



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.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

A certain priest seeing an elderly lady devotedly lighting a candle at the feet of Saint Michael the Archangel and another at the devil's tail, asked her, "Madam, will you tell me what this means?" "Listen Father," she said, "I have lit a candle to Saint Michael because he is now up high and winning, but also a small candle to the devil, in case someday they switch roles. I am playing it safe." In today's Gospel we see the dishonest steward playing safe with the position he holds, so that when he loses his position, he can still be safe and enjoy the respect of the people.

Why did Jesus praise the dishonest employee that we saw in today's Gospel? Was it because he deviously made friends with the money that was not his? Or was it because everyone agreed with his cleverness? No! Why then did Jesus praise him? Jesus praises the cleverness and courage the manager showed at the critical situation. What Jesus wants to convey to us through the Gospel is, that like the steward in the Gospel, we need to act with courage and prudence. We should waste no time and opportunity for doing good, and we should not wait until the last minute. So what we see here is, Jesus praises the cleverness of the man and not the means he used.

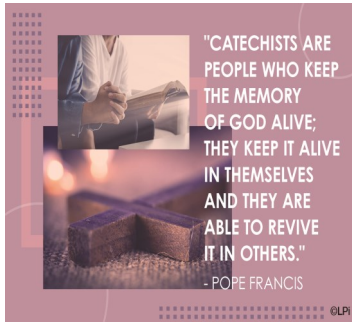
Like the elderly lady in the above story, and the clever manager in today's Gospel, perhaps we too play safe. We too, can be devious and yet justify our actions. And if we look carefully at our life, we will notice that this playing safe is only when it comes to worldly or physical matters and not too often for our own needs. But when it comes to spiritual matters, we don't show that kind of cleverness. This is what we call living a double standard. What makes us live a double standard? Is it our lack of understanding about the balance we have to keep between the worldly and the spiritual? Do we think that the more money or material possessions we have, the happier we become? If this is our thinking and belief then that is all the reason for us to be caught up in worldly things and physical needs, and that can affect the spiritual side of our life and our soul. We have to remember that a human being is made up of both body and soul, and it's imperative that we meet the needs of both body and soul. Or else, there is the danger of losing sight of one aspect and overemphasize the other.

Some tourists at Niagara Falls heard a shriek from the river. As they looked on, the origin of the scream became visible. It rose from a vulture whose claws were caught up in the thick hide of the carcass of a buffalo, floating in the river. It had pierced its claws deep into the carcass, so as to balance itself in the current and eat the flesh. As it drew closer to the waterfall, it sensed danger and gave out a scream. The vulture failed to pull out its claws from the carcass, and in no time, the bird fell into the waterfall along with the carcass. It could not eat the carcass and be saved at the same time. This is what happens when our hearts are so deeply immersed in the physical and worldly needs; we fail to pull out when necessary. So, we must be careful when we get immersed in one aspect of our life and neglect the other.

We see that when a tragedy strikes us, we remember the Lord; but at other times we don't even think about him. Today's readings call us to realize the need to put a balance in our life, between the spiritual and the physical or the worldly, to the needs of body and soul, so that we may not find ourselves trapped and lose the kingdom Jesus promised us.

God Bless You,
Father John

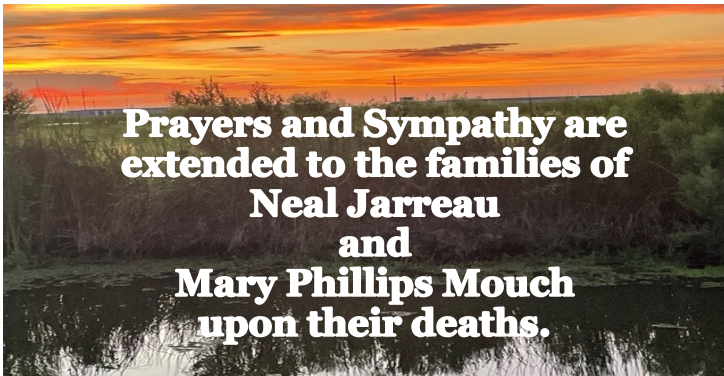
CHRISTIAN FOMATION



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

Father John's Installation Mass has been rescheduled to Saturday, October 1st at 4:30pm.

Bishop Duca will preside over the ceremony. Members of the Parish Council and the Finance Council are requested to attend. We will have a Reception following the Installation Mass in the Activity Center. All are welcome!



Ava & Jacob Saucier Jambalaya Benefit

Sunday, September 25th
10:30am-1:00pm at Holy Family Hall
Online Silent Auction
\$10 per Jambalaya Dinner ticket
Dine in or Drive through
Tickets will be sold after Masses here on September 17th & 18th.
For tickets, please call Andrea Normand, 328-4843

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Merlyn Bourgeois.



Pray for Vocations
Can you pass the faith to children as a Catechist?
Are you being called as a priest, deacon, brother or sister to share your faith? If so, please contact Father Josh Johnson, 225-336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament



Every Friday morning after 8:00am Mass until 11:30am

Everyone is invited to pray with the Adorers during this time.

This devotion began 36 years ago in our Church Parish on September 5, 1986. There is a Mass Intention on September 23rd for all the living and deceased Eucharistic Adorers.

KC Calendar Winners for September, 2022

Mary Day, M/M Brad Owens, Stephanie & Jason Langlois, Johnny Landry, Tim Bonin, Billy Deshotel, Jeff & Lisa Chatelain, Whitney Prudhomme, Barry Daigle, Agnes Gauthreaux, Theresa Dipuma, Blaine Tooley, Angelle Soniat, Morgan Robnett, Johnny Landry, Lee Howard, Rebecca Gaither, Dot Jackson, Irene Melancon, Bert Lorio, Marti Kolder, Paul Rogers, Eva Crochet, Sydni Alleman, Barry Riggs, Janet Bankston, Mario Lopez, Tanya Persick, Becky Wood, Myrna Bouchereau

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

252 IDENTIFIED:	\$19,307.00
LOOSE COLLECTION:	+458.00
TOTAL:	\$19,765.00

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

149 IDENTIFIED:	\$8,362.00
LOOSE COLLECTION:	+716.00
TOTAL:	\$9,078.00

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLECTION: \$995.00

We need your help at 4:30pm Mass on Saturday! Can you volunteer to set up the Altar, bring the monetary offering to the Bank night depository and lock up the Church after Mass? Then, WE NEED YOU! Please call the Church Office to volunteer.

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



Readings for the week of September 18, 2022

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
Monday:	Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/ Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
Thursday:	Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/ Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday:	Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/ 1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

JOB OPENING.....

**Our Lady of Pompeii Church in Tickfaw has a part-time
Coordinator of Religious Education position available.**

**Applicants can send a resume to OLOP Church, P. O.
Box 276, Tickfaw, LA 70466-0176 or call Deacon Al Levy,
225-532-9541.**