



# 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.



Dear Parishioners,

While going through today's readings, the first message that came to my mind was the need to be grateful and thankful. But as I read it again, I picked up another message. For anyone to receive salvation he or she has to respond to God's invitation, and work towards his/her salvation. Salvation is a gift to us, but we have to make a choice if we want to accept this gift or reject it. And if we choose to accept it, then we have to work towards it, as it is not guaranteed to anyone.

Let us go through today's Gospel to understand this point. During Jesus' time, any sickness, especially, leprosy, was considered to be God's curse or punishment. Lepers in those days were considered to be ritually impure and treated as outsiders, not part of society. We can't imagine what it feels like to be ostracized from one's own family and society. The book, *Miracle at Carville*, written by Betty Martin, paints a picture of what agony a leper had endured up until recent times. So, you can imagine what it was like during the time of Jesus. The ten lepers in today's Gospel were going through such agony. That is why they did not even dare to come close to Jesus, but stood at a distance and raised their voices saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us". This was not a profession of their faith, but the presentation of the fact that they deserved mercy. And they knew somehow that Jesus was kind, gentle and a loving person. Moreover, it was not clear as to what they wanted or expected from Jesus when they uttered those words. Did they want Jesus' love and compassion? Or a total healing from their sickness?

Now look at the way Jesus responds, "Go and show yourselves to the priests". Nothing had happened to them yet. Why then did Jesus ask them to show themselves to the priests? In those days, even after the lepers or people with such serious illnesses were cured, the priests had to certify that they were clean, and only then did society accept them. That is what Jesus wanted them to do, and Jesus knew what was going to happen to them; that they would be healed if they obeyed him. And at this point, they had a choice either to obey Jesus and be healed, or reject his command and remain a leper. In the first reading, Naman had to make a similar choice. And as he decided to follow the word of the Prophet Elisha, he was healed. The Gospel too, shows that all the ten lepers decided to obey Jesus' command, and as they were going, they were cleansed. So, the lesson for us is that when we believe and do what Jesus tells us, we can be on the road to salvation.

As we continue with the reading, it says: one of them realized that he was healed, returned glorifying God in a loud voice and fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. Then Jesus says, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." The man, a Samaritan (an outsider), came back to thank Jesus when he realized that he was cleansed, that he was healed. This man was attentive to what was happening to himself and the other nine were not. Once he realized he was healed, he did not just utter some words of thankfulness, but scripture said: he fell down at his feet and thanked him; he surrendered himself in faith to God. Only at this juncture Jesus says, "Stand up and go, your faith has saved you." The other nine received the healing from the Lord, but that did not guarantee them salvation. Salvation is the result of the response to God's invitation, His gifts and blessings in our life.

This reiterates the fact that salvation is offered to all, but not guaranteed. To attain salvation, we have to realize God's blessings and gifts, and respond to that positively with grateful hearts, and a surrendering attitude to God's will. The lesson for us is this: we cannot be complacent with just having a Christian name or having faith, or just being blessed with gifts and talents. We have to realize this and respond positively like the Samaritan leper who was healed. Therefore, thank the Lord for his gifts and the blessings in our lives, and pray that the Lord gives us the grace to respond positively and experience the salvation Jesus promised.

God Bless You,  
Father John



## CHRISTIAN FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

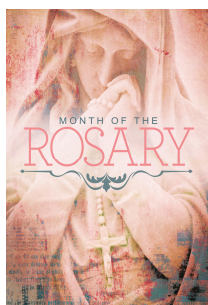
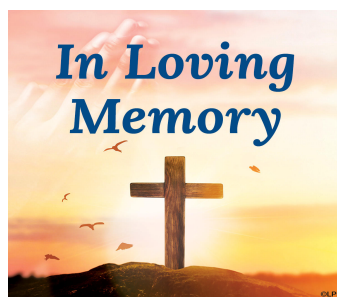
**No Religion Classes on October 17, 18 and 19 due to school break.**

**Confirmation Class will be held on October 19th at 7:00pm in the Activity Center. There will be no Confirmation Class on October 23rd.**



*The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Frederick "Pete" Landry*

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the families of Roy Mouch, Sr. and Sherry Lopez Pourciau upon their deaths.



**Please join in praying the rosary at our Grotto at 12:00pm on October 15th in unison with the Public Square Rosary Crusade around our nation. For more information, please contact Opie Vidrine, 749-4403.**

### Upcoming Events.....

**Parish Council Meeting: October 12th at 6:30pm**

**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**

**Tent of Testimonies: November 5th from 9:00am-2:00pm at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, 14040 Greenwell Springs Road, Baton Rouge; please contact Renee Elliott, 773-8936, for more information.**



**A BIG THANK YOU to all of you that supported the Ava and Jacob Saucier Scholarship benefit at Holy Family! It was a huge success!**



**You are invited to: Come as You are Spiritual Circle: A Women's group from our parish who have joined together to follow God's call to disciple other women**

**Thursday, October 20th**

**6:30pm-8:00pm**

**in the Activity Center**

**Please RSVP to:**

**CAYASpiritualCircle@gmail.com**

**and include your name and cellphone number.**

**For more information, please contact Alena Prejean, 235-1709 or Mimi Cloutre, 603-8782.**



### Pray for Vocations

**Please pray for vocations and thank those who have answered the call. If**

**God is calling you as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, please contact Father Josh Johnson,**

**225-336-8778,**

**jjohnson@diobr.org**

**or visit:**

**www.diobr.org/vocations**

### Raffles, Run & Bike

**October 29: Fun run, 5K, Bike at 8:00am in the Church parking lot. To register, please email: maggieprejean1@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.**

**Please come and spend time with your Church Community!**



**Father John is installed as Pastor of our Church by Bishop Michael Duca on October 1st. He is pictured here receiving the keys to the Church.**

### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

**October 2, 2022**

<b>140 Identified:</b>	<b>\$9,881.00</b>
<b>Loose Collection:</b>	<b>+ 692.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$10,573.00</b>

## St John the Baptist Parish Council Members

2022-2023

**Bob Bewick**

**Grayson Brewer**

**Christie Chapman, Secretary**

**Justin Clouatre**

**Horace Crochet**

**Paige Fitzgerald**

**Janice Hebert**

**Fr. Arun John, IMS**

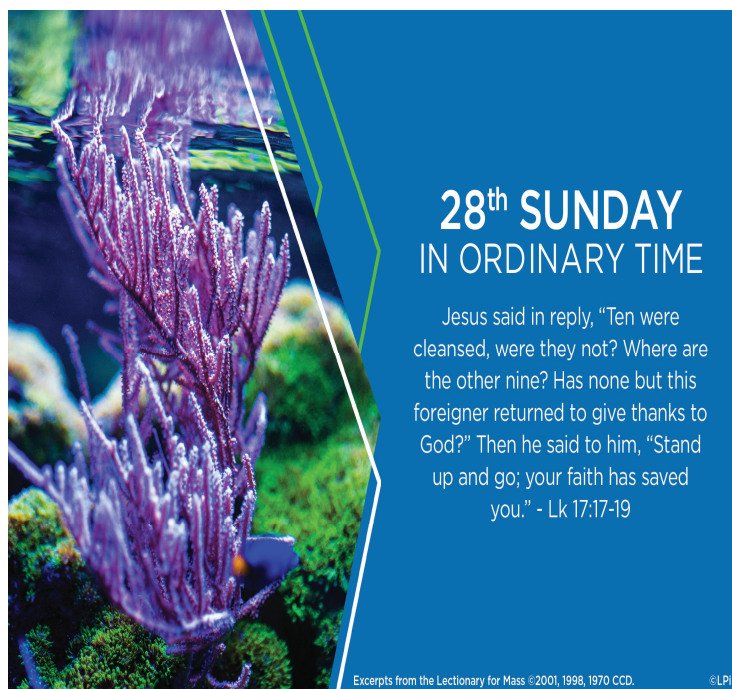
**Mary Claire Meyer, Chairman**

**Joey Normand**

**Edana Robnett**

**Derek Scott, Vice-Chairman**

**Jewel Woods**



**28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." - Lk 17:17-19

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### Readings for the week of October 9, 2022

- Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/  
Lk 17:11-19
- Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4,  
5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/  
Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/  
Lk 11:47-54
- Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12
- Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/  
2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

**Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries  
position open at the Catholic Life Center**  
This full time position is for someone who has  
a working knowledge of Catholic teachings and  
doctrine. For more information, please go to:  
[www.diobr.org/employment-opportunities](http://www.diobr.org/employment-opportunities)