



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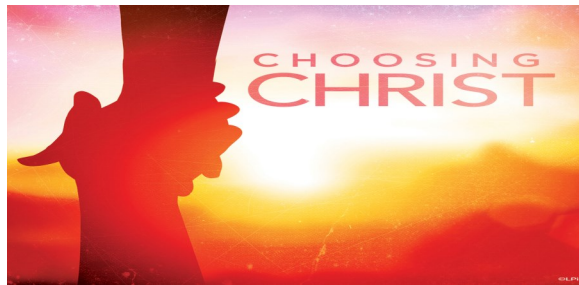
Emergency calls answered as soon as possible. Communion calls to homebound weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Family should contact the Pastor to begin funeral arrangements.
For Cemetery information, please call Jerry Deshotel 281-0333.

PRAYER LINE

Please call the Church Parish Office.



Dear Parishioners,

"Pigeon Feathers" is a story about a boy who begins to have doubts about Jesus. One night in bed, the boy decides upon an experiment. He lifts his hand above his head and asks Jesus to touch it. Then he waits. After a while he puts his hand down again, not sure if Jesus touched it or not. Do we all not crave assurances of our faith? Is it reasonable to believe what we do not see? Thomas would say, "No." He found it hard to believe what he could not see. "Unless I see the Lord," he said, "I refuse to believe." Thomas did not want to be a blind believer. He wanted evidence; and nobody could convince him of it, but Jesus himself. Jesus provided a chance for Thomas to see him and to touch him. He then became a true believer and surrendered himself, "My Lord and My God".

We all have our doubts, questions and demands for proof. Everyone's faith at times is crossed by a shadow of doubt; often we try to cover it up, hide it or suppress it. The little flame of faith in us is often weak and dim. Faith is saying to Jesus, "I trust you," and like Thomas, surrender yourself to God, "My Lord and my God." Today the Church is inviting us to reflect on our faith in Christ. One sure way to rouse up our faith is to put our faith into works. We all know that if we do not use our muscles they begin to weaken. Something similar happens to our faith if we do not exercise it. Just as we cannot separate heat from fire, we cannot have faith without works. A beautiful example of putting faith into works is the lifestyle of the early Christian community. As we heard in the first reading, they practiced in their lives the simplicity and renunciation in imitation of the master. They put into action the teachings of their master.

Is our faith founded on Jesus, the risen Christ? St. Peter in the second reading tells us that the resurrection is not just an article of faith, it is one among many others. It is the very core of Christian faith and the source of all hope. True faith demands total commitment and total determination so that we can say as Thomas did, "Let us go and die with him." It's our total commitment and determination that helps us to get through life in all its joys and sorrows, ups and downs, good times and bad, sickness and health. In man's search for meaning, psychotherapist Viktor Frankl notes that many war prisoners caved in under pressure in Nazi death camps. As a prisoner himself, he probed for reasons why some of them became victims of pressure and others did not. He discovered that those who held firm were prisoners who believed that their lives and sufferings had ultimate meaning. Dr. Frankl concluded that faith gave the prisoners a remarkable energy and power. I am sure many of us have had experiences of faith that have helped us to survive bad situations and events happening in our lives. Easter is not over and done with after the feasting and singing of alleluia. The risen Lord in fact comes to us in every moment of our lives. Each moment that comes with Christ, this experience must deepen our love, strengthen our faith and enlighten our hope. Pray today that in every Eucharist that we participate, may it help us to strengthen our faith, experience His love, and to live in hope.

God Bless You All,

Father John



First Eucharist

First Eucharist Retreat is Saturday, April 29th from 9:00am-12:00pm in the Activity Center for Parent and Child.

First Eucharist will be celebrated at 2:00pm on Sunday, April 30th in Church. Reception to follow in the Activity Center.

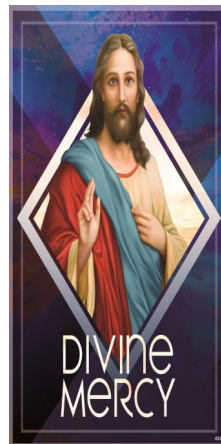
St. John the Baptist's Women's Ministry

April 20th at 6:30pm: Please join us for Women's Fellowship Night in the Activity Center, which includes a presentation on St. Agnes of Rome.

May 6th at 8:00am: Women's Day of Prayer will begin at 8:00am Mass and conclude with lunch in the Activity Center. Pamela Folsie is the facilitator for this day of prayer, reflection and fellowship. To register by April 28th, please use the form on the Church website, sjb-brusly.com or email Alena Prejean, alenaPREJEAN@yahoo.com



The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Alton & Glenna Landry.



Vocations

Share the peace of Christ! Can Jesus be calling you to share his message with others? If you wish to serve God as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, please contact Father Josh Johnson at 225-336-8778 or email him: jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS MEETING

Please join Father John in Church at 6:00pm on Wednesday, April 19th for the meeting for all Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors.



May Crowning

We will have the May Crowning Ceremony on Sunday, May 14th after 9:00am Mass at the Grotto in front of Church.

Stewardship of Finances

Total Collection for April 2nd: \$21,092.00

Please consider making your regular contribution or building fund donation through an Automatic Bank Draft Authorization. You can obtain the Automatic Bank Draft Authorization form on our website: sjb-brusly.com

Coming to our Church this Summer!

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 10th-14th! Students who need service hours may call June Hebert, 225-749-3387, to help with this ministry.



CDA Pastalaya Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, April 23rd from 11:00am-1:00pm

St. John the Baptist Church Activity Center

Take-out ONLY

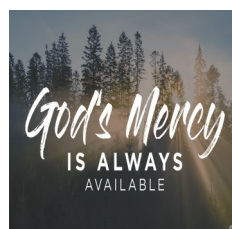
The dinners are \$10.00 each. Tickets will be available to purchase after all Masses on the weekend of April 15th & 16th.



Adult Confirmation at St. Joseph Cathedral

May 28th at 10:30am

If you want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact June Hebert, 225-749-3387 for the guidelines of preparation. Your information must be submitted by April 28th.



Fill a Prescription for the Needy

Please help those in need by taking a prescription bottle from the back of Church, adding your donation to it, and returning it to the cannister. **THANKS!**



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to him,
 “Have you come to
 believe because you
 have seen me? Blessed
 are those who have not
 seen and have believed.”
 - Jn 20:29

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Readings for the week of April 16, 2023

- Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/
1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
- Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/
Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/
Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4,13-14/Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
(11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Food Pantry

**Please bring any non perishable food items,
 such as baking goods, snacks and cereal, to the
 Church Office for the upcoming Food Pantry
 distribution on May 8th.
 We appreciate your generosity!**

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Mass Intention Forms

**Please complete your Mass Intention form online at
 the Church website: sjb-brusly.com This form is
 located on the front page of our website. You can
 also obtain a form in the Church Office.**

