



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
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 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.



Dear Parishioners,

Fr. Joseph G. Donders tells this story in one of his homilies: A small boy was kicking a doll. I could not see that it was a doll; to me it seemed to be only a piece of dark wood. A small girl was trying to get the doll and was shouting, “Don’t kick her! It is my doll. It is Lucy, it is Lucy!” The boy kept on kicking and shouting, “It is not Lucy, it is only a thing!” He kept on kicking it. Similarly, sometime ago I saw a picture that showed a man on his face in the street, surrounded by a mob. Some policemen were guarding him. Under the photo was a caption that stated he was a thief, and the police had come just in time to save him from being beaten to death or lynched by an angry mob. The man was lying in the street with an outstretched arm. It is this type of event that Jesus is speaking of in today’s Gospel. Jesus says, “Don’t make your sister into a fool. Don’t make your brother into a thing.”

According to a research study, in most cases, before people start to beat up and kick someone, they declare that person is a nonhuman. They call out all kinds of names and shout all kinds of abusive language, and then they start beating up, killing, or crushing that person. In today’s Gospel Jesus is pleading, “Don’t do that! Don’t call each other names! Respect each other. If you do that, you are all going to hurt; those who are kicked, and those who kick.”

Mr. Frantz Fanon, a practicing psychiatrist, received a man one day, who was very upset, depressed, and could hardly sleep during the night. While sleeping he had terrible nightmares, all because he had been treated as a nonhuman and was tortured as if he were a thing. Another day, Mr. Fanon received a man who was upset and could not sleep at night because of nightmares, all because he had kicked others as if they were things, because he had acted as a nonhuman. When we treat others as nonhuman or when we act as nonhuman, it is our own sanctity, our own health, our existence that is at stake. Don’t do it. Don’t make each other into things. We as Christians should never do that!

Jesus, in today’s Gospel, unpacks for us God’s intent in prohibiting killing, adultery and false oaths. By forbidding us to take human life, God’s intent is that we live in harmony with each other and treat each other with respect. Jesus holds us to this higher standard. Therefore anger, abuse and contemptuous treatment of others are sinful violations of God’s intent, and if we remain unreconciled with each other we will have to answer for it. This is so important, as Jesus says, we shouldn’t bring our gifts to the altar until we are reconciled. That is the reason we start every Mass with the penitential rite and exchange a sign of peace before communion. The Gospel also tells us that we fulfill the law not merely by doing what the law says, but rather by doing what God intends. That is the reason God gives us grace: grace to understand God’s will for us, and grace to act in accordance with His law in every area of our lives.

God Bless You,

Father John

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Youth Group Meeting on February 12th from 6:00-7:30pm in the Activity Center.

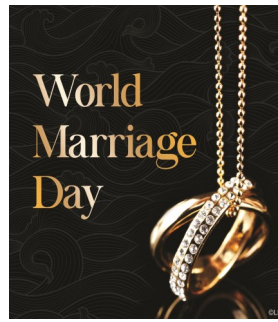
Religion Mass CHANGE to February 13th at 5:30pm for all K-8 students

Please drop off your child at 5:15pm in Church and pick up your child at 6:20pm from Church. All family members are welcome to attend! There will be NO religion classes for K-8 students on February 14th or 15th.

First Eucharist Meeting for Parent & Child is at 5:30pm on February 16th in Church.

NO Religion Classes on February 20th, 21st or 22nd due to Mardi Gras holiday.

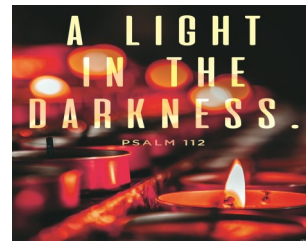
NO Religion Classes on February 27th, 28th or March 1st due to Church Mission.



Congratulations and Marriage Blessings are extended to:
Casey Joseph Short
and
Karlie Ashland Pourciau
upon their wedding on
February 3rd!

Contribution Tax Statements

To obtain a 2022 Contribution Tax Statement, please contact Dana Babin in the Church Office. Statements will be printed upon request.



*The Sanctuary
Candle burns in
memory of
Morris Crochet.*



Are you seeking a religious vocation?

Can you follow Jesus and serve others as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If so, please contact Father Josh Johnson, 225-336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations

DOULA and Donuts Interest Meeting
Saturday, February 18th @ 10:30am
Westerfield Center at the Catholic Life Center
1800 South Acadian Thruway, Baton Rouge
DOULA is a program that meets the needs of mothers in crisis pregnancy and works in tandem with Catholic Charities. For more information, please contact Randall Waguespack, 387-0561 or email: rwaguespack@diobr.org

Father Miles Walsh will preach a Lenten Mission of Reconciliation and Healing, Mercy and Peace.

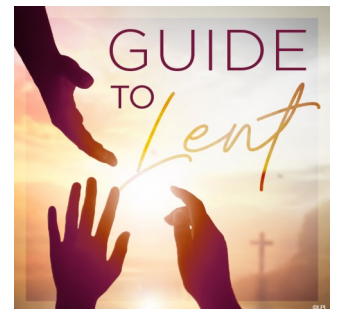
The Lenten Mission schedule is as follows:
Monday, February 27th, Mass at 6:00pm delivering



the message of Our Lady of Fatima;
Tuesday, February 28th, Mass at 6:00pm introducing the message of Divine Mercy through St. Faustina Kowalska; and on Wednesday, March 1st at 6:00pm, he will conclude with his second talk on Divine Mercy and allow participants to make a confession.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 22nd
8:00am Mass & Ashes
12:00pm Mass & Ashes
6:00pm Mass & Ashes

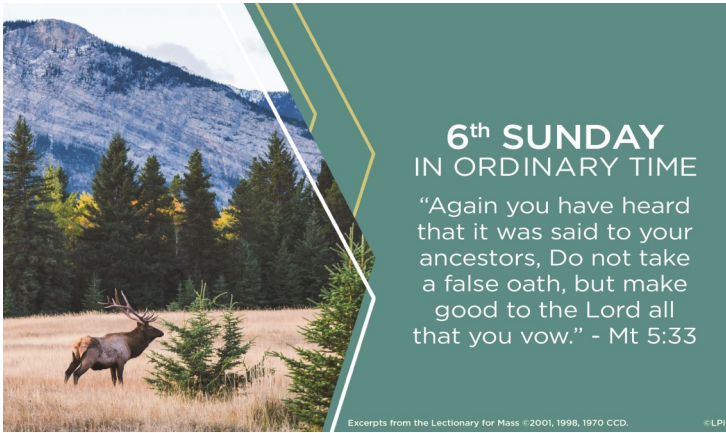


Stewardship of Finances February 6, 2023

331 Identified:	\$17,322.00
Loose Collection:	+ \$745.00
Total Collection:	\$18,067.00

January Building Fund Collection: \$8,090.00

Black & Indian Missions Collection: \$782.00



**6th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.” - Mt 5:33

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Readings for the week of February 12, 2023

- Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6-10/
Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
- Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/
Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b
and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/
Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/
Mk 8:27-33
- Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/
Mk 8:34—9:1
- Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13
- Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13
(8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

**St. John the Baptist Parish
Finance Committee Members**

- Dana Babin**
- Carolyn Dupuy**
- Father Arun John**
- Drew Maciasz**
- Laurie Moreau**
- Arron Pierre**
- David Toups**



2023-2024 REGISTRATION DATES

- **February 14, 2023: 9:00am-1:00pm, Activity Center, open registration to all**
- **Ages accepted: 18 months by September 30, 2023 through PreK 4 year olds**
Please contact Lil Stutes at 413-4527 with any questions.

