



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

catholic church



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**WEBSITE:** [sjb-brusly.com](http://sjb-brusly.com)

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION:** 225-749-3387

### 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.

### 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 the Church Parish Office.



Dear Parishioners,

In today's Gospel, Jesus commanded the disciples to go and preach the Gospel and said, "Behold I am with you always till the end of the world." This is very encouraging for us to know that Jesus is with us always, and he will continue to be with us until the end of the world. Today, when we are surrounded by problems of every kind, confronted by crises and tensions, we think of the good days when the Lord strengthened the Church with his presence and power. We might ask, "Is the Lord not with us now? Why is it that we seem to have lost the original charisma of the Church?" Hope is one of the distinguishing characteristics of every Christian. We often say: "In spite of all this, I have hope." The Church grew and was built in the midst of hopelessness and uncertainties of the disciples. Their only trust and hope were in the words of our Lord, "I will be with you till the end of the world." Hope in the power of the Lord, although invisibly present, gave them courage and strength. It was hope that gave the Church a new pulse throughout its history, to confront difficulties, turmoil and problems with courage.

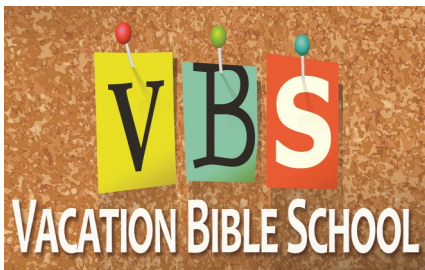
Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension, the Church is asking us not to lose courage in the face of difficulties, but to meet the challenges of each day, to be faithful to the Church and to our lives with a renewed commitment and affirmation. If we look around, we can see thousands of people who experience meaningless lives and who look for love and forgiveness. When faced with difficulties and problems, we ourselves sometimes find life meaningless. The Church today presents many possibilities: the Church offers us a chance to start anew, and it helps us to look at the positive aspects of our own lives with the help of the Holy Spirit. Two brothers convicted of stealing sheep, were branded on their foreheads with the letters ST to indicate "sheep thief." One of them could not bear the stigma, became bitter, and moved away. Eventually he died and was forgotten. The other brother chose a different course. He said, "I can't run away from what I did, so I will stay here and win back the respect of my neighbors and friends." As the years passed, he built a solid reputation of integrity. One day a stranger saw him and he asked a villager, "What do the letters on that old man's forehead signify?" "It happened a long time ago," replied the villager, "I have forgotten the particulars, but I think the letters are an abbreviation for Saint."

Situations that confront us can either break us or make us, depending on the way we look at it and respond to it. If we do not find meaning in events and things that happen in our lives, whether joyful or sorrowful, then they can become situations that can break us. But if we are able to find meaning and purpose in what happens in our lives, then the situation can make us better persons. And this positive attitude can come when we are able to trust and hope in the power of the Lord, who promised to be with us until the end of the world. How do we look at the daily happenings in our lives? Are we able to put our hope in the words of the Lord? As we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, let us pray for God's grace to live as optimistic and hopeful people, always believing in the promise of the Lord, "I will be with you until the end of the world."

On a different note, I just want to let you know that I will be taking my vacation from June 6 through July 6. My mother is 88 and I want to be with her at least once a year. I will be leaving for India on June 6th and will return on July 6th. I have arranged for different priests to celebrate Mass in my absence. Besides the weekend Masses, we will have daily Mass on Mondays and Fridays. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, we will have a Communion Service. Please keep me in your valuable prayers.

May God bless you all!





**WE HAVE A STELLAR SPOT FOR YOU!**

**Please register now for Vacation Bible School.**

**July 10th-14th from 9:00am-11:30am**

**Children in Grades K-5 are welcome.**

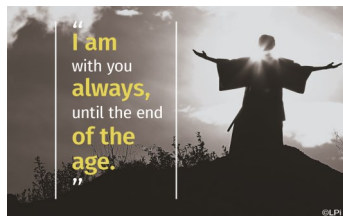
**Registration forms and Volunteer Forms can be found online at [sjb-brusly.com](http://sjb-brusly.com), in the back of Church, in the Church Office and in the Christian Formation Office.**

**Volunteer Meeting**

**On July 5th at 6:00pm we will have a meeting for all Volunteers in the Activity Center.**

**Please call June or Jayne, 225-749-3387 for more information.**

*The Sanctuary  
Candle burns in  
memory of  
Ty Prejean.*



**Maintenance Committee**

**A big THANK YOU to Richard Dugas, Joey Normand, Danny Rabalais and Gary Tullier for organizing a Maintenance Committee to address the needs of our Church.**

**Maintenance forms can be found in the back of Church whereby you can place your suggestions for repair in their box.**

**ORGANIZATIONS**

**Knights of Columbus:**

**Donuts after 7:30am Mass on June 4th in the Activity Center**

**Meeting on June 8th at 6:00pm in the Activity Center  
Pro-Life Rosary at 4:00pm on June 17th**

**Catholic Daughters**

**Meeting on June 8th at 7:00pm in the Activity Center**

**The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 29th, for the Memorial Day holiday.**

**Confirmation Retreat**

The Confirmation Retreat will be held in the Activity Center on May 31st at 5:00pm, June 1st at 1:00pm and June 2nd at 1:00pm. Please call June Hebert, 225-749-3387 for more information.



**Vocations**

**Is God calling you follow his Son as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If so, please contact Father Josh Johnson at 225-336-8778 or email him: [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org) or visit: [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations)**

**Stewardship of Finances**

**Total Collection for May 14th: \$16,338.33**

**Repairs and Maintenance Collection: \$9,120.00**

**LOOK AHEAD....**

**Hurricane Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral is Thursday, June 1st at 12:00pm. Please join in praying for a quiet hurricane season.**

**Father Matt Dupre' will celebrate his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday, June 3rd at 4:00pm Mass at Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church in Donaldsonville. All are welcome!**

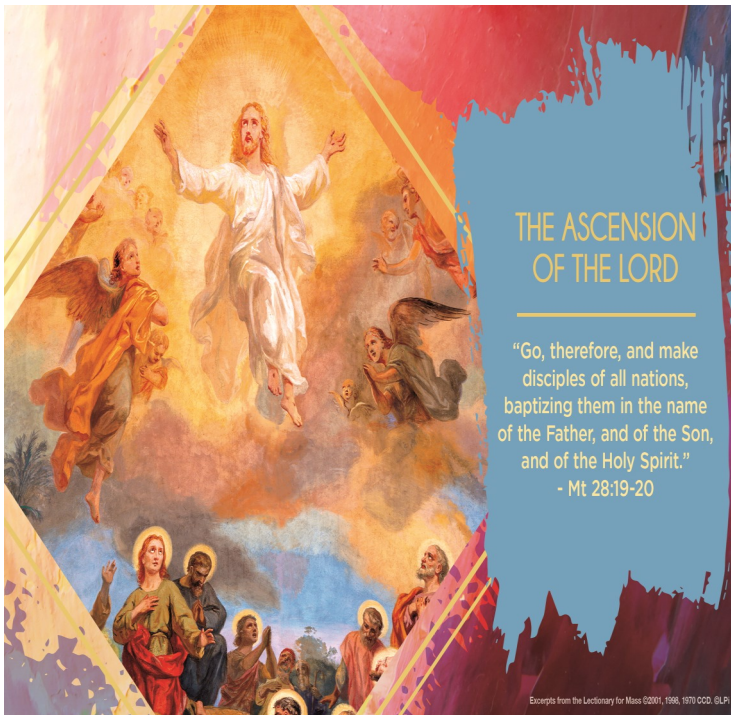
**Lions Club BBQ will be held on Sunday, June 4th from 11:00am until 1:00pm at the Lions Club on East St. Francis Street. Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend.**

**5-Day Silent Retreat at the New Orleans Retreat Center will be from June 26th through July 2nd sponsored by the Franciscan Missionaries. To register, please call 225-526-1770 or go to: [franu.edu/retreat](http://franu.edu/retreat)**

**Feast on the Levee will be held on October 8th. Please call the Church Office to help make our fair a success!**

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

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



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”  
- Mt 28:19-20

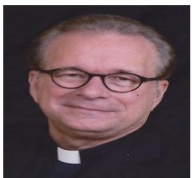
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### Readings for the week of May 21, 2023

- Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/ Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20  
*Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a
- Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/ Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/ Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/ Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
- Next Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/  
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/ Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
*Extended Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/ Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
*Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

### THE FINAL BATTLE: THE MESSAGE OF FATIMA AND ITS MEANING FOR THE WORLD TODAY

May 26 - May 28, 2023



Join Father Miles Walsh at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Center in Chatawa, Mississippi, for a three day retreat that will explore the profound and urgent message that Our Lady of Fatima gave to the world. Discover the meaning of that message for our world today.

To register go to:  
[www.ourladyofhopems.com/register](http://www.ourladyofhopems.com/register)

or call: 601-202-3137