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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  
Candice Breaux ..... Youth Group Minister  
Betty Cain ..... Bookkeeper  
June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
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,

All of us have experienced failures in life and realized that many of our plans and good resolutions have remained unfulfilled; therefore, we understand better the value and the need for making a new beginning. Through this new liturgical year, which begins with Advent, the Church is giving us another chance to take a fresh look at ourselves and to mold our lives according to the pattern set in the Gospel. Advent is a time to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ, and to receive him into our hearts. With Jesus, we will be able to keep our promises, resolutions, and live our life according to the pattern set by Christ.

Today's Gospel tells us the need to always be prepared to receive Jesus. We have to wake up from our slumber, from our passivity, for the time of his arrival is near. The Gospel says, "Watch all the time and pray." There is a story told where a fire broke out in a house and the man was asleep. Seeing the fire, the neighbors came and tried to carry him through the window, and they could not. They then tried to carry him through the door, and they could not because he was just too huge and heavy. They grew desperate until one of them suggested, "Wake him up, then he could get out by himself". Often, we are asleep and even when people try to help us, they also seem to be asleep and do not know what to do with us. This is the time when the Church reminds us of the season of Advent or Lent. She is asking us to wake up so that we can prepare for the coming of the Lord. Only when we are awake, can we know where we are and what we need to do. So, Advent is a wakeup call for us, to make us rise from our slumber and passivity. This is a time for us to watch and pray.

To make us all aware of the importance of prayer in our lives, we need to make a prayer commitment, so that we can always remain connected to the Lord. What better time to do this than at the season of Advent. During this Advent season, let us try to give more importance to our prayer life. I know during this season we all will be very busy with buying and exchanging gifts, making cookies, decorating homes, attending parties, etc.; but without Jesus, what Christmas can we have? What is the meaning of all this we have without Him? In whose name do we do all this? Sometimes it is true that in the hustle and bustle of this season, we don't even have time to think about Jesus. I think, we have commercialized Christmas so much that we give little or no attention to the real meaning of this feast. All of the outer preparations are fine, but what about the inner preparations- the preparation of our hearts and our souls? How much time do we plan to spend in prayer and reflection during this time of Advent?

For many people prayer doesn't come very easily. Some people have to make a conscious effort for cultivating the habit of prayer in their life. They have to make some resolution to do it and try to be faithful to that resolution. That is why we need to make an extra effort to bring Jesus into this season, into our homes and into the celebration of Christmas, which can be done through prayer. Please commit yourself to some kind of prayer and try to follow through with the commitment that you make. My prayer during this season of Advent is that we may not forget the focus of the celebration of Christmas, but keep Jesus as the focus of Christmas, in our hearts, in our homes and all that we do, so that we may not miss His coming.

May God bless you and guide you through this season of Advent.

Father John



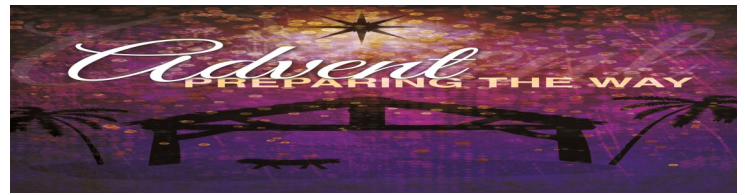
## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**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.....

**December 4:** Blood Drive from 7:00am-1:00pm in the Church parking lot

**December 11:** 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

We are in need of Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. If you can serve in any of these ministries, please call the Church Office to sign up. A training will be held at a later date.

*The Sanctuary Candle  
burns in memory of  
Ardyce Dupuy.*



### Organizations Catholic Daughters

Meeting at 7:00pm on December 1st

### Knights of Columbus

Coffee & Donuts after 7:30am Mass on December 4th

Meeting & Social at 6:00pm on December 14th  
Pro-Life Rosary at 4:00pm on December 17th  
Please call Jerry Eagan, 939-1673, or any K.C. member to get your 2023 calendar.



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.

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of Margaret Hebert Sarradet Acosta, upon her death.



**Thank you to Jackie Morain and the Altar Society for cleaning our Church in November. Please contact Carolyn Bourgeois, 776-3325, if you can help in December.**

**Thank you to Terry & Steve Guidry for providing the Bereavement meals during November. Please call Janice & Joel Hebert, 749-3863, if you can help in December.**



Please come and adore our Lord during Eucharistic Adoration Friday, December 2nd at 8:00pm through Saturday, December 3rd at 8:00am. Sign-up sheets are in the back of Church.

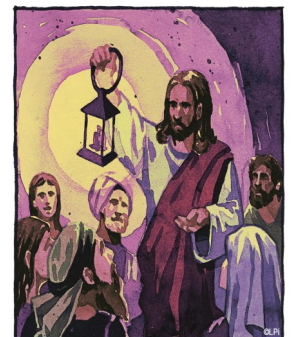


### Stewardship of Finances November 13, 2022

160 Identified:	\$10,234.00
Loose Collection:	+730.00
Total Collection:	\$10,964.00

**Stay Awake and Pray!**  
Are you awake to hear 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](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org)  
if you want this Vocation.  
or visit:  
[www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations)



# St John the Baptist Parish Council Members

**2022-2023**

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## 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“So too, you also must  
be prepared, for at an  
hour you do not  
expect, the Son of  
Man will come.”  
- Mt 24:44

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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### Readings for the week of November 27, 2022

- 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
- Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/  
Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/  
Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/  
Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/  
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12



Ready  
for  
Sweater  
Weather

**Zippers Sale Dates:  
December 1st and  
December 15th  
From 7:30am-10:30am**

**Zippers need  
jackets and pots!  
Please bring your  
gently used items  
to their door.**