



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

catholic church



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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
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,

Some time ago in Florida, The St. Petersburg Times carried an interesting story about Don Shula, the coach of the Miami Dolphins. He was vacationing with his family in a small town in northern Maine. One afternoon it was raining. So, Don Shula, his wife and his five children decided to attend a matinee movie in the town's only theatre. When they arrived, the lights were still on in the theatre and there were six other people waiting there to watch the movie. When Don Shula and his family walked in, all six people stood up and applauded. He waved and smiled. As Shula sat down, he turned to his wife and said, "We are a thousand miles away from Miami and they are giving me a standing ovation. They must get the Dolphins on television all the way up here." Then the man came up to shake Don Shula's hand. He beamed and said, "How did you recognize me?" The man replied, "Mister, I don't know who you are. All I know is that just before you and your family walked into the theatre, the manager told us that unless four more people showed up, we wouldn't have a movie today." I like this story because it clarifies the teaching of today's readings, namely that our Christian commitment calls us to be humble people. It calls us to be the kind of Christian that Don Shula portrayed in that story. Here was a man whose reputation extended across the country, and not only as an excellent coach, but also as an excellent human being. It was only natural for Shula to thank that man that came over to shake his hand and knew who he was. When it turned out that he didn't, Shula was the first to laugh at himself. In fact, he enjoyed the incident so much that he shared it with others. Only a humble person would do a thing like that.

Today's readings are inviting us to be humble people. What is humility? What does it mean to be humble? Does it mean to put ourselves down? Does it mean to think little of ourselves? Does it mean to deny our true worth, or to belittle it? Not at all! Humility is something more profound and far more beautiful than that. Humility is not thinking little of ourselves. In fact, it is not thinking of ourselves at all. It means to be like Jesus, who said, "Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart" (Mt 11:20). It means to be like Jesus, who said, "The Son of man did not come to be served, but to serve" (Mk 10:45). Humility means to live as Jesus lived, not for ourselves. It means to use our talents as Jesus used His, not for ourselves and for our own glory, but for others and their needs. Today's readings invite us to ask ourselves, how humble are we? One of the ways to find out if we are humble is to see if people love to be around us; because the humble respects and cares for others and their ideas, which is very difficult for the proud to do. People love to be around humble people. On the other hand, the pushy and the proud will not be receptive to others and their ideas, and will not be able to appreciate others. People don't like to be around pushy and proud people; they will try to avoid such people. In fact, today's Gospel addresses pushy and proud people.

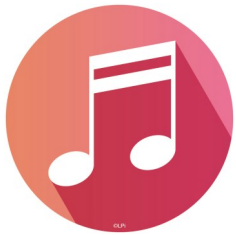
I am not sure if it's true or not, but a story has been told about Bishop Fulton J Sheen who was to make an address one evening at a Town Hall in Philadelphia. He left his hotel early and decided to walk to the place. He was a stranger in this town and soon lost his way. Finally, he approached a group of boys who were playing in the street. "Can you please tell me the way to the Town Hall?" he asked, "I am a stranger and I've lost my way." One of the boys stepped forward and gave him instructions. Then the boy asked, "What are you going to do there?" The Bishop responded, "I am going to give a lecture." "About what," the boy inquired. Bishop Sheen replied, "Oh, it is about how to go to heaven. Would you care to come?" "Huh!" answered the boy, "You don't even know how to get to the Town Hall." According to the story, Bishop Sheen was taken aback by that answer from this small boy, but he thanked him for his cute answer.

Pope John XXIII once remarked, "Anybody can be a pope, the proof of this is that I have become Pope." Any great personality like him is humble, for greatness goes with humility. Anyone puffed up by greatness is like an empty vessel that rattles its small coins noisily. Let us ask ourselves if we are humble people in our dealings with others? In respecting and accepting people and their ideas? And appreciate them for what they do? Pray for this humility this weekend, so that we can deal with one another with love and respect.

God Bless You,

Fr. John





Children's Choir
 Rehearsal will be on Sunday,
 September 28th, from
 10:00am-10:45am.
 All are welcome!

**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!



Please welcome these children to our faith
 community who were baptized on August 17th:

Annie James Witty
 daughter of Kylie & Beau Witty

Ezra John Granier
 son of Cori Elizabeth Granier

George Lawrence Prejean
 son of Daryn & Ryan Prejean

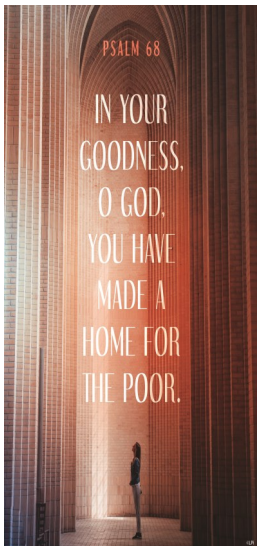
**Our next Baptism Seminar is Wednesday,
 September 17th at 6:00pm in Christian Formation
 Room One. Please call the Church Office
 to register.**

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.



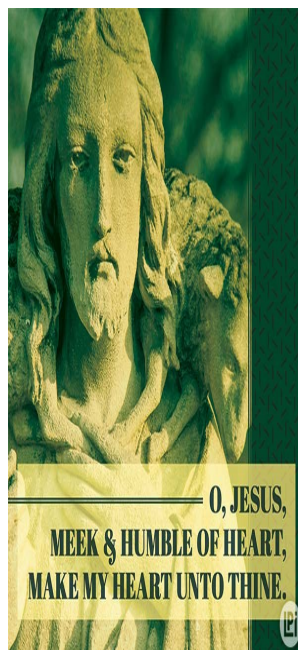
*The Sanctuary Candle
 burns in memory of
 Alfred Chustz.*

**Prayers and Sympathy are
 extended to the families of
 Edwin Mark Bird, Jr.,
 Dorothy McDempsey
 Dupuy, and
 John Schneider
 upon their deaths.**



Pray for Vocations

**Can you follow Jesus and be
 humble of heart? Will you
 serve God's purpose 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**



St. John the Baptist Church Card Party

Monday, October 27th, 10:00am-3:00pm
 Please join in the games!
 Lunch will be served.

Pre-registration is required.
 Please contact Stacy Gauthreaux,
 225-439-2282, or Betty Cain, 225-776-1160,
 with any questions.

Stewardship of Finance

August 17th:
 195 Identified Givers: \$13,195.00
 Loose Collection: +863.00
 Total Collection: \$14,058.00

August 24th:
 166 Identified Givers: \$8,824.00
 Loose Collection: +809.00
 Total Collection: \$9,633.00

Assumption of Mary Collection: \$2,067.00

Humanitarian Aid for Gaza: \$3,096.00

Thank you for your generosity!



22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."
- Lk 14:13-14

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Readings for the week of August 31, 2025

- 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
- Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5
- Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33



Diocese of Baton Rouge

FUNDRAISER

Joseph Homes through the Catholic Charities of the Baton Rouge Diocese is having a fundraising campaign to raise \$10,000. This money gives a second chance to formerly incarcerated men working to rebuild their lives. Please go to: CatholicCharitiesBR.org to donate.

Healing Retreat

Marian Servants of the Eucharist will host a Healing Retreat on September 12th & 13th at the Catholic Life Center. Registration is \$40 and ends on September 5th. For more information and to register, please email: marianservantsbr@gmail.com

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. Whole turkeys can be ordered for \$50. Cash only event from 11:00am until 6:00pm. Come out and have fun!

Raffle Tickets

The Raffle Tickets have been mailed out. Please return your ticket stub and monetary donation to the drop box at the Church Office or to the lock box located in the back of Church.

SIGN-UP SUNDAYS

Our Committee Members will be available to sign-up all volunteers at the following Masses: Saturday, September 27th & October 4th Sunday, September 28th & October 5th

Please consider how you can make the Feast on the Levee a success!



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

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. Please call Andrea Normand, 225-328-4843, to get your tickets.

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.

