



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST
catholic church



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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,

Jesus once walked on the earth, and his walking here was more important than man walking on the moon. Today we, as followers of Jesus, walk on the path he has set for us: the path that leads us to eternal life with God. And we will reach our destiny one day, provided we keep following the path Jesus has shown us. All of us know that the path Jesus followed was not free from rocks and dust. Similarly, our Christian journey is not free from draw-backs, set-backs, sufferings or crosses. The Gospel is good news, but Jesus never said it's easy news. We will encounter harsh realities in our personal and social lives. At these moments, we have to persevere in our journey. Life always seems better on the other side of the hill; the grass is greener in another field.

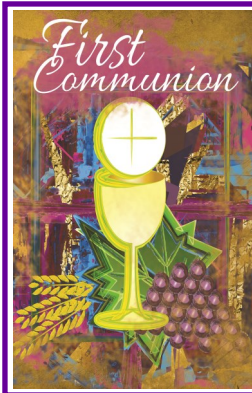
The two disciples in today's Gospel were disappointed because all their hopes had been shattered by Jesus' death. Therefore, they left Jerusalem and were on their way to Emmaus in search of the other side of Calvary. We cannot act like them. We cannot give up on God just because we are faced with difficulties and problems, or faced with bad moments in our Christian journey; for God never abandons his people. He always comes to help us. We have to remember that in our journey we are not alone. Jesus walks with us. He walks with us in our lack of understanding, our hurts and our bitterness, as he did with the two disciples in today's Gospel. What we need to do is surrender our difficulties to God and continue in our journey of life. We know that at times we experience the presence of God in us, and at other times we don't. He is like the sun in the sky, which at times is big and bright and is clearly visible, and at other times it disappears behind the clouds and seems to have vanished from the sky. But we know that the sun is always somewhere in the sky. Similarly, in the low-points of our life-journey we should not be disturbed by the apparent absence of the Lord. Rather, we should use those moments to reaffirm our trust in Jesus. In last Sunday's reading we heard Jesus saying to Thomas, "Happy are they who do not see and yet believe."

He is always there with us and for us. Emmaus can be any place we encounter God. Christ manifests himself not only when we come together in his name, but in every moment of our life and in all places. St. John Chrysostom, a fearless and honest man who served as archbishop, had become a source of annoyance to the powerful Empress Eudoxia. As part of his Episcopal duty, he had censured her behavior. The Empress threatened St. John with exile, to which he replied, "You can only frighten me with exile if you send me to some place where God does not exist." Jesus is our never-failing friend. He fills our hearts with joy, and is the life-giving spirit. He never abandons us.

When we look at our own life, we can see that most often it is not Jesus, but it is us who abandon Him, especially in times of problems and difficulties. We need to stand with Jesus not only in good and glorious times, but also in times of downfall, failures and scandals. Christ never leaves us, and so let us not leave him. Religion is not a matter of convenience; it's a matter of commitment. It is a commitment to our faith, a commitment to the teachings of Jesus, a commitment to the values taught by the Church, and not only when it is convenient to us, but all the time. Let us pray today for the grace to always be loyal in our commitment to Jesus, to do what we believe in. Let us not be discouraged and disappointed like the two disciples traveling to Emmaus, but to stand by Jesus all the time.

May God bless you all!

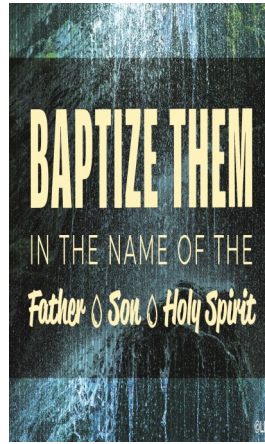
Fr. John



First Eucharist

First Eucharist Retreat is Saturday, April 29th from 9:00am-12:00pm in the Activity Center for Parent and Child.

First Eucharist will be celebrated at 2:00pm on Sunday, April 30th in Church. Reception to follow in the Activity Center.



Please welcome the newly baptized to our faith community: Isla Elizabeth Haddock, daughter of Ben and Alissa Haddock, who was baptized on Easter Sunday, April 9th and Caroline Amelia Cordell, daughter of Michael & Lindsay Cordell, who was baptized on April 15th

Congratulations to Sarah Nicole Cormier and Connor Lewis Burruss who were married on April 15th!



Please welcome to our faith community Dennis Jenkins, Jared Friddle, Pamela LeDoux, Julie Adams and McKinleigh Ward, who received their sacraments at the Easter Vigil on April 8th. Congratulations!

LOOKING AHEAD...

In weeks to come.....

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: April 30th

All Night Eucharistic Adoration: begins Friday, May 5th at 8:00pm and ends on Saturday, May 6th at 8:00am. Sign up sheets are in the back of Church.

Women's Day of Prayer: May 6th at 8:00am Mass and concludes with lunch in the Activity Center. To register, please go the Church website: sjb-brusly.com

Baptism Seminar: May 10th at 6:00pm. Please call the Church Office to register.

Youth Group Meeting: May 14th at 6:00pm in the Activity Center

May Crowning: Ceremony after 9:00am Mass on May 14th at the Grotto in front of Church

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.



Congratulations to our Graduates of 2023!
The Senior Mass and Lunch was held on April 16th.

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Kelley & Lynne LaFleur and James Frens.

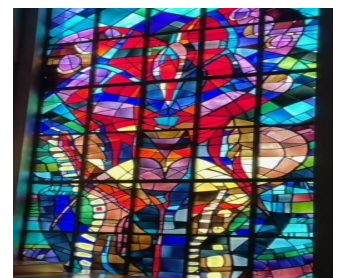


Stewardship of Finances
Total Collection for April 10th: \$12,327.00
Holy Land Collection: \$1,567.00
Priest's Retirement Fund: \$4,209.00
Operation Rice Bowl: \$730.50
Building Fund for April: \$19,358.00



Vocations
He is Risen! Will you share the Good News?
If you believe God is calling you as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, please contact Father Josh Johnson at 225-336-8778 or email him: jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of Ramona Thibodeaux Wimberly Burns upon her death.





3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!"

- Lk 24:33-34

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Readings for the week of April 23, 2023

- Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
- Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/
Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/
Jn 6:60-69
- Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/
1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Organizations

Catholic Daughters will have their meeting on Thursday, May 4th at 7:00pm in the Activity Center.

**Knights of Columbus will meet in the Activity Center on Thursday, May 4th.
Officer's Meeting at 6:00pm
Membership Meeting at 7:15pm**

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

Pro-Life Rosary on May 20th at 4:00pm

K.C. Calendar Winners

Debi Coffman, Robby Navarre, Mark Aillet, St. Jude Children's Hospital, Gary or Linda Gaudet, Dr. & Mrs. Brandon Wall, Roland Dugas, Jr, Jill & J. Brian Bergeron, Bubbie Dupont, Ella Dean Thibodeaux, Vicky Wille, Hook Cazes, Chase & Jade Pierce, Harry Case, Jr, Glenn Ferachi, Adalyn Lawhon, Luke & GiGi Crilly, Jacob Cordell, Dannie Clare Durand, Ramona Steltemeir, Darlene Oncale, Darlene Leonard, Shelli LaGrange, James & Diane Whittington, Stephanie Morain, Jack Franklin, Lillie Bradford, Elizabeth Mire, Mandi Drickamer, Corey Crochet