



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.

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 225-281-0333.

PRAYER LINE

Please call Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.



Priesthood SUNDAY

Dear Parishioners,

“It is not fair,” is a common phrase we often hear from many people. The wife yells at her husband, “It is not fair that I work at the office the all day like you do, and yet when I come home tired, I am supposed to prepare the meal and do the dishes, while you just relax and read the newspaper or watch TV.” The teenage boy refers to his sister saying, “It is not fair that she can do whatever she wants in this house and get away with it. However, in my case, you are ready to pick on me for the slightest thing.” The office employee complains, “I do my job and the boss takes the credit for it. It is just not fair.” The phrase keeps resounding in the classroom where a child feels he or she is unjustly treated by the teacher. The parable of today’s story is of two categories of people: those who were employed at daybreak and those were employed at a later time, even as late as the last hour before sunset. In the Gospel, we find that with the first group the master made an agreement that he would pay each of them an amount which was the normal pay for the whole day’s work; it wasn’t much, but enough to take care of each family. However, with the second group of people, the master did not make such an agreement. It was presumed that he would pay them a just wage.

Remember, the latter group was not employed earlier; and this was not because they were lazy, but probably because this is when the master found them. We learn that those who came at the last hour were also given the same wage as those who came at the start of the day. The master was obviously compassionate and generous towards them, and probably considered the fact they had families to support just like the others. However, those who worked from the start the day complained, “It is not fair. We have done a full and heavy day’s work in the heat, and yet you have paid us the same as those who worked much less.” The landowner refuted the charge of injustice. He was faithful to his contract with them. “Why blame me,” he added, “If I am generous with the rest, why be resentful? Don’t I have the right to spend my money the way I want to? I have given you your due. Take what is yours and go on your way.” We all want things to be fair; we want everything to balance out. But as I reflect more on today’s Gospel passage, I am inclined to think that this parable is not a parable of fairness or labor management relations. It is a story about God, a God who leaves the ninety-nine and went in search for the lost one, who sweeps a house for ten cents, who embraces a son who had betrayed him, and who gives one-hour laborers too much money. It is a story that really provokes us to ask, “What kind of a God is this who brings down all human expectations?”

The Broadway play *Les Misérables*, is story based on the novel by Victor Hugo. The central character in the story is Jean Valjean, who has been released after nineteen years in prison and is a bitter man. He had been sentenced to jail for stealing a loaf of bread to feed the children in his family. Freed at last, Valjean is denied food and lodging in a village, even though he has some money, because no one wants an ex-convict around. Finally, a kind bishop invites him home and offers him a meal and a bed. When Valjean dines with the bishop, he insists on putting silver plates on the table, that are only used for special guests. During the night Valjean wakes up, steals the bishop’s silver plates, and sneaks out of the house. The police soon catch him. He lies about the silver plates saying that the bishop gave them to him as gift. The police take Valjean back to the bishop’s house with the stolen goods. When Valjean returns to the bishop’s house in police custody, the bishop exclaims that he is glad to see him because he also wanted to give him the silver candle sticks as well. The police have no choice but to let him go. This amazing act of forgiveness and mercy makes such a deep impression on Jean Valjean, that he is transformed into a new person who spends the rest of his life serving others and showing mercy to them. Here, the bishop is the forgiving master of the indebted servant, the farmer pursuing the lost sheep, the father embracing the prodigal son. The bishop’s approach is like that of God; He is the master in today’s Gospel who acts generously to people who did not earn or deserve generosity. God acts in your life, and in mine, in a similar manner. God shows us grace and mercy when we least deserve it, and like Jean Valjean, we are transformed when we truly experience such gracious love. We are freed to serve others, diligently doing good works with no score any more. We are called to experience this gracious love of God in our lives, and not to be envious at God’s graciousness to others, but accept His graciousness to others and ourselves, and become a source of grace for others.

God Bless You,

Fr. John

Baptism

Please welcome these children to our faith community who were baptized on September 16th & 17th:

Adrian Michael Olguin-Cortes
son of Isaac Olguin-Cortes & Carson Kelly

Claire Noelle Morales
daughter of Isaac Olguin-Cortes & Carson Kelly

Chloe Linh Morales
daughter of Isaac Olguin-Cortes & Carson Kelly

Averee Hayes Brumfield
daughter of Charles & Nicole Brumfield

Ada-Lee Louise Callais
daughter of Mitchell & Callie Callais

Sloane Capri Farrell
daughter of Lee & Allison Farrell

Vivian Leslie Lusk
daughter of Daniel & Erin Lusk

Maggie Louise Willis
daughter of Parker & Marki Willis

Christian Formation

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

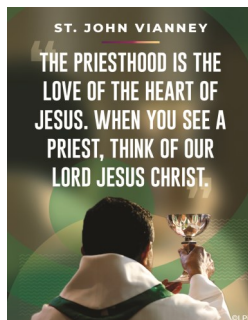
Thank You!

Many thanks to Lisa Beraud and her team for cleaning our Church during September. Please contact Pat Blanchard, 225-687-3752, if you can help in October.

Thank you to Ella Dean & Scrap Thibodeaux and their group for providing bereavement meals in September. Please call Josie Theriot, 225-405-0531, to help in October.

Vocations

Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. Please keep all priests in your prayers. If God is calling you to a religious vocation, please contact Father Josh Johnson at 225-336-8778 or email him: jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations



Stewardship of Finance

Total Collection for September 17th:	\$8,924.00
Maintenance & Building Fund:	\$9,617.33
Catholic Universities Collection:	\$1,117.00

Feast on the Levee is almost here!



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 or get a form in the back of Church.

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

Please drop off your items for the **Silent Auction** by October 2nd 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.

Corn Hole Tournament will begin at 1:00pm that day. Registration forms can be found on the Church website and in the back of Church.

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



The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of the Deceased Members of Catholic Daughters #2079.

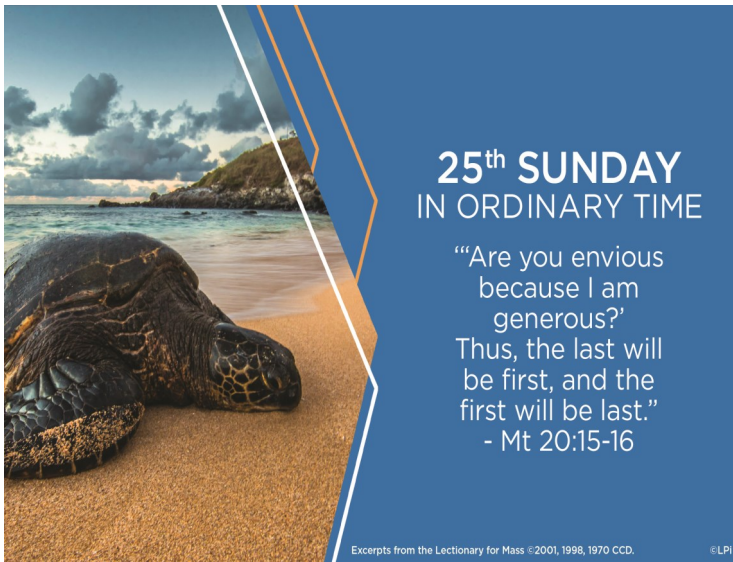


October is the month of the Rosary
Father John would like to have 30 families sign up to recite the Rosary in their homes from October 1st-30th. All families are invited at 5:30pm on November 2nd where their intentions will be placed on the altar, adoration will begin, along with the recitation of the Rosary, and this will conclude the month of the Rosary.

On Saturday, October 14th at 12:00pm, the Catholic Daughters will host the Rosary in front of the Grotto to pray for peace around the world. Please join us!

All Night Eucharistic Adoration
Friday, October 6th at 8:00pm through Saturday, October 7th at 8:00am.
Sign-up sheets are in the back of Church.

1st Saturday Mass is at 8:00am on Saturday, October 7th.



25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are you envious
because I am
generous?”
Thus, the last will
be first, and the
first will be last.”
- Mt 20:15-16

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

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Readings for the week of September 24, 2023

- Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
- Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/
Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab,
2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
- Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/
Lk 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11
or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Organizations

**Catholic Daughters will have a meeting on
Thursday, October 5th at 7:00pm in the
Activity Center.**

**Knights of Columbus will have their
meeting at 6:00pm in the Activity Center
on Thursday, October 5th.**

**Donuts on October 1st after 7:30am Mass
in the Activity Center**

Pro-Life Rosary on October 21st at 4:00pm



**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. Registration forms
can be dropped off through the mail
slot on the back door of
the Church Office.**