



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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*October 31, 2021  
Thirty-First Sunday  
In Ordinary Time  
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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil ..... 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, 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.  
Tuesday thru Friday ..... 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

### **PARISH STAFF**

Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain ..... Pastor  
Carolyn Dupuy ..... Bookkeeper  
June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
Pedro Hernandez ..... Custodian  
Layne Mire ..... Parish Secretary  
Celeste Veillon ..... Music Director  
Lil Stutes ..... Mothers' Day Out

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
Office closed for lunch 12:30–1:30 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,

As previously mentioned, since the Solemnity of All Saints falls on a Monday this year, Catholics are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. There are no Masses scheduled for Monday, November 1, at St. John the Baptist.

This Friday evening and Saturday morning, November 5 & 6, is the monthly all-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament led by our Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus. The twelve hour period begins at 8:00 p.m. Friday evening and ends with 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday morning. A schedule is available in the back of church if you would like to sign-up for an hour of prayer and adoration in the presence of our Lord.

National Vocation Awareness Week is November 7-13, 2021. Here are some excerpts from Pope Francis' message on vocations written for this Year of St. Joseph: "Saint Joseph suggests to us *three key words* for each individual's vocation. The first is *dream*. Everyone dreams of finding fulfilment in life. We rightly nurture great hopes, lofty aspirations that ephemeral goals – like success, money and entertainment – cannot satisfy. If we were to ask people to express in one word their life's dream, it would not be difficult to imagine the answer: 'to be loved.' It is love that gives meaning to life, because it reveals life's mystery. Indeed, we only have life if we give it; we truly possess it only if we generously give it away. Saint Joseph has much to tell us in this regard, because, through the dreams that God inspired in him, he made of his life a gift."

"A second word marks the journey of Saint Joseph and that of vocation: *service*. The Gospels show how Joseph lived entirely for others and never for himself. The holy people of God invoke him as the most chaste spouse, based on his ability to love unreservedly. By freeing love from all possessiveness, he became open to an even more fruitful service. His loving care has spanned generations; his attentive guardianship has made him patron of the Church. As one who knew how to embody the meaning of self-giving in life, Joseph is also the patron of a happy death. His service and sacrifices were only possible, however, because they were sustained by a greater love: 'Every true vocation is born of the gift of oneself, which is the fruit of mature sacrifice.' The priesthood and consecrated life likewise require this kind of maturity. Whatever our vocation, whether to marriage, celibacy or virginity, our gift of self will not come to fulfilment if it stops at sacrifice; were that the case, instead of becoming a sign of the beauty and joy of love, the gift of self would risk being an expression of unhappiness, sadness and frustration."

"Together with God's call, which makes our greatest dreams come true, and our response, which is made up of generous service and attentive care, there is a third characteristic of Saint Joseph's daily life and our Christian vocation, namely *fidelity*. Joseph is the 'righteous man' who daily perseveres in quietly serving God and his plans. At a particularly difficult moment in his life, he thoughtfully considered what to do. He did not let himself be hastily pressured. He did not yield to the temptation to act rashly, simply following his instincts or living for the moment. Instead, he pondered things patiently. He knew that success in life is built on constant fidelity to important decisions. This was reflected in his perseverance in plying the trade of a humble carpenter, a quiet perseverance that made no news in his own time, yet has inspired the daily lives of countless fathers, laborers and Christians ever since. For a vocation – like life itself – matures only through daily fidelity."

Next Sunday, November 7, is the day when Daylight Saving Time ends and we return to Standard Time. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed next Saturday night so you can enjoy an extra hour of sleep.

Our "Book of Remembrance" will remain in church by the St. Joseph's altar for the entire month of November. The book and accompanying candle serve as a visible reminder to offer prayers for our beloved dead and for all who have gone before us in faith. Feel free to write in the names of any of your deceased relatives and friends so that they may be remembered in our prayers.

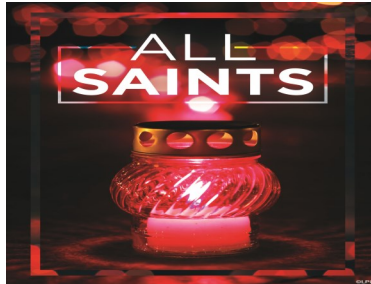
In Christ,  
Father Matt



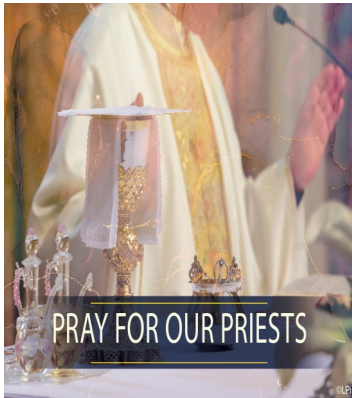


*Congratulations  
& Marriage  
Blessings to  
Katelyn Anne  
Kessinger  
and  
Matthew Kevin Bell*

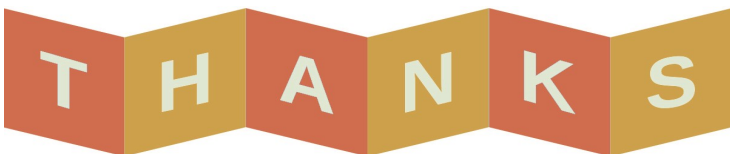
**The Sanctuary  
Candle is  
burning in  
memory of  
Gloria Daniel.**



**Priesthood Sunday**



**Please pray for all our  
Priests who have accepted  
this vocation and who may  
be contemplating this  
vocation. For those who  
endeavor to become a  
priest, please contact  
Father Josh Johnson  
225-336-8778,  
jjohnson@diobr.org  
or visit: www.diobr.org/  
vocations**



**Many thanks to Josie Theriot** and her group for providing Bereavement Meals in October. To help in November, please contact Terry & Steve Guidry 413-5418.

**A Big Thank You to Pat Blanchard** and her team for cleaning our Church in October. Please call Jackie Morain 337-945-4773 to assist in November.



**AND THE WINNERS ARE.....**

**SUPER RAFFLE WINNERS**

**\$4,000. Prize: Kathryn Hebert**  
**\$1,000. Prize: Stanley Fenten**  
**\$500. Prize: Patty & Tommy Miremont**

**RAFFLE WINNERS**

**\$1,000. Prize: Hazel Marionneaux**  
**\$500. Prize: Alcus Rimes**  
**\$250 Groceries: Cindy Olano**  
**\$250 Groceries: Shaharah Batiste**  
**\$100 Prize: Todd Hollier**

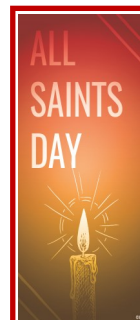


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**M & P Barge  
for the raffle  
prize donation**



**Benedettos &  
Hubbens  
Supermarket  
for the grocery  
gift cards**



**Stewardship of Finances  
October 24, 2021**

**165 Identified: \$10,622.00**  
**Loose Collection: + 590.60**  
**Total: \$11,212.60**

**World Mission Sunday: \$710.00**

**Organizations**

**Catholic Daughters**

**November 4th: Meeting @ 7:00pm in the  
Activity Center**

**Knights of Columbus**

**November 4th: Meetings in the Activity Center**  
**6:00pm Officers Meeting**  
**7:15pm Membership Meeting**  
**November 7th: Coffee & Donuts after**  
**7:30am Mass in the Activity Center**  
**November 20th: 4:00pm Pro-Life Rosary**

## St John the Baptist Parish Council Members

2020-2021

**Bob Bewick**

**Audy Bourgeois**

**Christie Chapman, Secretary**

**Justin Clouatre**

**Wayne Delapasse**

**Paige Fitzgerald**

**Janice Hebert**

**Fr. Matt Lorrain**

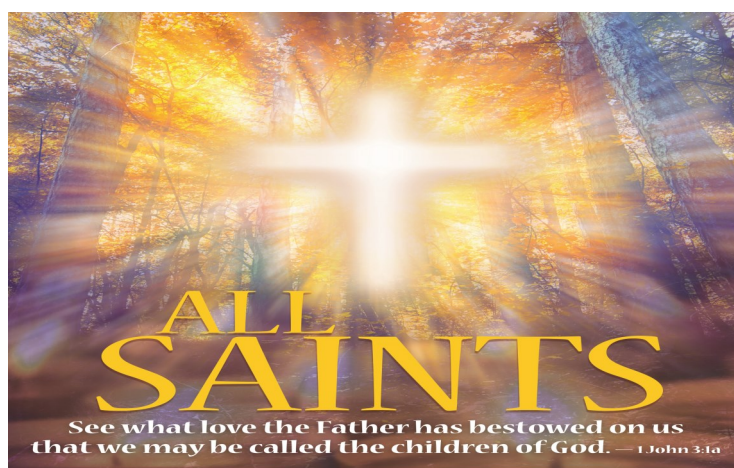
**Mary Claire Meyer, Chairman**

**Joey Normand**

**Edana Robnett**

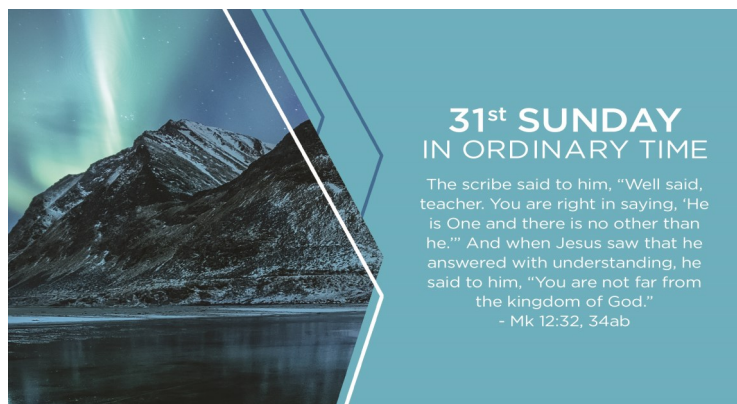
**Derek Scott, Vice-Chairman**

**Jewel Woods**



### Readings for the week of October 31, 2021

- Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/  
Mk 12:28b-34
- Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/  
1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
- Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/  
Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a
- Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/  
Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/  
Lk 15:1-10
- Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/  
Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11  
[1b]/Lk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/  
Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44



### 31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."  
- Mk 12:32, 34ab