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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  
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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,

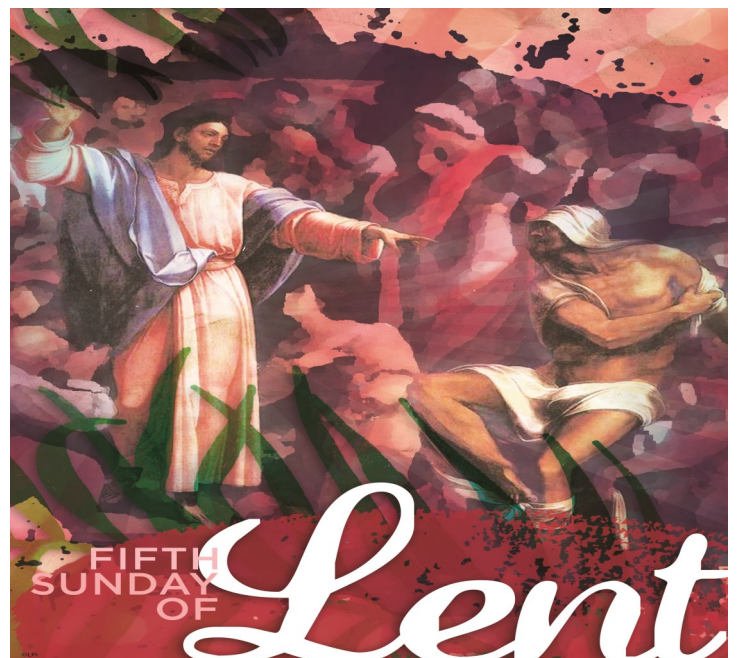
During the Feast of the Tents, one of the joyous and important feasts of the Jews, an unfortunate incident took place: a woman was caught in adultery. According to the Law of Moses, such a woman should be stoned to death (Lev.20:10). The Jewish leaders used this occasion to trap Jesus. The trap was that if Jesus allowed them to stone the woman to death according to the Law of Moses, then He could not be called the merciful teacher. If He forgave her, then He would be accused of infringing the Law. Therefore, they kept pressing for an answer to their question, "What do you say?" (Jn 8:6). Jesus had said that He came not to abolish the law, but to fulfill it. And of course, He does condemn adultery. Sins are committed and justice has to be served. But what is important for Jesus is, "Sin no more." And by this statement, Jesus was teaching the Pharisees that they should keep themselves free from all self-righteous attitudes. Usually, our tendency is to condemn others, conveniently forgetting that there is no need for us to be righteous in the first place. We only have the credibility to throw stones at others if we are without sin. But who is without sin? Jesus states that we are quick to see the dust in the eyes of others, but ignore the beam in our own eyes.

A man once stole a piece of food and was ordered by the king to be hanged. When asked if he had any last words, the thief replied, "King, Oh King, that I can plant an apple seed in the ground and it will grow and bear fruit overnight. It is a secret that my father taught me and I thought it would be a pity if it died with me." The king gave the man a time to plant the seed the following day. The thief dug a hole and said, "This seed can only be planted by someone who has never stolen or taken anything which did not belong to him. Being a thief, I cannot of course, plant the seed." The king asked his prime minister to plant the seed. But he hesitated and said, "Your majesty, when I was young, I recall keeping articles that didn't belong to me. I cannot plant the seed." The treasurer, when told to plant the seed, begged the king's pardon, saying that he may have cheated someone out of some money. The king, in his turn, recalled that once he kept a precious object belonging to his father. The thief turned to them and said, "You are all mighty and powerful persons. You are not in want of anything, yet you cannot plant the seed. But I, who stole a little food to stay alive, am to be hanged". The king, pleased with the man's wisdom, pardoned him. So, before you judge someone else, you need to ask yourself, are you without sin to judge or condemn that person?

If Jesus, who was without sin, could forgive sinners, how much more should we sinners forgive each other? If God is so merciful towards us, should we not be merciful to our neighbors? What is demanded of us is a radical change of heart. God's forgiveness presupposes our readiness to forgive, as we pray, "Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us." As someone said, "To err is human, but to forgive is divine." We can be judged according to the human and worldly criterion. That is the price we have to pay for being the true disciples of Christ. Are we ready? Let us understand that Jesus' path was the way of misunderstanding, suffering and death; and so He entered into His glory. We have been given the same promise; if we stand steadfast in our faith that we, too, will enter into the glory of the Father. Pray today that we may not condemn others, but be able to understand and forgive them, and that we will be able to suffer anything for this matter. Like Jesus, we will be able to enter into the glory of the Father.

God Bless You,

Fr. John



## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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.

Graduation Mass & Lunch for our high school Seniors will be at 11:00am on Sunday, April 27th.

Our next Baptismal Seminar is at 6:00pm on Wednesday, May 14th in Christian Formation Room One. Please call the Church Office to register for the seminar.

*The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of the Living & Deceased Members of the Catholic Daughters Court #2079.*

**Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of Robert "Bob" Duhon upon his death.**



### Stewardship of Finance

March 23rd:

170 Identified Givers:	\$7,251.00
Loose Collection:	+1,451.00
Total Collection:	\$8,702.00

March Building & Maintenance Fund: \$7,603.00

We will continue to collect donations for Operation Rice Bowl through Easter.  
Thank you for your support!

### **Fill a Prescription for the Needy**

Please help those in need by taking a prescription bottle from the back of Church, adding your donation to it, and returning it to the canister. This effort is handled through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Thanks for supporting this cause!



Please join the Ladies of our Church to pray the Rosary at 3:00pm every Tuesday at the Grotto in front of Church.  
All are welcome!



### 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.

Palm Sunday is April 13th and Masses will be the same weekend Mass times.



### 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

### Marriage Preparation Sponsor Couples

Please consider serving in this Ministry to assist 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, to be a part of this Ministry.

### Pray for Vocations

Are you being called to serve Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If you wish to follow Jesus as the disciples did, 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)



### Zippers Thrift Shop Sale Dates at 7:30am

April 10 & 24

May 8 & 22

June 5 & 19

You can reach them at 225-506-8622.



## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

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### Readings for the week of April 6, 2025

**Sunday:** Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 *Scrutiny:* Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/ Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/ Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/ Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/ Jn 11:45-56

**Next Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

## Organizations

**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.**

**The Catholic Daughters will have their meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, April 24th in the Activity Center.**

**The K.C.s will have their meeting at 6:00pm on Thursday, April 24th in the Activity Center.**

**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.**

## Women's Ministry



**Pictured above is The First St. John the Baptist Women's Retreat that was held at Our Lady of Hope in Chatawa, Mississippi.**

**The Women's Ministry will host a Yard Sale at the Zipper's Thrift Shop from 8:00am-12:00pm on Saturday, April 26th.**

**The Women's Ministry will host an 8 week Bible Study, "Unforgettable Women of the Gospels" by Melanie Rigney. This Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, May 6th through June 24th, from 10:00am-12:00pm in Christian Formation Room 2. To register, please contact Roxanne Loreno, 225-614-5424, or Alena Prejean, 225-235-1709.**

**Our Choir Member, John Foster Benoit, has received his golden ticket and is headed to Hollywood on American Idol. Please follow his journey on face book or by tuning in to this television show.**

