
- Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/
Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64,
65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
- Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/
Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/
Lk 21:34-36
- Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,
18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Please help make someone's Christmas merry and bright by sponsoring a family through Catholic Charities of our Diocese. Please go to: Christmas.ccdiobr.org by November 28th and help a family in need.



Organizations

Catholic Daughters will have a meeting on Thursday, December 7th at 7:00pm in the Activity Center.

Knights of Columbus will have their meeting at 6:00pm in the Activity Center on Thursday, December 7th.

Donuts on December 3rd after 7:30am Mass in the Activity Center

Pro-Life Rosary on December 16th at 4:00pm

Please consider helping your Church Community by becoming a Chairperson of the Bereavement Committee for the months of February and August. Please consider this ministry and call Ruth Landry, 225-749-3101.

Donations for the Food Pantry

The Food Pantry could use these items: cereal, pop tarts, 1 pound bags of flour, 1 pound bags of sugar, cookies, stuffing mix, jelly, spaghetti noodles & sauce, cake mix & frosting, cans of peas, lima beans, tuna, yams, chili, chicken, tomato paste and tomato sauce, dry red beans, mac & cheese in box. THANKS!

