



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
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.

NOVEMBER 1

All Saints Day

Dear Parishioners,

While working as a Missionary, in the State of Rajasthan, India, I had an opportunity to meet a lady named Dr. Mary Grey. While chatting with her over a cup of coffee, she said she was a mother of four children and had one grandchild. She is a devoted Catholic and also a learned theologian. The remarkable thing about her was the fact that she was not just moving about in the heady atmosphere of conceptual theology, but that she was involved in a project called, "Wells for India." She and her husband, Nicholas, started this project and regularly traveled to India to help the water-starved people of Rajasthan. Her deep understanding of the nature of God, and her relationship with Him, seemed to automatically flow into an effective form of human concern.

This really is the central message of Jesus in today's Gospel: To love God and to love one's neighbor. It is also fundamental to being his disciple. In the Gospel, we see that one of the Pharisees really wanted to rough Jesus up, and disconcert Him when he asked, "Master, which is the greatest commandment?" Now, this seemingly naive question, from an apparently sincere seeker of the truth, was really a trap. The Jews had 613 precepts of the law and all these commands were equally binding, and there was no scope of prioritizing them. Jesus, by answering the question of his opponents, wanted to convey strongly that He was concerned about the whole of the Law and the Prophets as well. Moreover, he was also pointing out, that all of the 613 precepts of the Law and the Prophets, may be seen as expressions or clarifications of just one command LOVE: To love God and love one's neighbor as one combined unit. The whole religion hangs together on this commandment of love. It is a big relief for all of us to be free from being burdened by a whole set of rules and regulations, in the matter of religious practice. All we have to do is to love God and allow our love to flow into love for all of God's people. The letter of St. John brings out the oneness of this love when he tells us, that if we say we love God and do not love our brothers and sisters, our love of God is really a sham and we are liars.

So, what is love all about? True love is seeking the good of others. True love is really a decision to commit ourselves to seeking the good of others, promoting the interests of others, and nurturing the other's total growth to wholeness. When we make such a decision to love the other, then ulterior motives will have no place in us and we will not engage in game-playing. Our love will have no conditions attached to it and we will not set any limit to love. Obviously, we apply this understanding of love differently with regard to God and human beings. Often, we have thought of love of our neighbor mainly as a concern with individual relationships. We imagine people doling out food to the hungry, sheltering the homeless, or visiting and taking care of the sick on a one-to-one basis. In today's scenario we need to expand our idea of love to also include effective social concern. Professional social workers would suggest that doling out fish to the hungry may only help them eat for a day, but teaching them to fish will help them to eat for a lifetime. There are many unconventional ways of showing this social concern to safeguard people's rights, which is another way of expressing neighborly love. Dr. Mary Grey, as a theologian, indicates her love of God to include her social concern for the people of India. This love took her and her husband to the interior part of Rajasthan, India and providing water for them. She demonstrates in a tangible way that the love of God and love of neighbor can never be separated. In fact, the two are closely connected and expressed in just one great commandment of love. The readings of this weekend are inviting us to really practice the commandment of love: Loving God and loving our fellow human beings.

God Bless You,
Father John

Catholic Daughters hosted a Rosary at the Grotto on October 14th to pray for world peace.



EUCCHARIST

All Night Eucharistic Adoration
 Friday, November 3rd at 8:00pm through
 Saturday, November 4th at 8:00am.
 Sign-up sheets are in the back of Church.

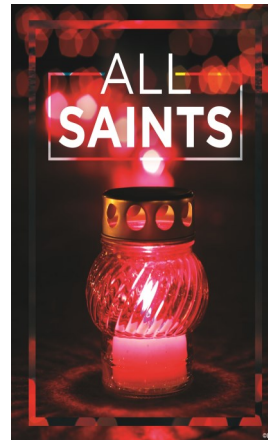
1st Saturday Mass is at 8:00am on Saturday,
 November 4th.



Christian Formation

First Reconciliation Meeting for Parent and Child is Monday, October 30th at 5:30pm in the Activity Center.

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



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 at the Cemetery



Volunteers Needed
 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.

Thank You!

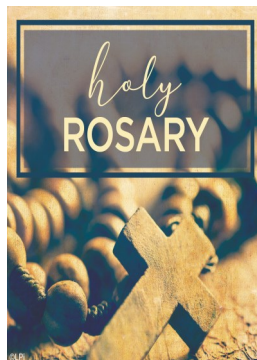
Thanks to Josie Theriot and her group for the Bereavement meals in October. To help in November, please call Terry and Steve Guidry, 225-413-5418.

Thanks to Pat Blanchard and her team for cleaning our Church in October. If you can help in November, please contact Jackie Morain, 337-945-4773.

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Bryan Mabile.



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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The Church Office will be closed on Wednesday, November 1st for All Saints Day.

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

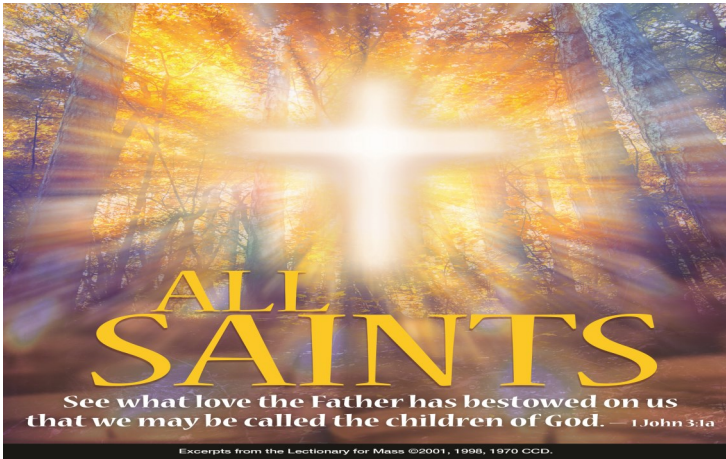
Zipper Sales: November 9th & 30th starting at 7:30am. Zippers will be closed from November 18th-26th for the Thanksgiving holidays and will not accept donations.

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.

Stewardship of Finance

Total Collection for October 22nd:	\$9,737.00
World Mission Sunday:	\$645.00



Readings for the week of October 29, 2023

- Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/
1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
- Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/
Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/
Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
- Thursday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/
Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30
- Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Lk 14:1-6
- Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15,
17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Next Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/
1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

The Catholic Daughters will meet in the Activity Center at 7:00pm on Thursday, November 2nd.

Knights of Columbus:

Meeting at 6:00pm in the Activity Center on Thursday, November 2nd.

Donuts after 7:30am Mass, November 5th

Pro-Life Rosary at 4:00pm on Saturday, November 18th

We are collecting Christmas Cards for the prison ministry now through December 7th. Please drop them off at the Church Office.

Please support the Churches of St. Elizabeth and St. Jules located in the Paincourtville area, by purchasing a raffle ticket for a Golf Cart after all Masses on November 4/5. Your donation will help repair and restore these churches. Let's support those in need!

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

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