



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

catholic church



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### PLEASE CONTACT US:

**OFFICE:** 225-749-2189

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday-Thursday 8:30am-1:30pm

**WEBSITE:** [sjb-brusly.com](http://sjb-brusly.com)

**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  
Sara Hernandez, Janitorial  
Jayne Jason, Child Protection  
Layne Mire, Parish Secretary  
Lil Stutes, Mother's Day Out  
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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.

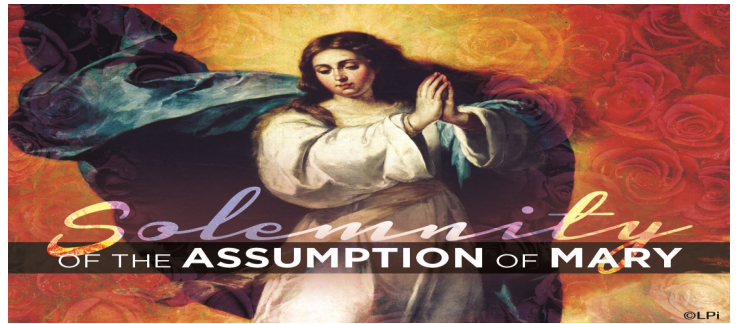
### CHRISTIAN BURIAL

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,

The context of today's Gospel can be either the second coming of Christ, or it can be the repeated encounter of Christ in our lives. In either case, what Jesus expects of us is to always be prepared because the Son of man can come at an hour that we do not expect. It's a call to be awake, to be vigilant and to be watchful. It's a call for us to be responsible stewards; responsible with the gifts and talents that God has blessed us with. As parents, teachers, doctors, scientists, students, priests, religious or any other position, we have to be faithful and dutiful to our responsibilities. It's good to ask ourselves if we are dutiful and responsible stewards.

One obstacle to being dutiful and faithful is procrastination. This is a dangerous obstacle in the life of many of us. As a result, we get trapped in the worldly attachments and attractions, and there is every reason to miss the point or to miss our goal. That is why Jesus speaks of being vigilant always. There is a need for urgency in all of us, to take Jesus' advice seriously.

There was a crowd in a doctor's waiting room. An elderly gentleman rose and approached the receptionist. "Madam," he said courteously, "my appointment was ten o'clock and it is almost eleven now. I cannot wait any longer. Would you kindly give me an appointment for another day?" A woman in the waiting room leaned over to another and said, "He must be at least eighty years old. What sort of urgent business can he have that he cannot afford to wait?" The man overheard the whispered remark. He turned to the lady, bowed and said, "I am eighty-seven years old, lady; which is precisely the reason why I cannot afford to waste a single minute more of precious time that I have left." All those who really know the importance of time, their responsibility is not to waste their life. And so, if we are serious with ourselves and our lives, we need to realize the urgency of putting our lives right.

Jesus' example of the servant who beat up other servants, thinking that the master would be delayed, is for those who tend to think that they can do what they want because God is away from them. We do have the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. There are moments we remember the presence of God and there are moments when we never think of Him. We tend to draw a line between sacred and secular. But the reality is, there is no moment in our lives when God is not present, when the master is away. He is in and around us and He is always there. So, there is all the more reason for us to always be prepared in recognizing the presence of God in our lives. Preparing ourselves to receive Jesus is a personal responsibility, for Jesus says, "Blessed is that servant who the master finds ready." We cannot transfer this responsibility to anyone else, we must prepare ourselves.

There was a Catholic man who would say to his wife on Sunday mornings, "You can go to Mass for both of us." One night he dreamed that he and his wife died and came together to heaven's gate. St. Peter asked, "You are Mr. and Mrs. Smith?" The couple nodded their heads. "Well, Mrs. Smith can come in for both of you," declared the Saint. When it comes to salvation, it is the personal responsibility of each one of us. Others may be able to show us the way; but we have to earn it. Pray that we may understand the seriousness of Jesus' message, and work for our own salvation.

God bless you,  
Fr. John

# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

You can still register your child for Christian Formation Classes by contacting their office, 225-749-3387.

Classes for K-8 begin Monday, August 18th.

Catechists are needed for the following classes:

Monday: Kindergarten, 7th grade, 8th grade

Tuesday: Kindergarten, 4th grade, 9th grade  
small group leader

9th Grade Parent Meeting: Tuesday, August 19th  
at 7:00pm in the Activity Center

9th Grade religion classes begin on Tuesday,  
August 26th at 7:00pm

Religion/Grandparent's Mass for K-8: Sunday,  
August 31st at 9:00am; there will be no Religion  
Classes on September 1st, 2nd or 3rd. Sign-up  
sheets will be provided in the back of Church.



**Our next Baptism Seminar is Wednesday, September 17th at 6:00pm in Christian Formation Room One. Please call the Church Office to register.**

## Drop Box for Contributions and Correspondence

A Drop Box is located on the outside of the door of the Church Office. The Church Office is the brown building at the front of the parking lot. You may leave any correspondence or donations in this locked box.

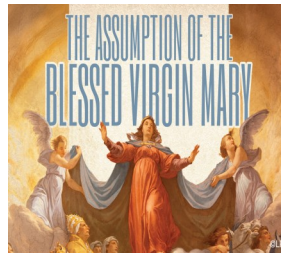


## Pray for Vocations

**Go out and spread the word of Christ! Is God calling you as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? God's grace is all you need. 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)**



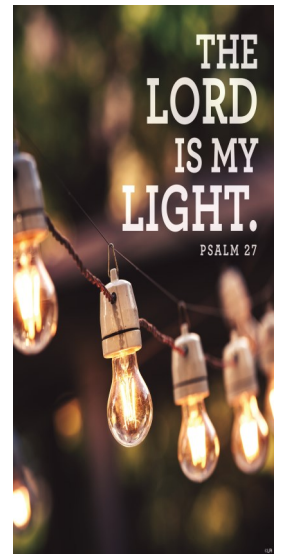
**O.C.I.A. Faith Journey  
Open House for those adults desiring to become Catholic  
Thursday, August 21st at 6:30pm in Church  
Please call Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269, for more information.**



**Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be at 8:00am & 6:00pm on Friday, August 15th.**

*The Sanctuary Candle  
burns in memory of  
Holden Diez.*

**Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the families of Brenda Lapeze and Michael Joseph "Mike" Vince upon their deaths.**



## Lector Books

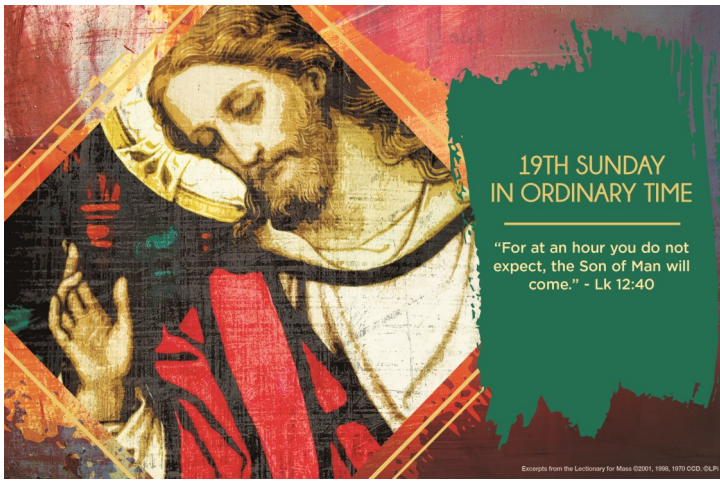
The Lector Books have arrived and can be picked up by all Lectors in the Vesting Sacristy.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

We need more Liturgical Ministers at the following Masses:

Altar Servers are needed at 4:30pm  
Eucharistic Ministers are needed at 4:30pm & 9:00am  
Lectors are needed at 4:30pm  
Ushers are needed at all Masses

Please call the Church Office to sign up. THANKS!



**Readings for the week of August 10, 2025**

- Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/  
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/  
Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40
- Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/  
Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/  
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/  
Mt 18:15-20
- Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Mt 18:21—19:1
- Friday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7,  
9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/  
Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/  
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/  
Lk 1:39-56
- Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/  
Mt 19:13-15
- Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/  
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53



**Retrouvaille, A Lifeline for Married Couples**

October 3-5 Baton Rouge weekend  
Restore. Refresh. Renew.  
Three Phase Marriage Program  
To sign up, please go to:

[BatonRougeCoordinators@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:BatonRougeCoordinators@helpourmarriage.org)

**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.**

Please be aware of any messages that you may get via text or email from Father John can be a SCAM. The scammers request donations, credit cards and gift cards. SCAM messages have been sent out to many parishioners.

**The Brick Paver Project is completed!  
Be sure and view this lovely addition to the Grotto area in front of Our Church.  
The proceeds from this project will go to Mother's Day Out and the Building & Maintenance Fund.**



**K.C. Calendar Winners for July, 2025**

**Katie & Seth Hudson; Christian Benoit; Shannon Plauche; James & Diane Whittington; Mary Beaumont; Chad Wells; Emily & Mike Domingue; Joe Barrett; Jennifer Malbrough; Lea White; Dannie Clare Durand; Erin Cordell; Wendy Hall; Pierre Lacaze; David Ducote; Patrick Bowman; Catherine Miller; Timmy Dickinson; John Simon; Seth Thibodaux; Kevin Moss; Henry Blanchard, Jr; Amy Turpen; Robert Mabe; Peyton LeBlanc; Courtney Beckmann; Gary Legendre; Nicky Migliacio; Rosalind Hebert; James G. Vidrine; Monica Hebert**



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

**Zippers/Rita's Closet Thrift Shop**

The Zippers had their last sale on July 31st. The Zippers are no longer accepting donations. They will be closed until the construction of the new building is complete.

Thank you for your support of this ministry!

**Annual Ava & Jacob Memorial Scholarship Jambalaya Benefit for Holy Family School**

Sunday, September 21st from 10:30am-1:00pm at Holy Family Hall  
Dinners are \$12.00 each. There will be a silent auction and a dessert booth.  
Please call Andrea Normand, 225-328-4843, to get your tickets.