



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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

### 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  
Candice Breaux, Youth Group Minister  
Betty Cain, Bookkeeper  
Christel Dupont, Receptionist  
June Hebert, Director of Religious Education  
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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,

When we were growing up or when we were children, we did not like the season of Lent. The reason was that the insistence of our parents that we had to make sacrifices, such as giving up things we liked: eating candy or going to the movies. Not being able to eat candy was hard enough, but not being able to watch movies was a real sacrifice since there was no television in those days. We knew that in doing this, our parents had only the spiritual welfare of their children in mind. Similarly, the Church, like a good parent, has the spiritual welfare of their people in mind during this season of Lent.

The Church sees Lent as related to three realities of our life of faith: The first reality is **the Paschal Mystery, the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus, which brings about our salvation.** The Church developed the season of Lent to precisely prepare the faithful for this great event of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. Unequivocally, the Paschal Mystery is the very heart of our faith. **The second reality is Christian Initiation.** According to Pope Pius XII, "The Church was born from the side of our Savior on the cross, like a new Eve, mother of all living." The Church was born through the Paschal Mystery. That is why the Church found Easter as an appropriate time to introduce new members into the Church. During the Easter vigil is when we induct new members into the Church. **The third reality is repentance and renewal of the faithful,** which is the theme of today's readings. The Church recognizes Easter as the time for Catholics to become reconciled to God, and to his Church, through repentance and the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

All of the readings this weekend speak of God's mercy and compassion in disciplining His children, and giving them a second chance in spite of their repeated sins. Although God's love is constant and consistent, He cannot save us without our cooperation. That is why He invites us during Lent to repent for our sins and to renew our lives by producing fruits of love, compassion, forgiveness and faithful service. In the first reading, we see the call of Moses as the liberator of God's people, who were enslaved by the Egyptian rulers. Repentance is the first step for their redemption. In the second reading, St. Paul warns the Christians of Corinth to learn from the Israelites, who were punished for their sins by a merciful, but just God. The Gospel of the day explains how God disciplines His people, and invites them to repentance and renewal of their lives, so that they can produce fruits of the Holy Spirit.

The Reverend John Bradford was asked what he thought of criminals who were being led to public execution, and his reply was, "But for the grace of God, there goes John Bradford." The attitude of "but for the grace of God, there go I," helps us make the best of the opportunity God gives us in prolonging our lives from day to day, week to week, year to year. We realize that like the barren tree, the extra time has been given to us for a purpose, as a chance to bear fruit. The misfortunes of others are not an occasion to stand in judgment over them, but an invitation to repentance, knowing that unless you repent, you will perish just as they. Today let us thank God for those who mediate and intercede for us before God. We know that Jesus always intercedes and mediates for us. In practice, however, Jesus does this for us through the members of the Church. The gardeners in our lives, those who have helped us to move from barrenness to fruitfulness, include our parents, teachers, pastors, friends and even our enemies, who have motivated us through their corrections and criticisms, which more often than not turns out to be true. We thank God for them, we thank God for giving us another opportunity this Lent, and we promise to make the best use of this season of grace, and to bear more fruit in our lives.

May God bless you all!  
Fr. John

# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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

7th & 8th Graders will have Confession in the Activity Center on Monday, April 7th at 7:00pm.

Religion Classes for K-8 end on April 16th.



## Children's Liturgy

### Children's Church

9:00am & 11:00am Masses  
April 6 & 27  
May 4 & 18  
June 1 & 15

We need Volunteers to lead Children's Church. Opportunities are available during 9am and 11am Masses. Volunteers are scheduled 5 or 6 times a year. Please sign up by calling Jayne Jason at 225-749-3387, or via email: [jjason@sjbbrusly.com](mailto:jjason@sjbbrusly.com)

Please welcome this child to our faith community who was baptized on March 16th:

Landry Thomas Joffrion  
son of Blayne & Kamryn Joffrion



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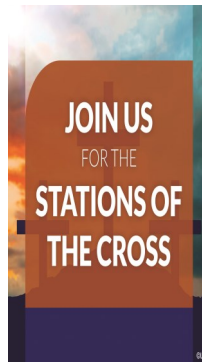
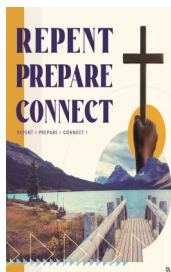
THANKS to Myra Aubin and her group for cleaning the Church in March. Please contact Karen Cordell, 225-749-3458, to help during the month of April.

THANKS to Ella Dean & Scrap Thibodeaux and their team for the Bereavement meals in March. Please contact Josie Theriot, 225-4050531, to assist in April.

### Pray for Vocations

Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of Reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Please consider answering this call as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Please talk to your priest about your interest in this vocation or reach out to

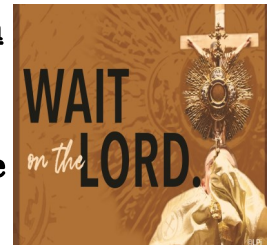
Father Josh Johnson at the Vocations Office at 225-336-8778 or email him: [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org) or visit: [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations)



Divine Mercy Novena  
The Divine Mercy Novena will follow the 6:00pm Mass every Wednesday through April 23rd. Divine Mercy Sunday is April 27th.

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

All Night Eucharistic Adoration begins at 9:00pm on Friday, April 4th and ends with 8:00am Mass on Saturday, April 5th. Sign up sheets can be found in the back of Church.



Palm Sunday Masses are at 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am on Sunday, April 13th.

Thank you to Mark Loreno for his hard work on the Walk of Remembrance Brick Paver Program!

Over 150 bricks were sold! All online order payments are now due. Please send your check made payable to SJB Church.

We appreciate your support of this project!



*The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of the Morris Berthelot Family.*

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of Stacy Reed Laborde upon her death.

A Women's A.C.T.S. Retreat is being planned for our Church Parish and the surrounding areas in July.





### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

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#### Readings for the week of March 23, 2025

- 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, 40-42
- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/ Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/ Lk 18:9-14
- Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/ 2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

### A Trip to Croatia, Poland & Medjugorje with Father John

September 22-October 3, 2025  
12 day Pilgrimage through

Nativity Pilgrimage: [info@nativitypilgrimage.com](mailto: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.



Trip to Washington D.C.  
4 Day guided group trip on May 30th with  
Donna Kirkland  
Please contact her at 225-803-6013  
or via email,  
[donnakirkland@gmail.com](mailto:donnakirkland@gmail.com) to sign up.

### Organizations

#### Catholic Daughters

Pastalaya Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, April 13th, from 11:00am-1:00pm, in the Activity Center  
They will be selling tickets after all Masses on the weekend of March 29th & 30th.

#### Knights of Columbus

Donuts on April 6th after 7:30am Mass in the Activity Center



Food Pantry Distribution Dates:  
April 14th  
May 12th

Distribution takes place at 8:30am from the Activity Center. Please consider a monetary donation or any nonperishable items for our Food Pantry.

#### Events happening in our Diocese

**April 30: Faithful Citizenship Day, 8:45am-3:30pm, St. Joseph Cathedral Parish Hall; to register, email: [SWOLF@LACCB.ORG](mailto:SWOLF@LACCB.ORG)**

**May 1: The Dignity of the Human Person & the End of Life, from 6:00-8:00pm, Westerfield Conference Center at the Catholic Life Center; to register, email: [jlavastida@diobr.org](mailto:jlavastida@diobr.org)**

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.



### Marriage Preparation Sponsor Couples

Please consider serving as a Marriage Sponsor Couple for our engaged couples who are preparing for the sacrament of Matrimony.

A training course is offered by the Diocese. Please contact Pam LeDoux, 337-513-1334, if you are interested in serving in this Ministry.

