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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 Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.

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.



Dear Parishioners,

A little boy greets his father as he returns from work with this question, “Daddy, how much do you make an hour?” The father is surprised and responds, “Look, son, not even your mother knows. Don’t bother me now. I’m tired.” “But Daddy, please tell me, how much do you make an hour?” the boy persists. The father finally gives in and replies, “Twenty dollars.” “Okay, Daddy,” the boy continues, “Could you loan me ten dollars?” The father yells at him, “So that is the reason you asked how much I earn, right? Go to sleep and don’t bother me anymore.” That night the father thinks over what he said, and starts feeling guilty. Maybe, his son needed to buy something. Finally, he goes to his son’s room. “Are you asleep son?” asks the father. “No, Daddy. Why?” replies the boy. “Here’s the money you asked for earlier,” the father said. “Thanks Daddy,” replies the boy as he takes the money. Then he reaches under his pillow and brings out more money. “Now I have enough. Now I have twenty dollars,” says the boy to his father. “Daddy, could you sell me one hour of your time?” asks the boy. Today’s Feast has a message for this man and for all of us. The message is that we need to invest more of our time in our family life.

On Sunday after Christmas, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. A family is made of at least three persons: father, mother and a child. Today, we speak of one parent families, which in most cases the one parent is a mother. Where is the father? And in some two parent families, the kids sometimes ask, “Where is dad?” Jesus’ family consists of Joseph, Mary and Jesus, and presents a model for all Christian families. Some people think that the model is not very practical, and it seems outdated, and is too much to ask any of us today to follow the example of the Holy Family. We all need to have an ideal to follow, one we can look up to and at least try to lead our family to focus on that ideal. We may not always succeed, but we can make an effort to follow this and God will help us in our efforts. Today as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, it is good to ask ourselves these questions: Do we keep the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as the ideal family for our family life? How much importance do we give to each family member, to your wife, to your husband, and to your children? Do we really value each member of the family and give due respect by showing love and concern for each other?

Rabbi Neil Kurshan, in his book entitled *Raising Your Child to be a Mensch* (a Yiddish word for a person having admirable characteristics and firmness of purpose), tells this real story: A young woman about to be married had come to the Rabbi for counseling. When she told the Rabbi that she hoped she would not make the same mistakes her parents had made, he pressed her to elaborate. The woman explained that each summer, her wealthy parents traveled to Europe while she remained behind with a nanny. One year, when the girl was 11, the housekeeper suddenly quit right before her parents’ annual trip to Europe. Upset that their vacation might be jeopardized, the parents quickly found a replacement. A few days before their departure, the girl noticed that her mother had wrapped the family jewels and silverware, and placed them in the safe. Since this had never been done before, she asked why. Her mother explained that she could not trust the new housekeeper with the family valuables. Though certainly not intended, that insensitive remark shocked and hurt the little girl and she never forgot it. Wasn’t she valuable to her family? Didn’t she have more value than silver knives and silver forks? That is a question all of us should ask about our attitudes toward dependent family members, young, old or in-between, on this Holy Family Day. The celebration of the Holy Family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus today, challenges us to value and invest in our private lives with our families first, before our job and any other concerns.

I wish you all a very happy and grace-filled New Year. God bless you!

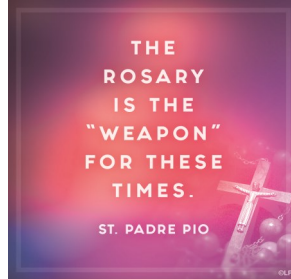
Fr. John

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Religion Classes for students in grades K-8 resume January 8th.

Confirmation is Thursday, January 18th at 7:00pm. There will be no **Religion Classes** for grades K-8 from January 15th-17th.

The Catholic Daughters will host a Rosary, "A Year with Mary", on Feast days for Mary throughout 2024. The first Rosary will be at the Grotto in front of Church at 5:00pm on Monday, January 8th. Please join them at the Grotto!



The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Leisa Swarner.

Announcements

We will remove Decorations from the Church after 11:00am Mass on Sunday, January 7th. Please help us if you can!

The Zippers will be closed to donations from December 17th– January 2nd. Sale dates for January, 2024 are: January 11th & 25th at 7:30am.

Our next Baptism Seminar is at 6:00pm on Wednesday, January 10th. Please call the Church Office to register.

Eucharistic Revival

The following Sessions will take place in the Activity Center from 6:30pm-7:30pm:

January 25th: Bread for the Journey

February 22nd: The Eucharist: Source & Summit

March 21st: The Eucharist as Sacrifice

April 25th: Eucharistic Miracles

May 23rd: Adoration/Holy Hour

Vocations

Let us follow the light of Christ. If you feel God is offering you the gift of a vocation as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, please reach out to

Father Josh Johnson at 225-336-8778 or email him: jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations



Newly Baptized

Please welcome these children to our faith community who were baptized during December. Congratulations!

Mila James Moore
daughter of Michael Moore & Megan Toups

Mia Brooke Badeaux
daughter of Chandler & Samantha Badeaux

Brayden Michael Boss
son of Wesley & Alexis Boss

Elena Rose Osorio
daughter of Daniel & Ariel Osorio

Gabriel Felipe Osorio
son of Daniel & Ariel Osorio

All Night Eucharistic Adoration

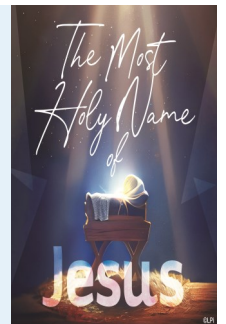
Friday, January 5th at 8:00pm through Saturday, January 6th at 8:00am. Sign-up sheets are in the back of Church.

1st Saturday Mass is at 8:00am on Saturday, January 6th.



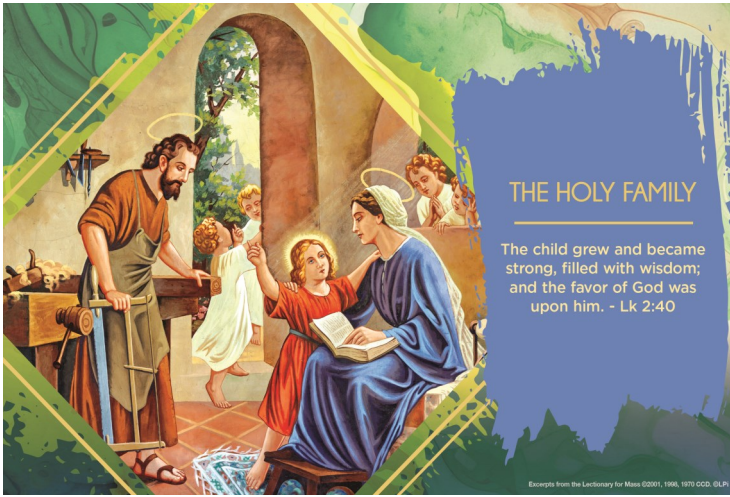
Sympathy and prayers are extended to the families of Rosemary Hebert and Lenora Darbonne upon their deaths.

Please consider serving your Church Community by leading an established Bereavement Committee in the months of February or August. This Leader will organize food for our bereaved families. Please consider this ministry and call Ruth Landry, 225-749-3101.



Stewardship of Finance	
Total Collection for December 17th:	\$17,340.33
Building & Maintenance Fund:	\$9,147.00
Immaculate Conception Collection:	\$1,233.00

Please consider a donation to the Bishop's Annual Appeal that supports those in need, helps shelter the homeless, cares for the imprisoned and supports a Catholic education for our seminarians. Thank You!



Readings for the week of December 31, 2023

- Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
- Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
- Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
- Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
- Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



Please join Father Greg Daigle for an Epiphany Concert at 4:00pm on Sunday, January 7th at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Plaquemine. You can purchase tickets for this event by calling their Church Office, 225-687-2402.

A Trip to the Vatican and Rome is being planned by Donna Kirkland for September of 2024. You can join this group by contacting Donna at 225-803-6013, or via email: donnakirkland@gmail.com



VITA Volunteers are needed between January 16th-April 15th at Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge. These volunteers assist low-wage working families prepare their tax returns. No experience is needed; training will be provided. Please call 225-336-8700 to sign up or email: drians@ccdiobr.org

