



**ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST**  
—• catholic church •—



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**CHRISTIAN FORMATION:** 225-749-3387

**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.



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Some of us might have read or heard about St. Maria Goretti, the twelve-year-old Italian peasant girl. On July 5, 1902 she was attacked by eighteen-year-old Alessandro Serenelli, when Maria was not yet twelve years old. When she resisted his impatient advances, he dragged her to the bedroom and became violent. Half strangled, the girl kept protesting and Serenelli stabbed her repeatedly with a long dagger. She died the next day. Her death stirred worldwide attention. What happened to her attacker, Alessandro Serenelli? He was sentenced to 30 years in prison. After seven years of hostility, he had a dream of Maria offering him flowers. This made him admit his guilt and he became a changed person. He was released from prison after 27 years because of his good conduct and when he was paroled, he became a Third Order Franciscan and a monastery gardener. He always remembered his sin against Maria and after his conversion, he reshaped his life. He was alive when Maria Goretti was canonized on July 25, 1950 by Pope Pius XII, and died in 1970. On his deathbed he said, "I have suffered enormously for killing a saint, but now I have paid my debt. I have found hope and light. I have found redemption and now I will be with little Maria in heaven."

In the second reading St. Paul speaks about his conversion, how he turned his life around and experienced God's mercy and forgiveness. And in the Gospel we have one of the best stories ever told, the story of the prodigal son. All these stories are reminders that Jesus' Church is a sign, not of condemnation, but of redemption. God does not desire the death of a sinner, but that the sinner be converted and live.

I know we all can relate ourselves to Alessandro, St. Paul and the Prodigal Son; not necessarily to their actions, but to their emotions and attitudes. We all, at sometime or another, have gone away from God or disobeyed God's commandments; but like the Father of the Prodigal Son, God has lavished his love and forgiveness on us, therefore we have hope in the great mercy of God. There is hope of good prevailing over evil, and there is light beyond darkness. We all can look at our past sins as did Alessandro, St. Paul and the Prodigal son, that caused others unhappiness, and we can remember how God's grace has lifted us up and illuminated the dark areas of our life. This exercise of looking back is not meant for unhealthy brooding over the past sins, but to rejoice over God's boundless mercy and for a celebration of God's surpassing goodness. God loves us because we are precious to Him. He wants to save us. Found, Reconciled, Forgiven: these are the catchwords of the Gospel of Jesus; but the question is, do we want to be found, reconciled, forgiven or saved? If our answer is "Yes", then we have hope. Pray that we all may work towards this reconciliation and salvation.

God Bless You,  
Father John

## Christian Formation



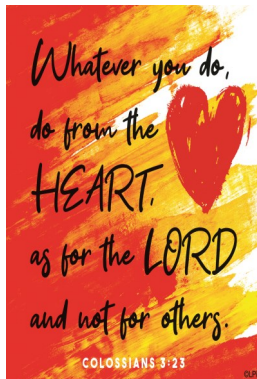
Our Grandparents' Mass will be celebrated with the religious education children on Monday, September 12th at 5:30pm. You are welcome to sit with your grandchildren!

Catechetical Sunday is September 18th. Please remember to thank our Catechists!

### Pray for Vocations

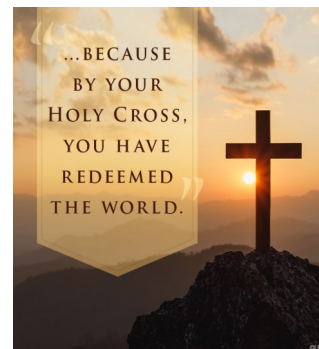
**Follow your heart and you will follow Jesus.**

**If you are being called as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, please contact Father Josh Johnson, 225-336-8778, [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org) or visit: [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations)**



Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the families of Jean Bergeron Kershaw and Lynne Achee' LaFleur upon their deaths.

*The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Alfred Chustz, and the Chustz & Gaudin Families.*



## ANNIVERSARY

There will be no Diocesan Anniversary Mass this year due to the Covid 19 virus and its variants. The Bishop would like to acknowledge all these dedicated couples who are celebrating 25, 50 and over 65 years of marriage during 2022. A certificate will be sent to these couples.

Please call Layne at the Church Office or email your information to: [lmire@sjbbrusly.com](mailto:lmire@sjbbrusly.com) before October 19th.

### Baptism Seminar

**September 14th at 6:00pm**

**Please call the Church Office to register, 749-2189.**

### Volunteers needed for the Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Two of our dedicated volunteers have retired. We need two replacements for this ministry. The Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament occurs on Friday at 11:30am. Please call the Church Office if you are interested. Thank you!

### Stewardship of Finances

**Building Fund for August, 2022: \$7,091.00**

**Ava & Jacob Saucier Jambalaya Benefit Sunday, September 25th 10:30am-1:00pm at Holy Family Hall \$10 per Jambalaya Dinner ticket Tickets will be sold after Masses here on September 17th & 18th. For tickets, please call Andrea Normand, 328-4843**



## CHURCH RAFFLE

Church Raffle tickets may be placed in the Collection Baskets or turned into the Church Office. There is a mail slot on the back door of the Church Office.

All Raffles will be drawn after 11am Mass on October 30th in the Activity Center.

Thank you for your generosity!



**Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day October 29th 8:00am-12:00pm Alexander Park 250 Elaine Street Brusly**

Go to: [wbrCouncil.org](http://wbrCouncil.org) for a list of acceptable items.

## 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



### 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”  
- Lk 15:10

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

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#### Readings for the week of September 11, 2022

- Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/  
1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10
- Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/  
Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/  
Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/  
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
- Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/  
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/  
Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/  
Lk 8:4-15
- Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/  
Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13