



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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

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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,

In his book, "Sunday Homilies," Rev. Mark Link, S.J. narrates the following story: Sometime back, a newspaper columnist shared an important moment in his earlier life with his readers. It happened when he was drafted into the Royal Air Force and found himself in a military barrack with 30 other men. On the first night he had to make a big decision. He had always knelt to say his prayers. Should he continue to kneel now that he was in the military service? He was feeling a bit uncomfortable about kneeling, but then said to himself, "Why should I change just because people are watching? Am I going to begin my life away from home by letting other people decide what I should and what I should not do?" He decided to kneel. By the time he finished, he was aware that everyone else was aware of him. And when he made the sign of the Cross, he was aware that everyone else knew that he was a Catholic. As it turned out, he was the only Catholic in the barracks. Yet, night after night he knelt. He said that those ten minutes on his knees often led to discussions that lasted for hours. On the last day of boot camp, someone said to him, "You're the finest Christian I've ever met." He replied, "Well, I might be the most public Christian you've ever met, but I don't think I'm the finest. Still, I thank you for what you said."

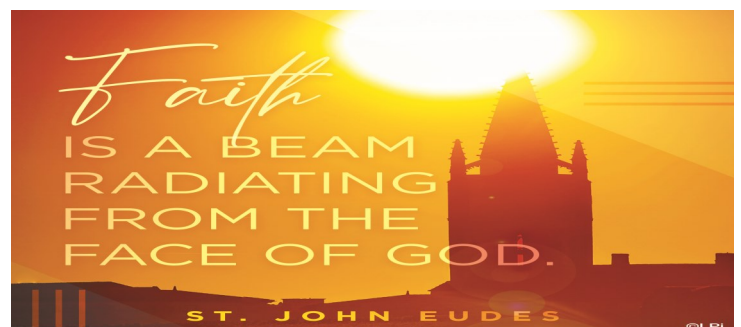
That story sheds light on the message Jesus shares with us in today's Gospel: Commitment to Jesus Christ means taking a stand! And such a stand can put us in opposition to other people. Sometimes our commitment to Jesus will cause us to be persecuted, as Jeremiah was in today's first reading; or it will cause us to struggle as St. Paul did in today's second reading; or it will cause us even to oppose our own family, as Jesus warns us in today's Gospel. This was one of the reasons why the early Romans hated Christianity so much. Becoming a Christian meant tearing the family apart. Once someone became a Christian, he could no longer join the others in pagan worship, or join his friends in orgies and other immoral activities, that were so characteristic of Rome in those days. Often becoming Christians put them in opposition to their families. Therefore, a commitment to Jesus took priority over everything else, even commitment to one's own family.

Consider the young people of our parish who will be in middle school and high school this year. Those who refuse to go along with drinking and drugs, or those who refuse to let others take advantage of them physically, will be given some kind of nasty label. Life would be much easier for them to go along with the crowd; but being rooted in the Lord demands that they be a minority. Consider the parents of our Church Parish. They will be criticized for setting standards within their homes. Their own children will tell them they need to get real and allow them to go along with what everyone else's parents do. Many of the parents will have to put up with this kind of struggle to stand up for what is right and true in their own homes, and with their own children. But living for the Lord is worth the struggle. Consider the senior citizens. Their challenge to follow Christ means trusting in him as their bodies, and bodies of their loved ones, begin to fail. Every day presents a new challenge for seniors to embrace faith, trust, and hope in the Lord, and live in the light of Christ, when physically life might be getting a bit darker. But this is the challenge that draws them nearer to God.

Every day we may hear about a new challenge that confronts a parishioner or a family. That family has to deal with emotional problems, or with physical problems, or with financial problems, or with psychological problems, etc. All of these challenges of life and all of the daily crises that we all face, lead us to God if we embrace them with selflessness, faith, trust in God, and love. Folks hang in there, trust in God. You do not struggle alone. Our Lord is always with us as He has promised. The readings of today are clear and grounded in reality. Life is full of challenges and struggles. And the greatest of all these challenges are rooted in our standing for what is right and true, standing for God. But each challenge met, each crises overcome, forms each one of us into strong and loving people. The letter to the Hebrews for this Sunday concludes with, "Consider He endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart." To this I must add the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew, "And know that I am with you always until the end of time."

God bless you,

Fr. John



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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

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.

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!



Lector Books

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

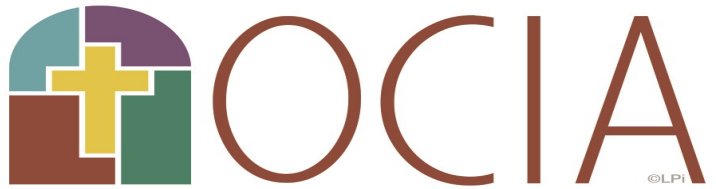
Drop Box for Contributions and Correspondence

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

Give thanks for all who have answered God's call as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Open your heart to His call. 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 or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations

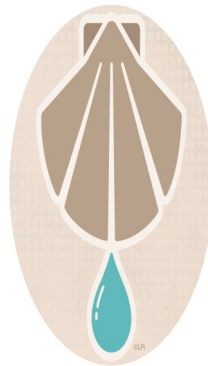


O.C.I.A. Faith Journey

Open House for those adults desiring to become Catholic

Thursday, August 21st at 6:30pm in Church
Classes will begin at 6:30pm on Thursday, August 28th.

Please call Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269, for more information.



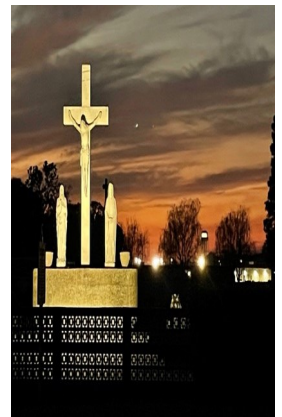
Please welcome this child to our faith community who was baptized on August 10th:

Poppy Amelia Gascon
daughter of Peyton & Taylor Gascon

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

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Kenneth Reine.

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of Beth Charville Bonanno upon her death.



Stewardship of Finance

August 3rd:
246 Identified Givers: \$19,865.00
Loose Collection: +1,078.00
Total Collection: \$20,943.00

August 10th:
148 Identified Givers: \$10,214.00
Loose Collection: +763.00
Total Collection: \$10,977.00

Texas Flood Relief (Catholic Charities): \$3,728.00

Thank you for your generosity!



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I HAVE COME TO SET THE EARTH ON FIRE!”

Readings for the week of August 17, 2025

- Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/ Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
- Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/ Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/ Mt 22:1-14
- Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/ Mt 23:1-12
- Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/ Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

A Trip to Croatia, Poland & Medjugorje with Father John

**September 22-October 3, 2025
12 day Pilgrimage through**

**Nativity Pilgrimage: info@nativitypilgrimage.com
You can register and obtain more information, by contacting Debbie Dupuy, 225-247-0052.**

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 for the Prepare and Enrich Program. Please contact Pam LeDoux, 337-513-1334, to be a part of this Ministry.



Retrouvaille, A Lifeline for Married Couples

**October 3-5 in Grand Coteau
No Marriage is beyond hope!**

Three Phase Marriage Program

To sign up, please go to:

**BatonRougeCoordinators@helpourmarriage.org
or call 800-470-2230.**



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FEAST ON THE LEVEE

**Save the date!
Our Feast on the Levee is scheduled for Sunday, October 19th. Masses will be at 7:30am & 10:00am that day.**



Please call the Church Office to volunteer your time as a cook, booth worker, or set-up and take-down worker. Also, any child in the religion program can sign-up to work for service hours.



**Children's Church
9:00am & 11:00am Masses
September 7 & 21
October 5 & 26**

Please call Jayne, 225-749-3387, if you can volunteer to help with 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.

Things happening in and around our Diocese

Magnificat Prayer Breakfast for women on Saturday, August 23rd from 9:00am-12:00pm at the Oak Lodge Reception Center, 2834 South Sherwood Forest Blvd.

To register, please contact Dianne Lencse, 225-235-3021.

**St. John the Evangelist, Plaquemine Fall Bible Study
This bible study will begin Thursday, September 4th. It will be a 12-part series on the Holy Spirit, "The Wild Goose" by Father Dave Pivonka. To join this study, please contact Marsha Dupont, 225-687-2402.**