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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 and also celebrated after the 11:00am Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of Our 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 Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.

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 Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.



Dear Parishioners,

One of the most moving stories happened on October 6, 2006, when an armed man entered an Amish schoolhouse in Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania. He chased out the little boys and lined up the 10 little girls in front of the blackboard. He shot all of them and then killed himself. Five of the girls died. After the medics and police left, the families of the fallen came and carried their slain children home. They removed their bloody clothes and washed their bodies. They sat for a time and mourned their beloved children. After a while, they walked to the home of the man who had killed their children. They told his widow that they forgave her husband for what he had done, and they consoled her for the loss of her spouse. They buried their anger before they buried their children. Amish Christians teach us that forgiveness is central. They believe in a real sense, that God's forgiveness of themselves depends on their extending forgiveness to other people. That's what the mercy of God is all about. That mercy is why we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.

On the First Sunday after Easter, the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday, a feast based upon the private revelations of Jesus to St. Faustina. In extending this Feast to the entire Church, Pope John Paul II re-emphasized the resurrection context of Easter, citing St. Faustina's diary: "Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy." In describing this feast, Pope John Paul II says, "Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ, a gift which it offers to all humanity." When he declared the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, many took it as a papal decree to promote the devotions described in Faustina's Diary, such as venerating the Divine Mercy image and praying the Chaplet. This year our Church Parish also had the Divine Mercy Novena for nine consecutive Wednesdays. Being that this was the first time in our Church Parish, we had fairly good attendance on all Wednesdays. We can say that Divine Mercy is something like hope wrapped up in a loving God, who is ever ready to embrace us and forgive even our gravest sins.

In the first letter of Pope John Paul II we read, "God is love." In his encyclical letter, *Rich in Mercy*, Pope John Paul II wrote, "Mercy is love's second name." He also states that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. St. Faustina expresses this biblically formulated relationship between love and mercy when she says, "Love is the flower, mercy the fruit." Jesus takes the form of Divine Mercy whenever we reach out to him in our brokenness and misery. In our sufferings, guilt, sin and death, God extends His merciful and compassionate love to us. The message of Divine Mercy is that, "God loves us and wants us to approach Him in constant prayer, repenting for our sins, while asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world." He wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others, extending our love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

We must realize that God does not do anything in portions. He is infinite, and the amount of His Divine Mercy available to us is infinite. The only limiting factor will be us. The more we trust in Jesus, the more graces we will receive, and the more we will all come to share His joy. This is the message Jesus is giving us through today's devotion to His Divine Mercy. He tells us that this is a mercy which is unfathomable, and he wants us to spread it throughout the world through our own actions and love for others.

I wish you all a very Happy Feast of the Divine Mercy. God bless you all!

Fr. John

Christian Formation

First Eucharist Retreat is from 9:00am-12:00pm on Saturday, April 13th in the Activity Center for parent and child.

First Eucharist will be at 2:00pm on Sunday, April 14th. A reception will follow in the Activity Center.

Our **Graduate's Mass** will be at 11:00am on Sunday, April 21st. Lunch will follow in the Activity Center. Please RSVP to Jayne, 225-749-3387.



Vacation Bible School
July 8th through 12th

Registration forms will soon be available on the Church website.

Upcoming Events

The Food Pantry distribution is at 8:30am on Monday, April 8th at the Activity Center.

The Catholic Daughters will meet on Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00pm in the Activity Center.

Fellowship night with the **Women's Ministry** will take place at 6:30pm in the Activity Center on Thursday, April 11th.

The Zippers Thrift Shop Sale is at 7:30am on Thursday, April 18th.

The Catholic Daughters will host a Rosary for Our Lady of the Rosary at the Grotto in front of Church at 9:00am on Saturday, April 20th.

The Lion's Club Card Party will be held on Monday, April 22nd in our Activity Center from 10:00am-3:00pm.

The Catholic Daughters will have their pastalaya fundraiser on Sunday, April 28th in the Activity Center.

Stewardship of Finance

Total Collection for March 24th: \$9,771.00

Please consider a donation to the Bishop's Annual Appeal that benefits seminarian formation and families in need in our Diocese.

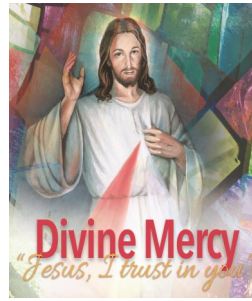
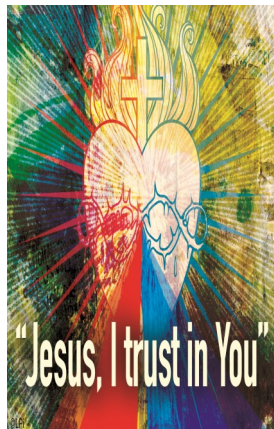
Pray for Vocations

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Let us carry out Christ's mission of spreading love and compassion in the world. Maybe God is calling you as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. If so, please contact your priest or reach out to

Father Josh Johnson at 225-336-8778 or email him:

jjohnson@diobr.org

or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations



Eucharistic Revival

April 25th: Eucharistic Miracles from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Activity Center

May 30th: Adoration/Holy Hour from 6:30pm-7:30pm in Church

Adult Confirmation

10:30am on May 19th at

St. Joseph's Cathedral

Please contact June Hebert, 225-749-3387, by April 12th, if you wish to receive this Sacrament.



The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Ray & Elsie Parsons.

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of **Todd Michael Hebert** upon his death.

Our next Baptism Seminar is Wednesday, May 8th at 6:00pm. Please call the Church Office to register.



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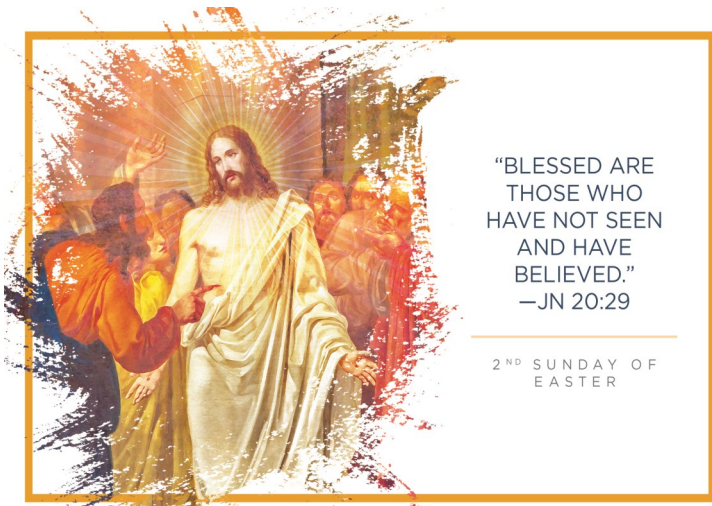
Make plans with our Women's Ministry Group and sign-up to attend these events!

Friday, May 3rd: Rosary Making at 6:00pm

Friday, June 7th: Line Dancing at 6:00pm

Friday, December 6th: Cookie Decorating at 6:00pm

More information can be found on their facebook page.



“BLESSED ARE
THOSE WHO
HAVE NOT SEEN
AND HAVE
BELIEVED.”
—JN 20:29

2ND SUNDAY OF
EASTER

EXCERPTS FROM THE LECTIONARY FOR MASS ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. ©LPI

Readings for the week of April 7, 2024

- Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/
1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
- Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/
Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/
1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

St. John the Baptist Parish Finance Committee Members

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

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. THANKS!**



K.C. Calendar Winners for March

**Anthony Latino, Sonya Gagnard, Kendra Gomez, Deana
Vicari, Tracey Alleman, Mike & Mary Kay Hidalgo, Blake
LeBlanc, M/M Michel Wall, Skip Chidester, Lea White,
Debbie Mancuso, Jeff Trivasos, Johnny Caffarel, Adam &
Annalise Piendel, Dookie Morales, Angelle Soniat, Brenda
Denova, Margaret Pritchard, Brandon LeBlanc, Joseph
Mancuso, Andy Naquin, Omer LeRay, Steven Savoie, Jr.,
Chuck Tuminello, Ed Reeves, Earl Richard, Jaxon King, Glen
Ferachi, Chris Kershaw, Jeff Trivasos, Chad McCracken**