



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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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,

Jeremy, a man in his twenties, didn't go to Church. If he did go at times, it was because of the pressure from his mother. On those occasions, he would stand outside the Church and chat with his friends. His mother continually nagged him. In a sad and exasperated voice, she would exclaim, "What's become of you? You were such a good boy when you were young. You used to go to daily Mass and holy communion. And now, look at you, you don't even want to go to Church on a Sunday." Jeremy would respond defiantly, "You put me into that fine Church boarding school, didn't you? There, I was forced to go to Mass every day. I have heard all the Masses I need for a lifetime! That's enough!" Many young people would identify and sympathize with Jeremy. Although he thinks differently from his mother towards Mass, there is something positive about his attitude towards life in general. He sincerely wants what he thinks is good for himself. He was honest about not wanting to do something that did not make sense to him. Therefore, he is critical about religious practices that were imposed upon him.

In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus is critical of the Scribes and Pharisees, the religious leaders of His time. He accuses them of making religion a sham and doing things merely to "show off". He says that they do things in order to attract attention to themselves. For example, the garments they wear with long tassels are indicators of them wanting to be called Rabbi when greeted publicly at the market squares. He also states that they made rules and regulations for others, and didn't bother to practice what they preached. In other words, the real goal of the Pharisees was to dress and act in a way in order to draw attention to themselves, instead of glorifying God. In their misplaced zeal for religion, they sought respect and honor for themselves, rather than for God. They expressed their love of honor in several ways, thereby converting Judaism into a religion of public display. For Jeremy and others, the words of Jesus are not an open encouragement to do whatever they want in life. They are the words that challenge us to mean what we say and do, to be honest with ourselves and with others, to find meaning in what we do so that we can draw strength from all the spiritual practices that we engage in. We are called to not be blind followers of rules and regulations as the Pharisees did, but to find meaning in our spiritual practices and to mean what we say and do.

We as Christians need to consider ourselves fortunate that most of us are born in Christian families. We have made the choice to follow Jesus Christ who came to teach us to live the fuller life that God has given us, as a gift. Jesus has helped us to relate to God as a loving Father, and He even taught us the beautiful simple prayer of our Father, so that like little children we can call our God in those words. Moreover, Jesus taught us the beatitudes in His inspiring sermon on the Mount, which helps us to make our God-given life meaningful and more fulfilling. He modeled His life so that we can live our lives by imitating Him. Thus, being a Christian should not be burdensome; it can be a joy and an exciting adventure in living a fuller, freer and more challenging life that Jesus has invited us to. The readings of this weekend are inviting us to imitate Jesus in order that we find meaning and fulfillment in our lives.

God Bless You,

Fr. John



Baptism

Please welcome this newly baptized child to our faith community:

Romy Claire Lasseigne
daughter of Cory and Ashley Lasseigne

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism Seminar: Please call the Church Office to register for the November 8th seminar at 6:00pm.

Zipper Sales: November 9th & 30th starting at 7:30am. Zippers will be closed from November 18th-26th for the Thanksgiving holidays and will not accept donations.

Parish Council Meeting is at 6:30pm on Thursday, November 9th in the Activity Center.

Veteran's Mass will be celebrated at 11:00am on Sunday, November 12th.

Food Pantry: Distribution is on Monday, November 13th at 8:30am at the Activity Center.

Eucharistic Revival Session on the Story of the Eucharist is at 6:30pm on Thursday, November 16th in the Activity Center.



Volunteers are needed for these ministries:

The Altar Society needs Leaders to clean the Church for the months of March and August. If you can help in this ministry, please contact Carolyn Bourgeois, 225-776-3325.

A Sacristan is needed for 9:00am Mass. This person is responsible for setting up prior to Mass. Please call the Church Office to sign up.

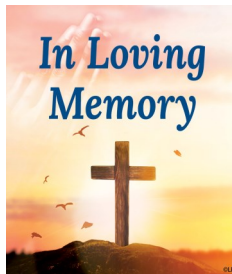
The Bereavement Committee needs a Chairperson for the months of February and August. Bill & Geri Schneider did an amazing job serving in this ministry and are now retiring. If you can take over this role, please contact Ruth Landry, 225-749-3101.

Eucharistic Revival Procession
Sunday, December 3rd after 10:00am Mass

Vicar General Jamin David will celebrate Mass with us at 10:00am on Sunday, December 3rd. He will join us in the Procession after this Mass. Masses will be at 7:30am and 10:00am on Sunday, December 3rd.



Sympathy and prayers are extended to the families of Mary Boudreaux Hedges, Todd Landry, and Virbert "Paul" Rodriguez, Jr. upon their deaths.



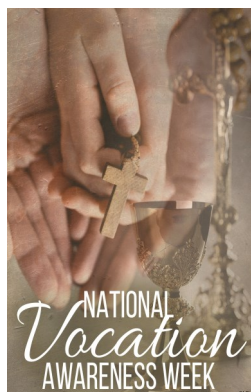
The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of R. L. Berthelot.

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.

OPEN BOOKS

The Sanctuary Candle & Mass Intentions books for 2024 will open on November 8th. Please make your requests in the Church Office or complete the form online.

Please remember to add the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book of the Dead in the front of Church.

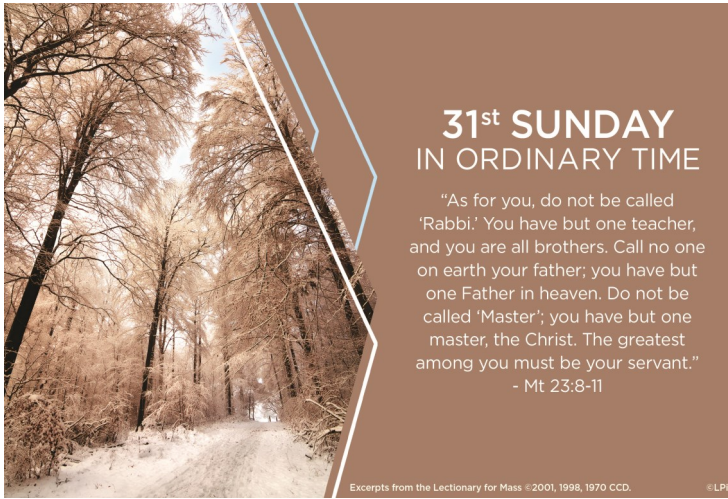


Vocations
Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and those in a religious life. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, please contact **Father Josh Johnson** at 225-336-8778 or email him: jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations

Stewardship of Finance

Total Collection for October 29th: \$6,690.00

Please consider an ACH draft from your Bank for your generous donation. These forms are available online and in the office.



31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“As for you, do not be called ‘Rabbi.’ You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called ‘Master’; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant.”
- Mt 23:8-11

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Readings for the week of November 5, 2023

- Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/
1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12
- Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/
Lk 14:12-14
- Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24
- Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
- Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/
Lk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/
1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

St. John the Baptist Parish Finance Committee Members

Dana Babin
Carolyn Dupuy
Father Arun John
Drew Maciasz
Laurie Moreau
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St John the Baptist Parish Council Members 2023-2024

Christian Benoit
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Horace Crochet, Chairman
Paige Fitzgerald
Janice Hebert
Fr. Arun John, IMS
Mary Claire Meyer
Joey Normand
Edana Robnett
Derek Scott

W.B.R. Library Feud needs Contestants!
Tuesday, November 21st from 6:00-7:30pm
W.B.R. Library, Port Allen
Please call 225-342-7920, ext. 227 to sign up.