



# 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 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,

Both the first reading and the Gospel of this weekend are beautiful examples of God's love. In the first reading, we hear that God gave the people of Israel His love, His friendship, and His beautiful vineyard to tend; but they rejected God's friendship and betrayed His love. It hurt God so deeply that He complained, "What more was there to do for my people than I had not done?" In the Gospel, we have another example of God's love. He gave the vineyard to the tenants to take care of. However, they were not responsible and they were not grateful of God's offer. They even mistreated those whom God sent to correct, and bring them back to Him. God's love is long and enduring, hence he sent his own Son hoping that they would respect and honor Him. Nonetheless, they abused and killed his son. This shows no matter how far we wander away; he gently seeks us out and brings us back to Himself. This compassionate love of God toward us has to be an example of what we should do to one another.

The vineyard in today's readings, refers to the community of God's people. Both Prophet Isaiah and Jesus invite us to examine the state of our vineyard. The vineyard is our community. The concept of community can extend from the small intimate setting of a family, to a circle of friends, or to a gathering as large as our parish Community. It can be the Church as a whole or it can be the world, an image of an all-embracing community of God's people on earth. No matter what size the community is, it can bear good fruit only when the members of that community live in loving and caring relationships with one another. The culture in which we live today threatens the possibility for communities to live in love; which prevents the members from bearing good fruit. Today, communities break down because the members often fail to build and nurture relationships between themselves. We desire to bear good fruit but, with good intentions, we allow ourselves to be pulled in too many directions. We become distracted and fail to focus on what really matters. As a result, relationships become stressed. We fail to follow up on our commitments, and when things happen unexpectedly, we lose our patience. Consequently, the vineyard, instead of producing good fruit, produces wild grapes of violence and injustice. This violence flourishes when people are isolated, ignored or alienated.

Violence often happens in communities that do not care for one another, where people don't feel loved and accepted, where their voices are suppressed, where feelings are not communicated or where they are not supported to become what God has called them to be. We do violence to one another and to ourselves when we shift our priorities from relationships to things that are less important. We succumb to violence when our greed blinds us to the reality of the suffering of our poor brothers and sisters in need. As St. Paul tells us, we must direct our lives toward, "whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious." Paul encourages the community to put aside its preoccupations, because all that really matters is how we live in our relationship with God and with others. We can say that a community begins when it recognizes God's presence within itself and within others. We must learn to care for the community of our family, the community of our parish and the community of our world. When we learn to live in loving relationships with others, the vineyard of our communities will in turn bear quality fruit. Today let us thank the Lord for trusting us, and entrusting us with the vineyards of our family, our society and our world. Let us ask ourselves, "Are we tending to the vineyard the Lord has entrusted to us responsibly, by living in love, by caring for one another, and by caring for our world?" Let us pray that the Lord will help us to live responsibly in the vineyard he has entrusted to us and bear the fruit expected of us.

God Bless You,  
Father John







**Eucharistic Revival**  
 The following Sessions will take place in the Activity Center from 6:30pm-7:30pm:  
**October 19th:** God is with us  
**November 16th:** Story of the Eucharist  
**January 25, 2024:** Bread for the Journey  
**February 22, 2024:** The Eucharist: Source & Summit  
**March 21, 2024:** The Eucharist as Sacrifice  
**April 25, 2024:** Eucharistic Miracles  
**May 23, 2024:** Adoration/Holy Hour



**October is the month of the Rosary**

On Saturday, October 14th at 12:00pm, you are invited to join the Catholic Daughters to say the Rosary in front of the Grotto to pray for peace around the world.

At 5:30pm on November 2nd, everyone is invited to the recitation of the Rosary for their petitions and adoration. This will conclude the month of the Rosary celebration.

**Christian Formation**

There will be NO Religion Classes for K-8 grades from October 9th-11th.

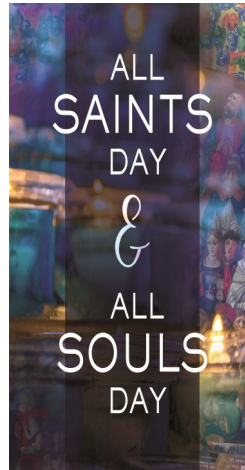
There will be NO Religion Classes for K-8 grades from October 16th-18th due to school break.

First Reconciliation Meeting for Parent and Child is Monday, October 30th at 5:30pm in the Activity Center.

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the families of Buck Franklin and Daisy DeBenedetto upon their deaths.



Youth Group will meet on Sunday, October 29th from 6:00-7:30pm in the Activity Center. All 5th-9th grade students are welcome!



**Mass Schedule**  
 All Saints Day, Wednesday, November 1st: 8:00am & 6:00pm

All Souls Day, Thursday, November 2nd: 5:30pm Rosary; 6:00pm Mass with distribution of Crosses

Blessing of the Graves, Saturday, November 4th at 11:00am

*The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of L. J. LeBlanc.*



**Stewardship of Finance**

Total Collection for September 24th: \$7,428.19  
 Total Collection for October 1st: \$19,161.00  
 Religious Education Collection: \$1,761.00

**Vocations**

When you pray the Rosary, please ask for an increase in religious vocations. If God is calling you to a religious life, 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)



**Feast on the Levee is Sunday, October 8th!**

Masses at 7:30am and 10:00am  
 Cinnamon Rolls are served at 8:00am.  
 Cajun Cuisine and all other activities begins at 11:00am.  
 Please join us for food, fun and fellowship!  
 No outside ice chests are allowed.  
 Parents & Guardians are responsible for the safety and behavior of their children during this event.



Church Card Party takes place on Monday, October 30th from 10:00am-3:00pm in the Activity Center. Please call Terry Guidry, 413-5418, or Stacy Gauthreaux, 439-2282, to register your group. Lunch will be provided. Registration fees are due by Monday, October 23rd.

## Readings for the week of October 8, 2023

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20  
(Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43  
Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37  
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/  
Lk 10:38-42  
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4  
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13  
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/  
Lk 11:15-26  
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28  
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/  
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



## 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The stone that the  
builders rejected has  
become the cornerstone.”  
- Mt 21:42ab

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**St. John the Baptist Women's Ministry Meeting  
Thursday, October 26th at 6:30pm  
in the Activity Center.**



**The Eucharist & The Spiritual Life  
November 4th & 5th  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Baton Rouge  
Featuring Dr. Brant Pitre, Matthew Leonard  
and Curtis Mitch  
For tickets, schedule and more information,  
visit: [www.fullnessoftruth.org](http://www.fullnessoftruth.org)  
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