



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
Sharon Thibodeaux Music Leader

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 Spanish couple, newly arrived in America, took residence in a house that was believed to be haunted. On their first night, they were disturbed by unearthly sounds. The wife asked her husband to go and see what it was. “No, my love,” the husband replied, and then suggested, “You go, because your English is better.” Fear is a wide spread emotion in the world today. So many people are fearful of so many things. The poor are fearful that they may not have the means to survive. The rich are fearful of losing their wealth. The sick are afraid that they will not recover from their ill health. Those who are well are afraid they will get sick. The old are fearful of dying, and the young are fearful of growing old. Fear is contagious as it spreads to others. Fear can infect a whole crowd of people, and cause them to perform actions none of them would think of committing alone. The religious fundamentalism and terrorism are nothing but the outward expression of deep-rooted fear. Fear is the most devastating emotion. The disciples, in today’s gospel, were in the Sea of Galilee when a violent storm threatened to sink their boat. The disciples were terrified. So, they awakened Jesus to ask for help. Jesus then ordered the wind and the waves to stop, and there was great calm. Fear is applicable not only in times of great crisis, but also in times of ordinary crisis; for fear does play a great part in our lives.

What is it that we are afraid of? If we are afraid of something, our focus will be on that something, and we tend to forget the most important thing in our lives; that is, living our lives as the real followers of Christ. We should not be afraid, because just as Jesus assured His disciples, He utters the same words of assurance to all of us. Perhaps we are tempted to think that the Lord has no interest in us, or he neglects us, and so He is asleep. But in fact, on such occasions Jesus asks us, “Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?” Hence, for Jesus, the disciples were afraid because of their lack of faith in Him and His presence. Therefore, in order for us not to be afraid, we need to have faith in the Lord. In fact, faith should be the reality of our life. It is an everyday natural factor in all our human relationships and daily actions. For example, when we listen and accept the word of others, we are showing our faith in them. We readily obey the directions of those over us at home, at work, or in our communities, because we trust them. We even entrust ourselves and our welfare to others, such as doctors, teachers, judges, civil leaders, cooks, drivers, etc. Faith, as a human reality, is central in our daily lives.

The story of Jesus rebuking the raging storm at sea, was a constant reminder to them that they needed to build up faith and confidence in Him. Fr. Vincent Pereira, in his book , “Inspired by the Scriptures,” says that we need the same faith and confidence in Jesus at different times in our lives, when we are faced with our own storms. **Firstly, we need to have faith and confidence in God when we are faced with storms and turmoil within ourselves.** We are often plagued with doubts and uncertainties at different stages of our lives. Each transition from one stage of life to the next has its own share of pitfalls and uncertainties. As we move from childhood to the stormy years of adolescence, we have added responsibilities as young adults. We pass through the so-called midlife crisis and face the insecurities and uncertainties of old age. Added to this, we have questions popping up in our minds at the death of a spouse or loved one, in times of serious illnesses and as we face the problem of evil. **Secondly, we need to have faith and confidence in God amidst the difficulties we encounter in our relationships with others.** Sometimes we feel the coldness of a friend, or have a misunderstanding, or a betrayal of someone from whom we expected loyalty. **And lastly, we need to have faith and confidence in God in the concrete reality of our country;** especially when we see that our God-given values are being trampled upon by liberals in the name of freedom and independence. Jesus’ absolute trust in God as He lies asleep in the boat, as well as His tremendous power over the storm, is a constant reminder to us that God is there when we need Him most, and that He will never abandon us. Let us pray that we can be convinced of God’s constant presence and support in our lives, especially when the so-called storms pass through our everyday lives.

God Bless You,

Fr. John



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Dive into friendship with God!

Vacation Bible School
July 8th through 12th

Registration forms are available online and in the Church Office. Please call the Christian Formation Office for more information, 225-749-3387.

VBS Volunteer Meeting will be at 6:00pm on Wednesday, July 3rd in the Activity Center.



Children's Church

9:00am & 11:00am Masses
July 7 & 21
August 4 & 18



Come join the Youth Group this Summer!

For Middle School & High School Students

Wednesday, July 24th
From 5:30-7:30pm
Activity Center



Thank You. 

THANKS to Opie Vidrine and her group for cleaning the Church in June. Please contact Patricia Lefeaux, 225-749-3108, to help during July.

THANKS to Terry Guidry and her team for the Bereavement meals in June. To help in July, please contact Ruth Landry, 225-749-3101.

All Night Eucharistic Adoration

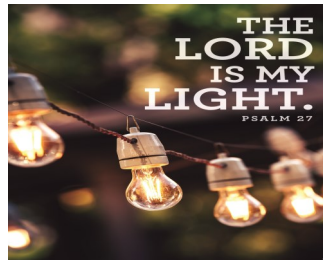
There will be NO all night Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, July 5th, and NO Saturday morning Mass on July 6th due to the 4th of July holiday.

Stewardship of Finance

Total Collection for June 16th: \$12,207.00

Thank you for your generosity!

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Myron Culberson.



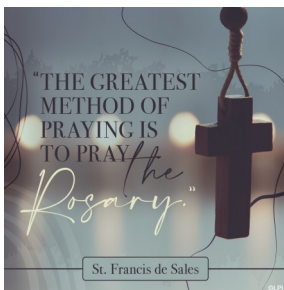
Our next Baptism Seminar is Wednesday, July 10th at 6:00pm in Christian Formation Room One. Please call the Church Office to register.



Volunteers are needed at your Church! Please consider giving your time to one of these important ministries:

Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Usher, Bereavement Committee, Food Pantry, or the Zippers Thrift Shop.

Please call the Church Office to sign up. Thanks!



The Catholic Daughters will host a Rosary in honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help at 5:30pm on Thursday, June 27th at the Grotto in front of our Church. Please join them!

Vocations

Please pray for all priests and for those who are contemplating serving our Lord and others as a priest, brother, sister or deacon. If you are being called, please contact your priest or reach out to Father Josh Johnson at 225-336-8778 or email him: jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations



Knights of Columbus

Donuts on Sunday, July 7th after 7:30am Mass in the Activity Center

Pro-Life Rosary on Saturday, July 20th at 4:00pm



**12TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. - Mk 4:39

Readings for the week of June 23, 2024

- Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Monday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/ Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
- Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48: 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40/Mt 7:15-20
- Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/ Mt 7:21-29
- Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/ Mt 8:1-4
- Saturday: *Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/ Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
- Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 (2a)/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/ Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43



Zippers Thrift Shop Sale Dates

July 18 at 7:30am

August 1, 15 & 29 at 7:30am

**Closed for donations from
June 21 -July 15.**

**You can reach them at
225-506-8622.**

**We CANNOT accept furniture, TVs, copy machines, DVD players or CD players.
Thank you!**

Job Opening at the Catholic Life Center

**The Diocese is seeking a Special Education Program Director that will work as a member of the Catholic Schools Office to support the schools in education and evangelization. For more information about the requirements of this position, go to the Diocesan Career Center: us241.dayforcehem.com/CandidatePortal/en-US/diobr/Posting/View70
Deadline to apply is June 20th.**

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Waking God

A show of hands, ladies and gentlemen. Have any of you been given the silent treatment and had absolutely no idea why?

On the flipside, have any of you have sworn you're not going to demean yourself by explaining, for the thousandth time, that you need extra help with the kids before soccer practice, or that you feel ignored when your spouse doesn't ask how your day went?

But sadly, love doesn't give you the ability to read minds. And in the end, we learn the lesson again and again, we have to verbalize our feelings, our needs, our wants. Expecting your partner to anticipate your needs is guaranteed to end badly.

It's the same with God, even though, oddly enough, He *does* have the ability to read minds. But He still desires us to explain ourselves to Him, doesn't He? "I'm feeling scared of this." "I'm really worried about that." "God, I think I need x, y and z. Help me. Please."

Jesus slept on that boat, as it was tossed and turned by the waves, until his disciples woke him. "Why were you sleeping?" they ask. Well, geniuses, he was sleeping because they hadn't woken him up yet. They had wasted time cowering in fear, waiting for him to act. They gave him the silent treatment and they didn't even know it.

God doesn't desire us to verbalize our needs as a way of keeping us submissive. He's not that petty. What He desires is the Communication, that's what really counts. That act of opening yourself up, of becoming vulnerable, of relying on Him, trusting Him. If it feels like God is asleep in your life, ask yourself this, have you tried waking Him up?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Prayer for Hurricane Season

Our Father in Heaven, through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Women's Ministry Rain Barrel Drawing

Our Women's Ministry is having a drawing for a rain barrel to help finance their ministry event costs. The rain barrel and tickets will be in the back of church from July 6th through July 21st. Please fill out a ticket and drop it in the barrel with your \$1.00 donation. The winner will be drawn after 11:00am Mass on Sunday, July 21st. The rain barrel was donated by Denise Brown. Many thanks for your support!

