



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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MASS SCHEDULE

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| 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

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| Saturday | 3:30–4:15 p.m. |
| Monday, Wednesday thru Friday | 7:40 a.m. or by appointment |

PARISH STAFF

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| 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,

The parable of the royal banquet is a parable about the Kingdom of God and about the people who will eventually belong to it. The actual parable is the story of a king who celebrated the wedding feast of his son. When the invited guests refused to come, he brought people from the streets to take their places. The parable also shows that among those who attended the wedding, some of them did not come with the wedding garments, and thus insulted the king. The parable therefore shows us three possible kinds of guests. There are the absentee guests who initially accepted the invitation, but when the time came to honor the invitation, they withdrew. There are the guests without wedding garments who attend the feast, but do not take the trouble to dress themselves according to the occasion. And lastly, we have the guests with wedding garments, who make the necessary preparations, to present themselves fit for the banquet of the king.

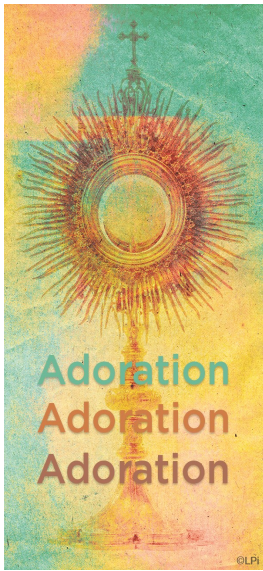
We can say that the absentee guests are not bad people, but that they chose to do their own thing. One went to his farm, another to his business, and others had legitimate reasons for not honoring the king's invitation. Sometimes what keeps us away from the joy of the kingdom is not sin, but preoccupation with the necessities of life. To be serious with your job is a good thing, but when your job keeps you away from attending the Lord's Supper and Mass; then it becomes an obstacle that hinders you from experiencing the joy of the Lord in your life. There is a saying that, the good is the enemy of the best. If only those absentee guests knew what they were missing by not attending the feast! It used to be that people attended church service to fulfill a "Sunday obligation", otherwise it would be counted against them as sin. This kind of fear no longer motivates young people today. More people would probably come to church if they knew they were missing out on the fun of celebrating and feasting with the Christian community.

For the guest without the wedding garment, to speculate on whether he had enough time to go home and put on his wedding garment, is beside the point of the parable. The point of the parable is: if you must go to the dance, you must wear your dancing shoes. If you go to a wedding, you should wear your wedding garment. By not wearing a wedding garment, he was physically in the party, but his mind and spirit were not there. He was at the feast, but he was not in the mood for feasting. Jesus hates this kind of hypocritical attitude. In fact, it is better not to attend at all, rather than to be there and yet not be there. The invitation is to all, the party is free for all, yet anyone who decides to attend has a responsibility to present himself or herself fit for the king's company. The kingdom of God is freely offered to us. Those of us on the way to the kingdom must spare no effort in acquiring the moral and spiritual character that is consonant with life in the kingdom.

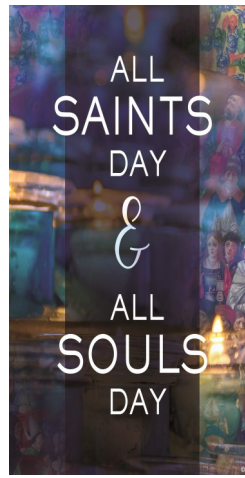
Finally, there are the guests who attended the wedding feast, taking care to appear in the proper wedding garment. They are the only ones who have fun and enjoy the party. They are the models whose example we should follow. Today's gospel sends a message to those who are staying away from the Lord's Supper and are missing out on the joy of life. To those of us who have accepted the invitation to come in, this parable warns us not to take God's grace for granted, but to clean ourselves up and become the most beautiful person that we can be in God's sight. The message is the same as in Colossians 3:14: "**Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.**"

God Bless You,

Fr. John



Eucharistic Revival
 The following Sessions will take place in the Activity Center from 6:30pm-7:30pm:
October 19th: God is with us
November 16th: Story of the Eucharist
January 25, 2024: Bread for the Journey
February 22, 2024: The Eucharist: Source & Summit
March 21, 2024: The Eucharist as Sacrifice
April 25, 2024: Eucharistic Miracles
May 23, 2024: Adoration/Holy Hour



Mass Schedule
All Saints Day, Wednesday, November 1st: 8:00am & 6:00pm
All Souls Day, Thursday, November 2nd: 5:30pm Rosary; 6:00pm Mass with distribution of Crosses
Blessing of the Graves, Saturday, November 4th at 11:00am

Christian Formation
 There will be NO Religion Classes for K-8 grades from October 16th-18th due to school break.
 First Reconciliation Meeting for Parent and Child is Monday, October 30th at 5:30pm in the Activity Center.



A Big Thanks to the Fair Committee and all of the Volunteers who made the Feast on the Levee a huge success! We are very grateful and blessed!



Youth Group will meet on Sunday, October 29th from 6:00-7:30pm in the Activity Center. All 5th-9th grade students are welcome!

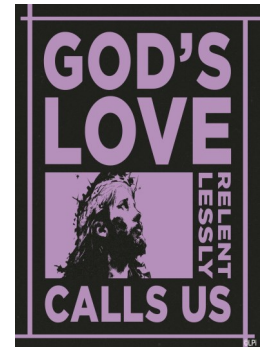
St. John the Baptist Women's Ministry Meeting Thursday, October 26th at 6:30pm in the Activity Center.

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Viola H. Prejean.

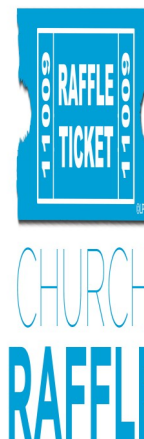


Sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Huey "Baboo" Hebert upon his death.

Vocations
 Can you share Jesus' words with others? If you want to build a life of faith and choose a religious vocation, please contact **Father Josh Johnson** at **225-336-8778** or email him: **jjohnson@diobr.org** or visit: **www.diobr.org/vocations**



Church Card Party takes place on Monday, October 30th from 10:00am-3:00pm in the Activity Center. Please call Terry Guidry, 413-5418, or Stacy Gauthreaux, 439-2282, to register your group. Lunch will be provided. Registration fees are due by Monday, October 23rd.



Raffle Winners from Feast on the Levee, October 8th

Super Raffle Winners:
 1st prize of \$4,000: Colvin LeDoux
 2nd prize of \$1,000: Andrea Normand
 3rd prize of \$500: Angelle Soniat

Raffle Winners:
 1st prize of \$1,000: Gary Tullier
 2nd prize of \$500: Calista Daigle
 3rd & 4th prizes of \$250: Benedetto's/Hubben's gift cards: Gary & Deanna Landry; and Butch Browning
 5th prize of \$100: Odile Aucoin



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come to the feast.”
- Mt 22:4bc

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

Readings for the week of October 15, 2023

- Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
- Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/
Lk 10:1-9
- Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/
Lk 11:47-54
- Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/
Lk 12:8-12
- Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/
1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

A Pilgrimage to the International Shrine of St. Jude in New Orleans is planned for Monday, October 23rd. The bus will leave at 7:45am from St. John the Evangelist Church parking lot in Plaquemine. The cost is \$50 per person. For more information, please contact Cecilia Blanchard, 985-513-2252.

**K.C. Calendar Winners for October
Ray Crochet, Mitchel Mars, Jenny Paine, Myles Olivier, Rylee Bourgeois, Donna Breen, Lou & Gloria Landry, Carter Breaux, Pat & Buddy Sanchez, Lonnie & Frannie Mabile, Gregg Sedotal, Mike Cazes, David Toups, Patricia Hergruder, Donald Verrette, Anna Grace Mabile, Corey Kimble, Elaine Richard, Matthew & Rachel Gill, Robert Sedotal, Mike & Mary Kay Hildago, Virgie Ledbetter, Tommy Persick, Jamie Whaley, Leah Lawhon, Wayne Dupuy, Billy Bourgeois, Carl D'Albor, Scott Parsons, Ruel Seneca, Kerry Cook**

**The Eucharist & The Spiritual Life
November 4th & 5th
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Baton Rouge
Featuring Dr. Brant Pitre, Matthew Leonard
and Curtis Mitch
For tickets, schedule and more information,
visit: www.fullnessoftruth.org
or call: (281) 358-9195**