



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

catholic church



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Friday at 8:00 a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.

First Saturday of the month **only** at 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday thru Friday at 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Arun John, IMS, Pastor
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Betty Cain, Bookkeeper
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BAPTISM

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00am Mass. Parents should call the office to enroll in our baptismal preparation program, preferably early in pregnancy. Parents are encouraged to register in this parish and actively practice their faith.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Inquiries: Please call Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to your 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 family from a remote area was making their first visit to a big city. Upon entering the office building where they were to transact their business, they observed an elevator for the first time. While the elderly mother waited in a chair in the reception room, her husband and their son stood in front of the elevator watching the large machine opening its doors allowing people to enter and exit. Moments later, after a frail little elderly lady had passed through the doors, the machine opened again, out came a stunningly good-looking young woman. The father said, "Hurry son.... go, get your mama and take her into that machine." Wouldn't you like to have a young, beautiful mother?" The readings of today have a common theme, transformation, not the kind of transformation we saw in the above story, but transformation expected of us during Lent. The first reading describes Abram's transformation into Abraham, and the transformation of his tribe into God's chosen people. In the second reading, St. Paul gives us the assurance that we, too, will undergo a glorious transformation at our resurrection from the dead. "He will transform our lowly body to conform with his glorified body, by the power that enables him to also bring all the things into subjection into himself" (Philippians 3:21). By presenting the scene of Jesus' transfiguration in the Gospel, the Church encourages us in our trials and tribulations, and also gives us some idea of the heavenly glory awaiting us.

Therefore, all the readings of this weekend invite us to transform our lives. By this Lenten Renewal, we will begin to radiate the glory and grace of the transfigured Lord around us, and live a Spirit-filled life of love, mercy, reconciliation and service. We are also challenged during Lent to share in the spiritual transformation of three heroes of faith: Abraham, Paul, and Jesus. We are invited to welcome the transforming power of God's love and grace in our lives.

We, in fact, go through this transfiguration experience in various ways in our own lives. We experience it in each Holy Mass, where our offering of bread and wine become transfigured and transformed into the body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus. Thus, Jesus is really present on our altar under the appearances of the bread and wine we offer, and that we receive in Holy Communion. Just as Jesus' transfiguration strengthened the apostles in their time of trial, each Holy Mass should be our source of heavenly strength against temptations. Our Holy Communion should transform our minds and hearts to perform humble and selfless service to others.

We all go through some kind of transfiguration experience in each sacrament we receive. For example, Baptism transforms us into sons and daughters of God and heirs to God's Kingdom. Confirmation makes us temples of the Holy Spirit and warriors of God. By the sacrament of Reconciliation, God brings back the sinner to the path of holiness. Holy Eucharist gives us true communion with Jesus. And Jesus' own transfiguration gives us strength and hope in moments of doubt and feelings of despair and hopelessness, and helps us to reach out to God and listen to his consoling words, "This is my beloved son." Today, we all are in need of this momentous experience in our own lives. We can have it by spending extra time in prayer during Lent or by fasting for a day, whereby our body can store up spiritual energy. This spiritual energy can help us have thoughts that are far higher and nobler than the usual mundane thinking. The hunger we experience puts us more closely in touch with life and death. The crosses of our daily lives can lead us to the glory of transfiguration and resurrection. Thus, transfiguration is about letting the glory of God shine through us so that others can catch a glimpse that glory.

God Bless You All,
Fr. John.

Christian Formation

Religion Mass will be at 9:00am on Sunday, March 23rd. Families are encouraged to attend with their children for grades K-8. There will be NO Religion Classes for grades K-8 from March 24th-26th.

5th & 6th Graders will have Confession in the Activity Center on Tuesday, March 25th at 5:15pm.



Make this your Lenten Mission and take a **Rice Bowl** from the back of Church and return it with your donation to change the lives of others around the world. Your donation helps fight hunger, poverty and famine.

You can donate online: crricebowl.org/donate

Stewardship of Finance

March 2nd:

228 Identified Givers:	\$19,663.50
Loose Collection:	+655.00
Total Collection:	\$20,318.50

March 9th:

155 Identified Givers:	\$7,323.00
Loose Collection:	+717.00
Total Collection:	\$8,040.00

Building & Maintenance Fund for February: \$8,858.00

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Rite of Election at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday, March 9th

Pictured are Connie Saizan and Brittney Poirrier

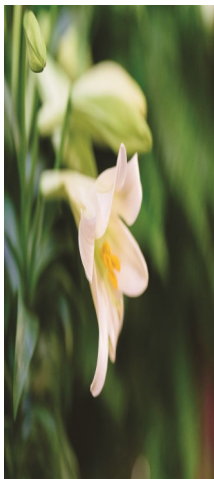


Easter Week Schedule
Thursday, April 17th: Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00pm

Friday, April 18th: Good Friday Passion at 12:00pm, followed by the Way of the Cross

Saturday, April 19th: Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00pm

Sunday, April 20th: Easter Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am



Divine Mercy Novena

The Divine Mercy Novena will follow the 6:00pm Mass every Wednesday through April 23rd.

Stations of the Cross will follow 12:00pm Mass every Friday during Lent.

Our Lenten Mission is scheduled for March 17th, 18th and 19th, and begins at 6:00pm. Kevin McCall will host these Missions. The Divine Mercy Novena will follow the 6:00pm Mass on the 19th. Please join us!

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Diana Bouvier.

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of Lois Babin Mix Upon her death.



Walk of Remembrance Paver Program

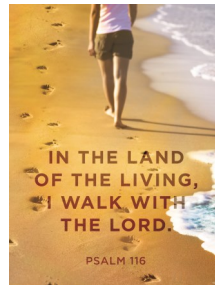
Please support our Brick Paver Project and purchase a brick in honor or memory of someone or something special. Our goal is a minimum of 100 bricks. This Campaign will run

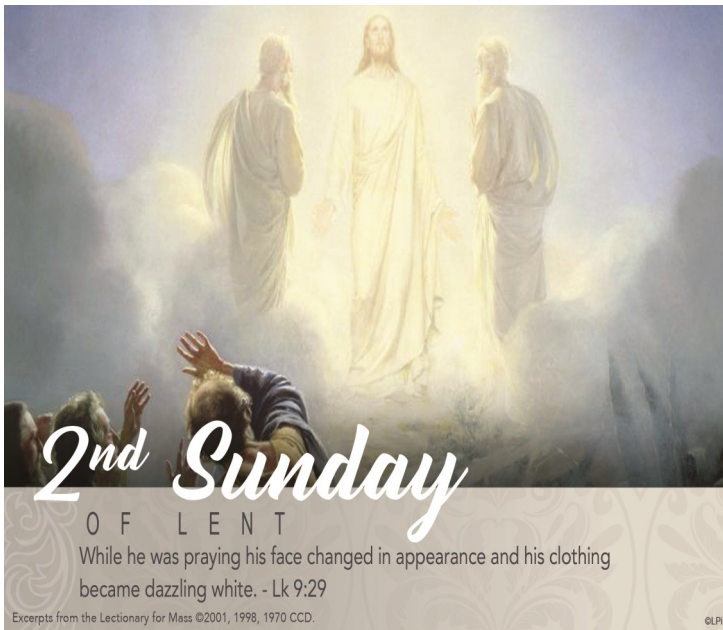
through March 16th. The Location of the project can be found on the bulletin board in the back of Church. Forms to purchase bricks are available in the back of Church, in the Church Office, on the Church webpage and online: donate.brickmarkers.com/sjb For more details, please contact Mark Loreno, 225-614-5540.

Thank you for your support of this project!

Pray for Vocations

"This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!" Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His word? If you can spread His word as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, please talk to your priest about your interest in this vocation or reach out to Father Josh Johnson at the Vocations Office at 225-336-8778 or email him: jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations





Readings for the week of March 16, 2025

- Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/
Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
- Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/
Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and
29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
- Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17,
18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11
(8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom
5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a,
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**A Trip to Croatia, Poland & Medjugorje
with Father John**

**September 22-October 3, 2025
12 day Pilgrimage through**

**Nativity Pilgrimage: info@nativitypilgrimage.com
You can register and obtain more information, by
contacting Debbie Dupuy, 225-247-0052.**

Brusly Lions Club Card Party

**Monday, April 7th, from 10:00am-3:00pm
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Activity Center
Lunch will be provided.
To join in the games, please contact Andrea
Normand, 225-328-4843**

**The Catholic Daughters will have their pastalaya
dinner fundraiser on Sunday, April 13th, from
11:00am-1:00pm in the Activity Center. Dinners
will be available for pick up or drive through.**

**Devotions, Explained!
Fasting**



Mini Explanation

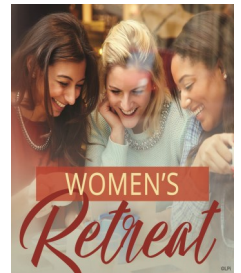
Fasting was practiced by righteous men and women of the Old Testament and later by Christ himself. It remains an important part of the Christian devotional life today, being most strongly associated with the penitential season of Lent.

Fasting, Explained

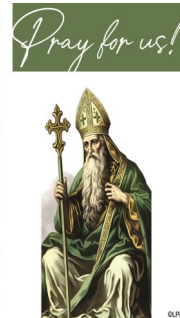
The practice of fasting predates Christianity. The Old Testament is full of examples of righteous men and women mortifying their flesh for the purpose of making atonement or simply to grow closer to God. Jesus himself fasted for forty days and forty nights in preparation for the beginning of his public ministry, and we see his disciples following his example in the Acts of the Apostles.

Fasting continues to be an important part of Christian devotional life today. Many people feel the practice of fasting enhances their prayer and helps them fulfill St. Paul's advice to "put to death the deeds of the body" (Romans 8:13) to grow in the Spirit. Most Catholics will associate fasting with the liturgical season of Lent, which begins and ends with obligatory fasting for all members of the Latin Catholic Church between ages 18 and 59.

**Coming Soon! A Women's
A.C.T.S. Retreat is being planned
for our Church Parish and the
surrounding areas. Their
commissioning Mass will be
Sunday, March 23rd at 11:00am.**



St. Patrick



**Please join the Ladies of
our Church to pray the
Rosary at 3:30pm every
Tuesday at the Grotto in
front of Church.
All are welcome!**

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**The St. John the Baptist
Women's Ministry will have a
Yard Sale at the Zipper's Thrift
Shop from 8:00am-12:00pm on
Saturday, April 26th. These
proceeds will benefit the
Women's Ministry.**