



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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### 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  
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Betty Cain, Bookkeeper  
Christel Dupont, Receptionist  
June Hebert, Director of Religious Education  
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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,

On August 31, 1998, the first anniversary of the death of Princess Diana, many papers came out with the headline, “Where is the Soul of Princess Diana?” They were reporting the story that some women in England had withdrawn their children from an Evangelical Sunday school because the teachers were teaching the children that the soul of Princess Diana was in hell; whereas the women had already told their children that the soul of Princess Diana was in heaven. As a result, the question: “Where is the soul of Princess Diana?” became an issue. A popular magazine in Toronto went as far as to interview the Archdeacon of an Anglican Diocese to find out exactly the whereabouts of Princess Diana’s soul. How would Jesus have answered that question? Suppose Jesus were on earth today, and a reporter went to him and asked, “Where is the soul of Princess Diana?” What would be His answer? I think Jesus would look at the reporter in the eye and tell him or her, “Try to save your own soul, now that you still have the chance.” This is exactly what is happening in today’s Gospel. Jesus is going through towns and villages teaching, and making His way to Jerusalem. Someone interrupts and asks, “Lord, will only a few be saved?” What was Jesus’ answer? “Friend, strive to enter through the narrow door, for many I tell you will try to enter, and will not be able to.” Jesus is not really answering the question, “Will only a few be saved?” In fact, He is answering a more important question, “How can I be saved?”

What we find from the answer of Jesus in the Gospel is that Jesus has no time for questions of curiosity like, “Lord, will only a few be saved?” In fact, whenever someone asked a question of curiosity, He does not answer it, but uses the occasion to answer the relevant question such as, “How can I attain salvation?” So, Jesus says, “Strive to enter through the narrow door.” Curiosity questions do not help individuals in any way, but only become topics of gossip. Of course, curiosity questions have special appeal to mass media and popular imagination. When will the world come to an end? Who is the anti-Christ? What is 666, the mark of anti-Christ? These are all curiosity questions. Jesus does not answer such questions. In short, Jesus’ message to us is what we need to be concerned about, not who or how many will be saved, but how can I be saved.

The Irish pastor said to the Congregation, “Everyone who wants to go to heaven please stand up!” and the whole church stood up. Then he said, “And those who want to go to hell, please remain standing!” At the back of the church, old Murphy remained standing. The pastor said to him, “Murphy, do you want to go to hell?” Murphy replied, “No, Father. I just hate to see you go there all by yourself!” Yes, he was more worried about the pastor than himself. An open-air evangelist was preaching on today’s Gospel text. He was warning his congregation about eternal damnation. “On the day of judgment, he said, “There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” An old woman in the crowd had a problem with this remark and she said, “Look preacher, I got no teeth!” The preacher replied, “Never mind Madam, teeth will be provided.” A curious remark indeed.

So, as you see, it is a waste of breath to ask: Where is the soul of Princess Diana? Or How can I gnash my teeth on Judgment Day? as Scripture says, if I don’t have them? Or how many will be saved? These are all questions of curiosity. Moreover, God is in charge of final judgment, so why do we try to decide who will be saved? We, as disciples of Jesus, must not be judgmental about who we think will go through the narrow gate. Our vision of God must not be narrowminded or short sighted. We must see with a wide-angle lens that God’s salvation is open to all. God’s salvation is unbounded and it reaches out to those whom we may not only distrust, but also sometimes even despise. We should be asking questions of personal importance like, “What do I need to do to be saved? How can I serve God better in my present situation in life? How can I make use of the opportunities that God gives me here and now, for my eternal salvation?” Let us take a moment and ask ourselves some of these relevant questions today and pray that we will be able live our lives in a manner that we can attain salvation.

God bless you,

Fr. John



**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

Stewardship of Ministry is planned for September.  
 Please call the Church Office to sign up. THANKS!

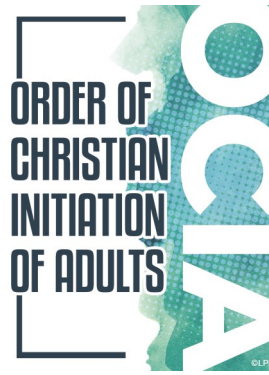


*The Sanctuary Candle  
 burns in memory of  
 Earl Sarradet.*

**Prayers and Sympathy are  
 extended to the family of  
 Charles Albert Brou  
 upon his death.**

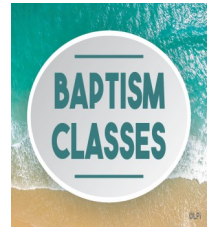
**Pray for Vocations**

**Will you follow Christ into a  
 life to serve others as a priest,  
 deacon, sister or brother? If  
 so, 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  
 Classes for those adults  
 desiring to become Catholic  
 begin on Thursday, August  
 28th at 6:30pm in Christian  
 Formation Room One.  
 Please call Carolyn Dupuy,  
 225-276-6269, to join  
 this group.**

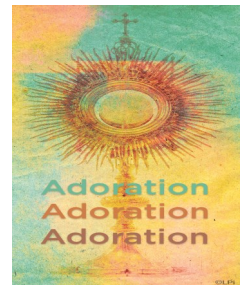
**Our next Baptism Seminar is  
 Wednesday, September 17th at  
 6:00pm in Christian Formation Room  
 One. Please call the Church Office  
 to register.**



**THANKS to JoAnn Landry and her group for  
 cleaning the Church in August. Please contact Lisa  
 Beraud, 225-749-3170, to help during the month of  
 September.**

**THANKS to Julie Prejean, Susie Prejean & Paula Soniat  
 and their team for the Bereavement meals in August.  
 Please contact Ella Dean & Scrap Thibodeaux,  
 225-937-1998, to assist in September.**

**All Night Eucharistic Adoration  
 begins at 8:00pm on Friday,  
 September 5th and ends with  
 8:00am Mass on Saturday,  
 September 6th. Sign up sheets  
 can be found in the back of  
 Church.**



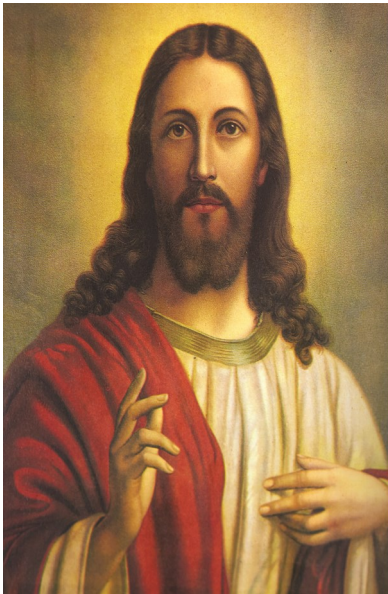
**Food Pantry Distribution Dates:  
 September 8th  
 October 13th**

**Distribution takes place at 8:30am from  
 the Activity Center. Thank you for  
 your donations.**

**Mother's Day Out  
Meet & Greet with Parents  
 and Teachers at 10:00am in  
 the Activity Center on  
 Thursday, August 28th.**

**Classes begin at 8:50am on  
 Tuesday, September 2nd in  
 the Activity Center.**





## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” - Lk 13:29-30

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### Readings for the week of August 24, 2025

- Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
- Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26
- Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29
- Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30
- Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

### Upcoming Events in our area

**Pro-Life Youth Leadership Summit: September 23rd, 9:00am-2:00pm, Old State Capitol, Baton Rouge  
To register, go to: [PROLIFELOUISIANA.ORG/YLS](http://PROLIFELOUISIANA.ORG/YLS)**

**Suicide Prevention Presentation: September 24th@6:30pm, St. Alphonsus Liguori Activity Center, Greenwell Springs, Please contact Donna: 225-261-4650**

**Bread & Belonging evening for Parents & Caregivers of special needs individuals: September 27th from 6:00-9:00pm, Tracy Center at the Catholic Diocese, Baton Rouge, Please register by September 13th: [rwaguespack@diobr.org](mailto:rwaguespack@diobr.org)**

**Mass of Creation with Bishop Duca: October 2nd at 7:00pm, St. George Catholic Church, Baton Rouge**

**Retrouvaille, A Lifeline for Married Couples: October 3rd through 5th, Grand Coteau, please call: 800-470-2230 to register**

**Prison Ministry Fellowship & Formation: October 4th, 8:00am-1:30pm, Most Blessed Sacrament Church Parish Hall, Baton Rouge, to register: [diobr.org/pm-event](http://diobr.org/pm-event)**

## FEAST ON THE LEVEE

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

We will have delicious Cajun food, a Silent Auction, Parade of Prizes, Sweet Shop, Bingo, Kid's Games, Raffles and live entertainment. Cash only event from 11:00am until 6:00pm. Come out and have fun!

### Organizations

**The Catholic Daughters will have a meeting in the Activity Center at 7:00pm on Thursday, September 18th.**

**They will host a Rosary after 9:00am Mass on the Second Sunday of each Month.**

### Knights of Columbus:

**Meeting at 6:00pm in the Activity Center on Thursday, September 18th**

**Donuts after 7:30am Mass, September 7th, in the Activity Center**

**Pro-Life Rosary at 4:00pm on Saturday, September 20th**

**The Catholic Daughter's Court #2079 scholarship has been awarded to Kennedy Fiscus, daughter of Burke & Stephanie Fiscus. Congratulations!**



**Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day**  
**Saturday, October 25th**  
**8:00am-12:00pm**  
**Alexander Park at**  
**250 Elaine Street, Brusly**  
**Go to: [wbrCouncil.org](http://wbrCouncil.org) for a list of acceptable items.**

### St. John the Baptist Church Card Party

**Monday, October 27th, 10:00am-3:00pm**  
**You can register to play bridge, bouree', poker, canasta, pokeno, hand & foot, sequence, dominoes or any other board game.**

**Lunch will be served.**

**Pre-registration is required.**

**Please contact Stacy Gauthreaux, 225-439-2282, or Betty Cain, 225-776-1160, with any questions.**