



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.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

The most serious breaches of God's commandments for us would be: murder, adultery, theft, etc. What was Jesus' attitude towards those who committed these sins? To the thief, who was condemned to death, Jesus says, "Today you will be with me in paradise" (Lk 23:43). To the adulterous woman, whose punishment was being stoned to death, He says, "Has no one condemned you? Nor do I condemn you" (Jn 8:10). To the tax-collector, who burdened people with unjust taxes he said, "Hurry, I must stay at your house today" (Lk 19:5). We see that Jesus was very compassionate and forgiving to the sinners. Yet he was very hard on a particular group of people - The Pharisees. Why was Jesus so harsh to them? It was because of their self-righteousness, pride and over confidence, and they had no desire for conversion. The prayer of the Pharisee in today's Gospel is a beautiful example of pride and self-righteous attitudes of those people. In the Gospel we read, "The Pharisee took up his position (a sign of pride) and spoke this prayer to himself (not to God), "O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity -- greedy, dishonest, adulterous or even like this tax collector," (Everyone, but him is sinful). He was not praying to God, but to himself; and in fact, it wasn't a prayer, but his own praises, as if God needed this detailed information from him. In his self-righteousness, he did not show any sign of repentance, and so goes home empty handed. He was more worried about the sins of others than his own. This pride, self-righteousness and lack of desire for repentance, must have been the reason why Jesus found it easier to relate to the sinners than the hypocritical religious leaders.

Self-righteousness is a problem with most devotees. We too are also like this sometimes, always over-worried about what others do and fail to notice our own sins. People who are self-righteous, have little chance of knowing their own true selves and there is the danger of them becoming proud. A very religious-minded elderly lady was dissatisfied with all existing religions, so she founded one of her own. A reporter, who genuinely wanted to understand her point of view, said to her, "Do you really believe, as people say you do, that no one will go to heaven except you and your housemaid?" The elderly lady pondered the question carefully and replied, "Well, I am not sure of Mary." (Mary was her housemaid). For her, no one but she alone would go to heaven. Pride and self-righteousness create a barrier between God and man, and between humans. As for the Pharisee, he wasn't really interested in God or in others, only himself.

In contrast to the self-righteous and proud Pharisee, the prayer of the tax-collector showed humility. The Gospel says, "He stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven (a sign of humility), and beat his breast (a sign of repentance), and prayed, O God be merciful to me, a sinner." He directed his prayer to God and was humble enough to accept his own sinfulness. He did not despise or condemn others. He could easily say, "Here is a Pharisee before me, a pious hypocrite," but he did not. On the other hand, he was willing to ask God's mercy. Similarly, our attitude in prayer must be one of humility, of recognizing our own sins, rather than the mistakes of others. And instead of condemning or despising others, we should include them in our prayers.

As William Barclay would say, "True prayer comes from setting our lives beside the life of God, and not with someone else's." Everything the Pharisee said might be true; he fasted, gave tithes regularly, and he was not like other men, and he was not like the tax-collector. So, the question is if he was not as good as other men, but was he as good as God? And once we begin to set our lives beside the life of Jesus, we can say, "God be merciful to me, a sinner." Let us pray today that we may give up our pride and self-righteous attitude and be humble enough to accept our own sinfulness and repent; so that we can become recipients of God's mercy and forgiveness.

God Bless You,
Father John

Christian Formation

First Reconciliation Meeting: Parent & Child must attend meeting on Wednesday, November 2nd at 5:30pm in the Activity Center.

No Religious Education Classes on October 31st, November 1st or November 2nd.

Youth Group: The Youth Group will meet in the Activity Center at 6:00pm on November 13th.

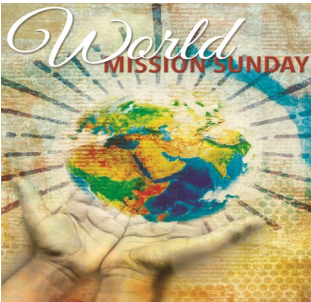


Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of Virgie Brown Hannah, upon her death.

Raffles, Run & Bike

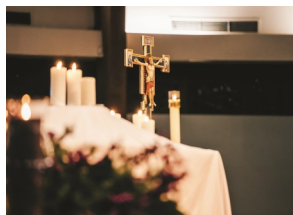
October 29: Fun run, 5K, Bike at 8:00am in the Church parking lot. To register, please email: maggierejean1@gmail.com or preregister at: sjb-brusly.com

October 30: Raffle Drawings and Food in the Activity Center after 11:00am Mass. The KCs will have gumbo, chili and jambalaya for sale. The Catholic Daughters will have desserts for sale. Come out and share a meal together!



THANKS to all of you who participated and volunteered for the Card Party on October 10th! We had 103 participants and made over \$2000! THANKS to the Zippers for donating the spaghetti and meatball meal!

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of L.J. LeBlanc.



Stewardship of Finances October 16, 2022

178 Identified:	\$10,953.33
Loose Collection:	+ \$641.00
Total Collection:	\$11,594.33



**Congratulations and best wishes to
Kylie Renee Tolar
and
Louis "Beau" Grant Witty, IV
who were married on
October 14th.**

Upcoming Events.....

Mother's Day Out Coin Drive: Please help the children of Mother's Day Out with their coin drive beginning October 19th. Your donations will sponsor their Christmas entertainment for their Christmas celebration on December 15th. Please place your coins in the bin in the back of Church. Thanks for your generosity!

All Saints Day Mass: November 1st at 8:00am & 6:00pm

Blessing of the Graves: November 5th at 11:00am in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Cemetery

March for Life trip to Washington, D.C.: January 16-21, 2023, Registration fee of \$200 is due now. Christian Benoit will be the leader of our group. All young adults are invited to attend! Please call June Hebert, 749-3387 to register.

Pray for Vocations

Wanted: humble sinners who will share the Gospel! These good servants can be a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you, please contact Father Josh Johnson, 225-336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations



**Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day
October 29th
8:00am-12:00pm
Alexander Park
250 Elaine Street
Brusly**

Tribunal Case Sponsor Training

If you are interested in serving as a Case Sponsor for Marriage Cases, you will need to attend this training on Thursday, October 27th from 6:00pm-7:30pm at the Westerfield Center on the Diocesan Campus. To sign up for the training: <https://diobr.org/case-sponsor-training> This role is open to anyone in our Church Parish.

St John the Baptist Parish Council Members

2022-2023

Bob Bewick

Grayson Brewer

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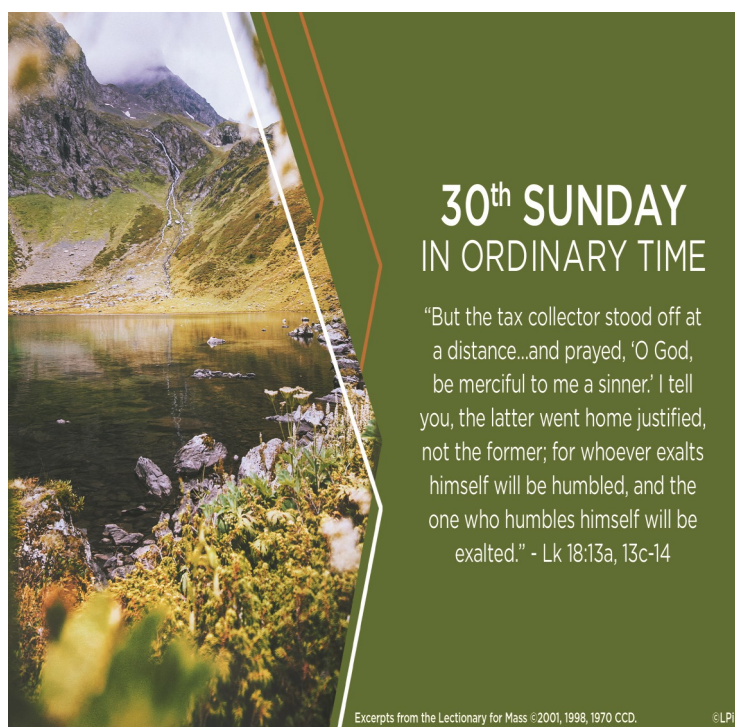
Mary Claire Meyer, Chairman

Joey Normand

Edana Robnett

Derek Scott, Vice-Chairman

Jewel Woods



Readings for the week of October 23, 2022

- Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14
- Monday: Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
- Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
- Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Next Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10

Baton Rouge Youth Pilgrimage March For Life Fundraiser

Pro Vita, November 16th @ 6:30pm

St. Michael High School Gym, Baton Rouge

To purchase tickets: youthmarchforlife.org

For information, please contact Emily Froeba, 620-5291