



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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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,

This weekend's readings challenge us for a total commitment to the will of God, putting God first in our lives. Today's Gospel reminds us to count the cost of being a Christian, because the cost is high. Christian discipleship requires one to renounce both the material possessions and possessions of the heart (that is relationships). Jesus in fact makes four demands from us in order to be His disciples.

Firstly, **renouncing our attachments and giving priority to God**, "If anyone wants to come to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters and even his own life, is not worthy of me." What does Jesus mean here by the word hate? In the Aramaic language "to hate" means, "to love less". This would mean that to be a disciple of Jesus, one has to love God more than his parents, brothers and sisters. If following Christ demands it, we must be willing to renounce anything that hinders us from loving Jesus. So, following Jesus whole heartedly requires renunciation of our attachment to family relationships.

Secondly, **bear your cross**. Bearing the cross is often equated with welcoming chronic illness, painful conditions, or trying family relationships; but it also includes what we do voluntarily as a consequence of our commitment to Jesus Christ. Furthermore, it is the spirit in which we freely and deliberately accept and endure the pain, difficulties and even the ridicule involved with these choices. For the early Christians however, cross-bearing had more literal meaning. Just as Jesus went to the cross, some of his followers would also taste death for their devotion to their Master. Only if the disciple is firmly committed to Christ, will he be able to spend his life in sacrificial service for others.

Thirdly, **calculate the cost of discipleship**. Using the two parables of the tower builder and the king defending his country, Jesus says, think long and hard about Christian discipleship before a decision is made. In the first parable the builder was not financially able to finish the building. The second parable spoke of a king planning strategy against a belligerent opponent. Could the king win the battle against the army twice the size of his own? Or should he try for peace? Perhaps these parables also illustrate that discipleship is not a one-time decision and that the commitment involved needs to be an ongoing decision to persevere in the ministries. When we first decide to follow Christ, we know simply that there will be a price to pay. Only as life unfolds can we begin to assess the full cost. Jesus wants us to expect significant cost overruns, because the cost for him was the cross at Calvary.

Fourthly, **say good-bye to possessions**: The fourth condition for being a disciple of Jesus means not only surrendering material possessions but sometimes one's very life. In today's reading, we hear the phrase, "whoever does not renounce all of his possessions and even life itself, cannot be my disciple." By saying to give up possessions, does not mean that we have a garage sale and get rid of all we have and live like mendicants on the streets. What he means is that we should lead a detached life willingly sharing our blessings with others. The four conditions of discipleship as outlined by Jesus indicate a kind of total commitment that every follower of Christ should be prepared to live. Abraham Lincoln was debating whom to hire as Indian Commissioner. He called his advisors Ben Wade and Senator Daniel Voorhees for assistance in selecting the right man. "Gentlemen," said the President, "I want an honest, decent, caring, moral Christian man; a man frugal and self-sacrificing!" "Mr. President, I feel certain you won't find him," said Voorhees. "And why not?" asked the President. "Because he was crucified more than eighteen hundred years ago," said the Senator. Yes, Jesus was all that was described about him. Can we live like Jesus today? That is the challenge Jesus places before us this weekend. Pray today that we become worthy disciples of Jesus by accepting the four demands.

God Bless You,

Fr. 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!

You are invited to attend the **Installation Mass of Father Arun John** at 4:30pm on September 10th.

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!



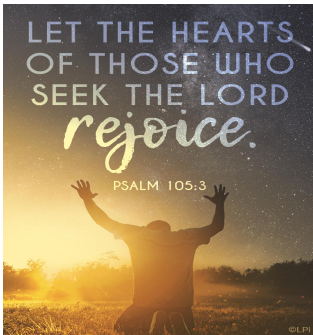
Please welcome these newly baptized girls to our faith community:

Ashley Michelle Bourgoyne
daughter of Blake & Robin Bourgoyne

Eliza Kate Gisclair
daughter of Lance & Kristen Gisclair

Reese Leila McVay
daughter of Christopher & Erica McVay

Pray for Vocations
Do you seek God's Love? Can you share God's love with others? If you are being called as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, please contact Father Josh Johnson, 225-336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations



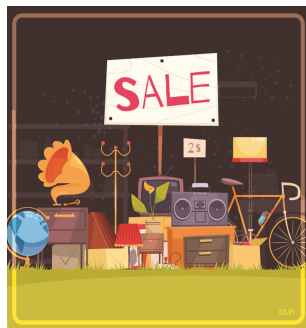
The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of the Deceased Members of the Catholic Daughters.

Baptism Seminar
September 14th at 6:00pm
Please call the Church Office to register, 749-2189.

Please join the Grief Recovery group on September 12th & September 19th from 6:30-7:30pm at the WBR Senior Center, 235 Elaine Street, Brusly. For more information, please contact Joanna Hynes, 924-6621.



Rita's Closet/Zippers Sale will occur from 7:30am-10:30am on September 8, September 22, October 6, October 20



Please sign up for the **St. John the Baptist Card Party!** Games will be played on **Monday, October 10th from 10:00am-3:00pm** in the Activity Center. For more information, please contact Paige Currie, 921-9634 or Stacy Gauthreaux, 439-2282.



Come join in the fun!

Stewardship of Finances August 28, 2022

147 Identified:	\$6,710.00
Loose Collection:	+642.00
Total:	\$7,352.00

Thank you for your generosity!

St John the Baptist Parish Council Members

2022-2023

Bob Bewick

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Fr. Arun John, IMS

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Derek Scott, Vice-Chairman

Jewel Woods



Readings for the week of September 4, 2022

- Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/
Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
- Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/
Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/
Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
- Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/
Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49
- Next 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

