



**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 281-0333.

**PRAYER LINE**

Please call the Church Parish Office.



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we commemorate the day Jesus entered Jerusalem with the people greeting him with olive branches. Before the blessing of the palms, we will hear the story of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem and the people cried out, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord; Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." And from the Gospel reading this weekend, we hear how quickly things change for Jesus. Jesus' Kingship seen as a sign of glory, soon becomes a source of mockery and derision. The people who hailed Jesus and cried out, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord," soon change their tune and cry out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" I think each of us at some time or other have come across times or situations like this in our lives. People who support us, love us, appreciate us today, may turn against us tomorrow. The wonderful moment we enjoy now can change in a split second and make it the worst time for us, as this happened to Jesus. When things happen in this manner, the only foundation that can help us to weather this change is our strong faith and commitment to God. Look at Jesus, when the worst happened in his life, he did not allow that situation to break him. Though he did question God, he knew it was not what he wanted, but God's will must be done. He was aware that if God the Father has allowed the cross and sufferings in his life, he would give him the strength to endure it; and in the end, make him victorious. This is the faith we too need to have: if God has allowed certain things to happen in our life, He will take us through them; He will help us to overcome them and in the end make us victorious. God expects us to hold on to that faith, which is what we need to pray for!

We are now entering Holy Week and the Easter Triduum, which is the most solemn moment of the Liturgical Year. The Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, continues with the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, and reaches its climax with the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday and the Easter Sunday Masses. Please know these three days are very important in the life of the Church and in the life of every Christian. It is time that we place other things on hold while our expression of faith on these days gets top priority. I hope to see our Church packed to its capacity during these days for our liturgical services. May you all be able to have a meaningful and fruitful Easter! Please know that Good Friday is one of the two days that the Church expects us to fast.

On another note, I would like to inform you about the Diocesan Regulations for Mass Intentions. I do believe that it is a wonderful practice to offer Masses for our loved ones, as we want everyone to find a place with God in heaven. Offering a Mass for the dead is an ancient Catholic tradition that helps souls on their way to heaven. St. Ambrose exhorted during one of his preachings, "We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have guided them with our prayers into the House of the Lord." It is also a comforting expression of our faith to have Mass said for the repose of the soul of someone who has passed away. It needs to be done in a meaningful way. I feel we need to announce the Intentions of the Mass before each Mass begins, so that people know for whom the Mass is being offered. But in the present practice of our Parish, we cannot do this because we have too many intentions and it is not possible to announce all those names. Moreover, the Diocesan Rules do not allow us to have multiple intentions for a single Mass. According to the Diocesan Rules, only one intention can be accepted for one Mass, and every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation one Mass has to be offered for the people of the Parish. However, we are allowed to have two Sunday Masses with multiple intentions. There is still a provision for us to accept all Mass Intentions for the Parish by forwarding the stipend to a religious institution where the Priests would celebrate Mass for our loved ones. It will also be a big help towards mission work where the missionaries celebrate Mass every day without any intentions. I would suggest that we accept all the Mass Intentions that we receive, and the extra Masses be forwarded to a Religious Institution so that the missionaries will have intentions for the daily Masses that they celebrate, and it will also help with the mission work. I will make sure that you will receive information from those who accept your Mass Intentions.

May God bless you all!

Fr. John

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**Religion Classes for K-8** end April 5th.

**Seniors' Lunch** will be Sunday, April 16th after 11:00am Mass in the Activity Center. Please call June Hebert, 749-3387, to sign up your Senior and family.

**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.



*The Sanctuary  
Candle burns in  
memory of  
Larry Ducote.*

**Let's get the Feast on the Levee Back!  
How can you help?**

**We are forming a Fair Committee to  
organize our Church Fair in October.  
Please call the Church Office to sign up and  
to offer your services and expertise.  
THANK YOU!**

### **Operation Rice Bowl**

You may return your Rice Bowl by April 9th by leaving it in the back of Church or bringing it to the Church Office.

Operation Rice Bowl is used to aid those who are hungry and poor. Your donation brings hope to these families in need: [crsricebowl.org/donate](http://crsricebowl.org/donate)

St. John the Baptist Parish  
Finance Committee Members

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



The Church Office will be closed on Good Friday, April 7th, and Monday, April 10th. Happy Easter to you and your family from Father John and the Staff!



**Holy Thursday, April 6th, Mass at 7:00pm**

**Good Friday, April 7th**

**Way of the Cross at 12:00pm**

**Passion at 3:00pm**

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass**

**April 8th at 8:00pm**

**Easter Sunday, April 9th**

**Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Food Pantry:** Distribution on Monday, April 10th from 8:30am-10:30am at the Activity Center

**Lion's Club Card Party:** Monday, April 17th from 10:00am-3:00pm in the Activity Center  
Call Steve Guidry, 773-6141 to sign up.

**SJB Women's Ministry:** Fellowship night at 6:30pm on Thursday, April 20th in the Activity Center. Alena Prejean will lead a discussion on St. Agnes.

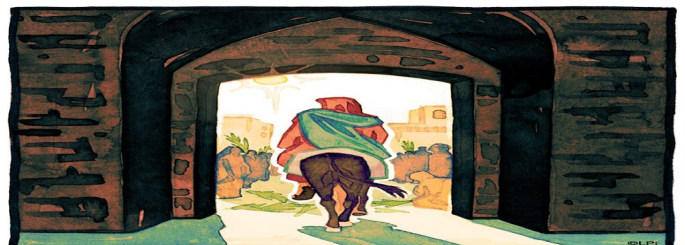
**CDA Pastalaya Dinner Fundraiser:** Sunday, April 23rd from 11:00am-1:00pm at the Activity Center. Take-out only. Please call Julie Millard, 776-4646 for your \$10.00 ticket.

### **Vocations**

There will be a St. Andrew Dinner at Sacred Heart Church for all high school young men and older on Wednesday, April 26th at 6:00pm. You will have the opportunity to enjoy fellowship with Bishop Duca, Father Josh Johnson and other priests of the Diocese of Baton Rouge. To RSVP, please call 336-8778 or email: [spayne@diobr.org](mailto:spayne@diobr.org)

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS MEETING**

Father John will host a meeting in Church at 6:00pm on Wednesday, April 19th for all Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors.





## The Wednesday Lenten Schedule

will end on April 5th

5:30pm Confession

6:00pm Mass

6:30pm Way of the Cross

6:30-7:30pm Confession-

“Light is On for You”



### Readings for the week of April 2, 2023

- Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/  
Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54
- Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/  
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/  
Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday: *Chrim Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21  
*Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:* Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18  
(see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
- Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25  
(Luke 23:46)/Heb4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
- Saturday: *Easter Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/  
Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or  
Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/  
Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/  
Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/  
Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/  
Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/  
Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11  
(Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/  
Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/  
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10
- Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
(24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9  
or Mt 28:1-10

### St John the Baptist Parish Council Members 2023-2024

**Christian Benoit**

**Bob Bewick, Vice Chairman**

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**Christie Chapman, Secretary**

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**Horace Crochet, Chairman**

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