



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 the Church 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.

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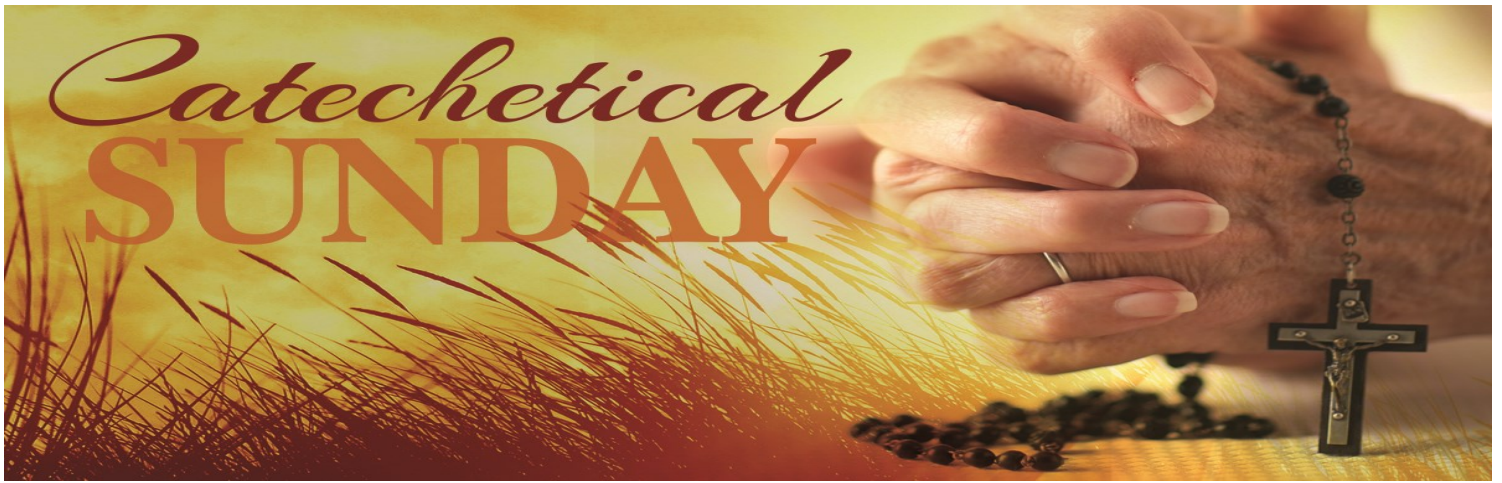
Emergency calls answered as soon as possible. Communion calls to homebound weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

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.



Dear Parishioners,

On September 11, 2001, a handful of Islamic extremists hijacked the airplanes that struck the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon, which will live in our memories like the Pearl Harbor attacks or the day President Kennedy was assassinated. Those who were alive on those dark days will never forget where they were, or what they were doing when they heard the heart wrenching news. When the World Trade Center was attacked, I was saying the 8:00am Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Baton Rouge. When I arrived at the office after Mass, it was not the usual atmosphere, but an atmosphere of silence and disbelief. When I inquired as to what was going on, they told me what had happened. I am sure those of you who watched the television that day remember watching in disbelief as the towers burned down and fell, killing so many innocent people. After the initial shock, there was sadness and the feeling of helplessness, and then the feeling turned to anger. We know that even after spending limitless resources and losing thousands of our service men and women the world is still unsafe, both at home and abroad. The scars of 9-11 just won't heal.

Four years later we had another tragedy to deal with: The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Hundreds of thousands of people were displaced from their families. We watched that incident unfold in disbelief, as we saw people crying for help, for water, for food and for shelter. At one point we began to wonder, "Is this America?" We know that people at the local level, the Federal level, organizations and individuals tried to do what they thought was best for the people who were trapped in New Orleans' shelters and on rooftops. However, the relief work was not organized as well as it should have been. All groups were pointing fingers at each other for the poor mismanagement of the whole episode. Many were angry with the initial response of the Government and the local authorities to this tragedy. My mentioning now of both of these tragedies and the responses, is not to debate about international or national policies, but about the feelings of anger and rage, and how we deal with these feelings personally, locally, as a community and as a nation.

Therefore, the question for each of us today is this: How do you and I deal with our personal anger when we have been unjustly attacked? Or when we feel that we are not cared for in our own tragic moments? Or when we are criticized and humiliated by others? How do we deal with anger and wrath? Today's first reading and the Gospel, give us some pointers on this subject: Anger is a natural human passion and we must be aware of its presence, and potential for danger. The second point regarding anger management is to place our anger against the injustices we do to others, our own failures and sins before God, and our fellow man. This idea might help us to deal with our own anger in a calm and civilized manner. Because, just as we expect God to forgive our sins and failures, we have to forgive other's sins as well. We need to let go of our anger. In fact, the Gospel tells us that our experience of God's forgiveness depends on how we forgive others.

Many people are spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and in certain cases physically ill, because they are unable to forgive. Unforgiveness is self-destructive, because when you don't let go of your anger, that anger can imprison you for a life-time, making you feel sick and uninterested in life. It is impossible to hate someone without suffering from that hatred. As someone said, "It is like trying to get even with someone by throwing a cactus at that person with your bare hand; your opponent may get hurt, but so do you." So, we have to forgive at least for our own sake. Somewhere I read, "Forgiveness warms the heart, cools the sting, and heals us." That is the reason forgiveness is the corner-stone of all major religions of the world. This is why Jesus asked us to love our enemies, and to love one another by forgiving their sins and offenses. Let us pray that we are able to deal with our anger by becoming aware of the anger and ill-feelings, and try to look at it and understand it from God's point of view. We must strive to deal with our anger in a civilized manner and be able to forgive one another.

God Bless You,

Father John

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

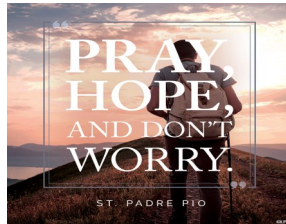


"CATECHISTS ARE PEOPLE WHO KEEP THE MEMORY OF GOD ALIVE; THEY KEEP IT ALIVE IN THEMSELVES AND THEY ARE ABLE TO REVIVE IT IN OTHERS."
- POPE FRANCIS

Grandparents Mass for Religion Classes of K-8 is Monday, September 18th at 5:30pm. All families are welcome to sit together. Please drop off your child at 5:15pm at Church and pick up your child at 6:20pm from Church. There will be NO classes on Tuesday, September 19th or Wednesday, September 20th for grades K-8.

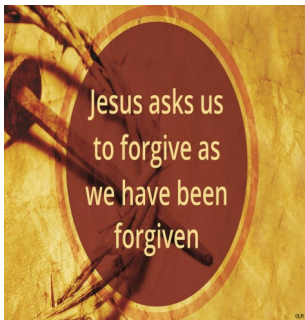
There will be NO Religion Classes for K-8 grades from October 9th-11th.

Sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Mary Marionneaux Parker upon her death.



Vocations

Can you inspire others to become more faith filled and follow Jesus? Can you accept the call from God to follow him as a priest, brother, sister or deacon? If so, please contact Father Josh Johnson at 225-336-8778 or email him: jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations



October is the month of the Rosary

Father John would like to have 30 families sign up to recite the Rosary in their homes from October 1st-30th. All families are invited at 5:30pm on November 2nd where their intentions will be placed on the altar, adoration will begin, along with the recitation of the Rosary, and this will conclude the month of the Rosary. Please sign-up your family by calling the Church Office with your name, telephone number and preferred date.

The Church Card Party will be held on Monday, October 30th at 10:00am in the Activity Center! Lunch will be served. To register, please contact Terry Guidry, 225-413-5418 or Stacy Gauthreaux, 225-439-2282.



Feast on the Levee is fast approaching!



**Fun Run, Bike, 5K
Saturday, October 7th at 8:00am
Registration begins at 7:45am in
the Church Parking Lot.**

Please scan the QR code to register!

**Feast on the Levee is Sunday, October 8th.
Join us from 11:00am-7:00pm!**

Please drop off your items for the Silent Auction at the Church Office.

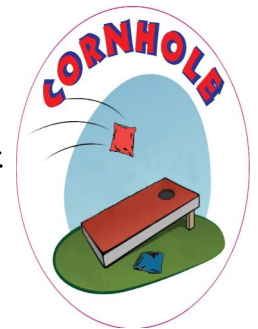
T-Shirts will be available for purchase after all Masses on the weekend of September 23/24 and at the Feast, or by calling Pamela LeDoux, 337-513-1334.

Raffle tickets may be placed in the Collection basket or dropped off through the Mail Slot on the back door of the Church Office.

Sweets are needed for the Sweet Shop. Please plan to bring these items to the Feast.

Thank You, the Feast on the Levee Committee

Corn Hole Tournament at Feast on the Levee begins at 1:00pm that day. Registration forms can be found on the Church website and in the back of Church. You can return your form through the Mail Slot on the back door of the Church Office.



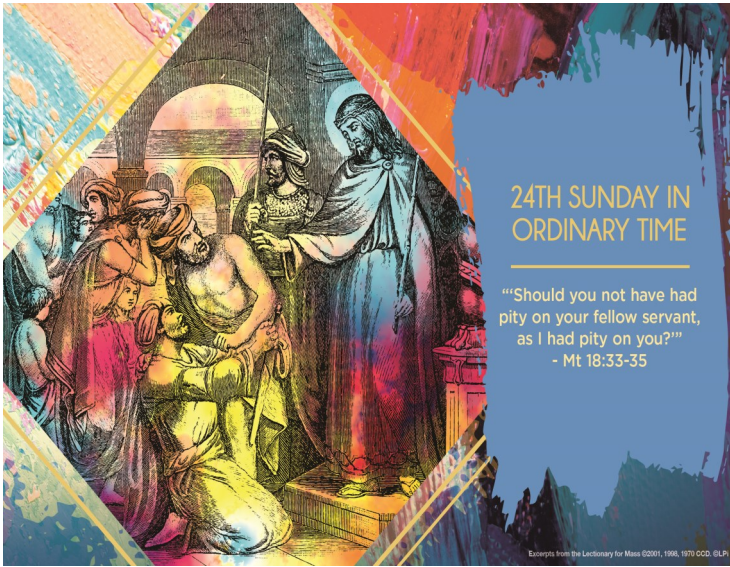
The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of the Living & Deceased Eucharistic Adorers.

Stewardship of Finance

Total Collection for September 3rd: \$18,255.00

Total Collection for September 10th: \$13,177.00

A Jambalaya Benefit for the Memorial Scholarship Foundation to Holy Family School for Ava & Jacob Saucier will be held on Sunday, September 24th from 10:30am-1:00pm at the Holy Family Parish Hall. There will also be an online Silent Auction. You can drive through or dine in. Please call Andrea Normand, 225-328-4843 to acquire your tickets.



24TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

“Should you not have had
pity on your fellow servant,
as I had pity on you?”
- Mt 18:33-35

Readings for the week of September 17, 2023

- Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
(8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
- Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/
Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
- Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/
Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15
- Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

K.C. September 2023 Calendar Winners

**Wade Bourgeois, Jessie & Lova Doucet, Joey Theriot,
Michael Gascon, Jason Riggs, Mel St. Germain, Sandra
Gourges, Beau Bouvier, Janet Marionneaux, Matthew &
Tessa Marionneaux, Paul Davidson, III, Brandon Miller,
Patricia B. Davidson, Donna Breen, Allaire Benedetto,
Rachel Saffo, Kevin Gauthreaux, Terri Allen, Collin &
Maddy LeBlanc, Warren Blanchard, Randy Mouch,
David Pugh, Deanna Landry, Jamie & Darren Hebert,
Greg Johnson, Jocelyn Gauthreaux, Chase Richard,
Mary Pinardi, Neal Rivet, Anthony Hall**

**A Pilgrimage to the International Shrine of St. Jude
in New Orleans is planned for Monday, October
23rd. The bus will leave at 7:45am from St. John
the Evangelist Church parking lot in Plaquemine.
The cost is \$50. per person. For more information,
please contact Cecilia Blanchard, 985-513-2252.**

**Diocesan Disaster Relief Planning
Tuesday, September 26th at 6:00pm
St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland Church
30300 Catholic Hall Road, Hammond**

**Please join the Office of Life, Peace & Justice of the
Diocese, along with United by BBQ and Thomas' Table,
to help prepare your Parish for a natural disaster. If you
are interested in attending, please call your Church Office
to sign-up.**