



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.



Priesthood SUNDAY

Dear Parishioners,

Even today, we can see a sycamore tree in Jericho which reminds us of Zacchaeus, who climbed up a tree to have a glimpse of Jesus. Zacchaeus was a short man and had an ardent desire to see Jesus. Being short, and because of the crowd, he could not see Jesus, so he climbs up the tree. And his desire was richly rewarded, he not only could see Jesus, but Jesus took notice of him and even expressed his desire to stay at his house. Zacchaeus might have never even dreamt about such an offer from Jesus. We can imagine the joy that he felt when Jesus made this offer to him.

William Barclay would say that there are three stages in Zacchaeus' story: First of all, though he was wealthy due to the unjust taxes he collected, he was not a happy man. And like any tax collector during those days, Zacchaeus was despised and hated by people. Hence, he was not only unhappy, but also a lonely man. He heard about Jesus as someone friendly with sinners and tax-collectors, and wondered if he could be in Jesus' company. Secondly, there was an ardent desire in Zacchaeus to see Jesus, and as we see in the Gospel, nothing could stop his determination to see Jesus, neither his short stature nor the crowd. When he found that the crowd and his stature would prevent his desire, he ran ahead and climbed up the sycamore tree. He was in fact desperate to see Jesus. The third stage of his story is that once he met Jesus, he was a changed person. The presence of Jesus encouraged him to manifest the human qualities that were hidden in him: the qualities of love, justice and concern for others. He says, "Behold, half of my property Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone, I shall repay it four times over." He was ready for restitution and he repented. It was his willingness to repent that made all the difference to Jesus. It was people's attitude of repentance and their willingness to change that attracted Jesus to sinners and tax collectors, and not their sins, as the Pharisees thought. He knew that Zacchaeus was a sinner, but he also knew that Zacchaeus had the grace of repentance. And once he repented, Jesus says, "Salvation has come into this house."

The story of Zacchaeus is the story of many Saints and great people. We see this story repeated in St. Paul, who did things that were hateful and condemnable. But once he met Jesus, he repented and was rewarded with salvation. Another beautiful example is that of St. Augustine, who lived a life of immorality and was hated by people. However, his mother's ardent prayers and being inspired by the preaching of St. Ambrose, he developed a desire for Jesus. And after meeting Jesus, he was totally a changed person. Later he becomes a priest, then a bishop, and a doctor of the Church. As we all know, today he is a great Saint. This can be the story of some of us at least.

Columnist Scott Bennett tells this true story about a man whom he identifies only as Michael. His marriage was ending, he had no job, his father had died a month earlier, and his car had just been repossessed. One night, in a desperate cry of help, Michael lifted his face to the stars and the incredible happened! He said, "I felt I was one with...call it God, call it creation, I don't know. I do know that I felt a peace I have never known before or since. A power and a purpose were revealed to me that night that I cannot put into words. But I have never doubted again that life is precious and has a purpose." Was there any time when you experienced something akin to what Michael did? Everyone has a story of his or her own.

The Gospel says, "For the Son of Man came to seek and save what was lost." The meaning of the word "lost" here, is not damned or doomed, but it simply means "in the wrong place". Zacchaeus was in the wrong place, among the company of tax-collectors, but that did not block his way to God, because he was willing to repent. We also can be in the wrong place, doing wrong things or using wrong words. But we have the hope of salvation if we can come back to God and repent and change our ways. Let us ask ourselves as to where we are and what we are; then pray for the willingness to cultivate a desire within us to meet Jesus and change ourselves, so that Jesus could say to us too, "Salvation has come to you."

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.

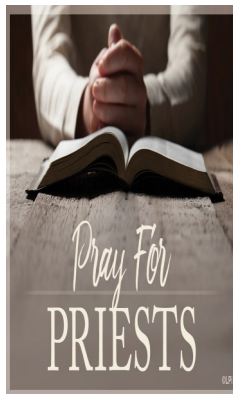
No Religious Education Classes on October 31st, November 1st or November 2nd.

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



The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Joseph "Blackie" Landry.

Pray for Priests
Let us offer prayers of thanksgiving for all the dedicated priests that serve us. Please also pray that those considering the priesthood will answer God's call. If God is calling you, please contact Father Josh Johnson, 225-336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations



We have a Maintenance, Custodial, and Grounds keeping position available. Pedro will retire in November. 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.

Catholic Daughters Meeting
November 3rd at 7:00pm in the Activity Center

Knights of Columbus
November 3rd Meetings in the Activity Center
Officers' Meeting at 6:00pm
Members' Meeting at 7:15pm

Donuts after 7:30am Mass on November 6th in the Activity Center

Pro-Life Rosary at 4:00pm on November 19th.

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Baptism
Lauren Blanche Meyer, daughter of Justin & Mary Claire Meyer, was baptized on October 23rd. Please welcome her to our faith community!

Baptism Seminar
November 9th at 6:00pm
Please call the Church Office to register.

Upcoming Events....

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

Veterans' Mass: November 13th at 11:00am

March for Life trip to Washington, D.C.:
January 16-21, 2023

All young adults are invited to attend! Please call June Hebert, 749-3387, to register.



THANKS
to all of you who attended the 105th Anniversary Fatima Rosary Rally on October 15th at the Grotto. This Rosary was prayed around our nation at noon. It was a beautiful day to pray, sing and recite the litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

ZIPPERS NEED MENS AND WOMENS JACKETS!
Please bring any unwanted coats, vests or jackets to the Zippers. Their next sale dates are November 3rd and November 17th from 7:30am-10:30am.

Stewardship of Finances
October 23, 2022

139 Identified	\$7,799.00
Loose Collection	+ 860.00
Total:	\$8,659.00

Hurricane Collection: \$3,370.00

World Mission Sunday: \$444.00



St John the Baptist Parish Council Members

2022-2023

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31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he reached the place,
Jesus looked up and said,
“Zacchaeus, come down
quickly, for today I must stay
at your house.” And he came
down quickly and received
him with joy. - Lk 19:5-6

Readings for the week of October 30, 2022

- 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
- Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14
- Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
- Wednesday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/
Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30
- Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10
- Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/
Lk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/
2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

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