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PLEASE CONTACT US:

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

WEBSITE: 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
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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,

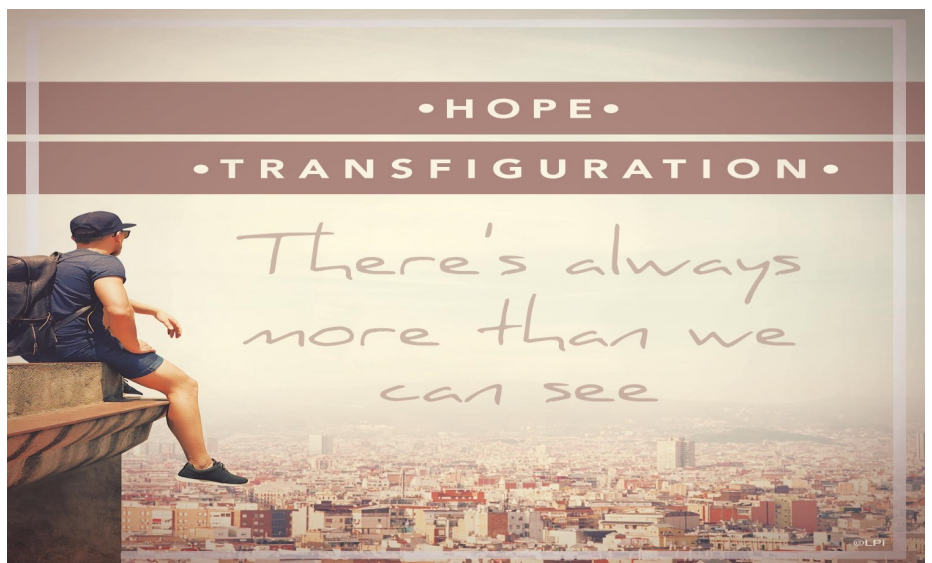
We all strive to live a good life and for that we spend a lot of time and energy. We try to amass as much wealth as possible, so that we can enjoy life in the present, and we have enough money to make us feel secure about the future. We try to increase our bank balances, or invest in the market to earn dividends. Some people buy properties to cash in when the prices go up. There are people who hoard gold and unaccounted money in safe places. We buy the latest gadgets and amenities so that in the late evening we are able to relax with a comfortable lifestyle, as the rich man did in today's Gospel. However, life as we know it is very unpredictable. Just when we feel that we have really planned for a secure future and comfortable life, in our retirement we may get diabetics, or excessive cholesterol that makes dieting necessary, or a heart attack, or paralysis that restricts our activities. A fire or earthquake can destroy all of our possessions. We may even die prematurely, and someone else begins having the good time that we planned for with our wealth.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is confronting us with the futility of placing our trust in material things. Material things cannot give security or meaning to our lives. Material goods don't offer us protection against future uncertainties. Hence, greed for money or material possessions should be nipped in the bud. That is the reason why Jesus expressed His reluctance, and even disapproved when a man in the crowd came to Him and asked Him to arbitrate between him and his brother. It was not that Jesus was against this man, but for Jesus this request was an unjust one. In a way, Jesus wanted to offer this man a different perspective on life. Jesus understood that this man was caught up in greed, which could destroy him in the long run. So, Jesus gave him an evasive answer to his request, "My friend, who appointed me as your judge or arbitrator of your claims?" Jesus even warned him, "Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind; for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs." And Jesus reinforces this message by telling the story of the rich man who had a bumper crop. He had an option of sharing the excess grain with others, especially the poor and the deprived; but the man was possessed by greed and selfishness. He thought only about himself. He made elaborate plans for the future, and how he could use all of the grain for himself. He had grand plans about making his future comfortable and secure, where he would relax and take things easy for years to come. His idea of life therefore, was to eat, drink and have a good time.

But, God gave him a rude awakening by telling him that he would die soon. "Fool," said God, "this very night a demand will be made for your soul; and the possessions you have hoarded, whose will it be then?" Though this Gospel applies to us as individuals, it is even more applicable to groups, organizations and nations. In this global village in which we live, greed and the preoccupation with wealth can be devastating. Greed, the preoccupation with making money, and an obsession with our own security and self-sufficiency, can have complete control over our lives. In the long run, we will find ourselves trapped. The message of the Gospel is quite clear. We may store up treasures for ourselves that make us rich in the eyes of people, but that will get us nowhere. What is more important is to be rich in the sight of God. When we are rich in the eyes of God, we are storing up treasures in heaven. Let us pray that we may not be possessed by our possessions, rather be possessed by God.

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

Confirmation Classes begin on Sunday, August 10th.

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: Sunday, August 31st at 9:00am

Stewardship of Finance

July 27th:

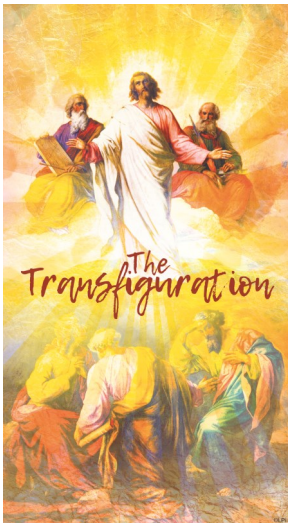
137 Identified Givers:	\$7,912.00
Loose Collection:	+568.00
Total Collection:	\$8,480.00

July Building & Maintenance Fund: \$11,969.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Food Pantry Distribution Dates:
August 11th
September 8th

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



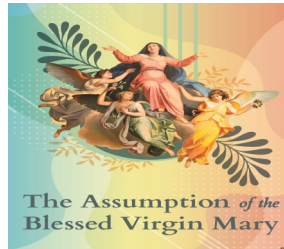
Pray for Vocations

Is God calling you to follow the light of Christ 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 or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations

O.C.I.A.

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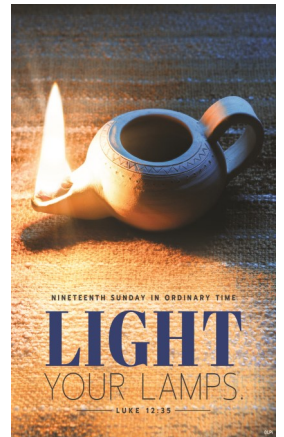
O.C.I.A. Faith Journey
Open House for those adults desiring to become Catholic
Thursday, August 21st at 6:30pm in Church
Please call Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269, for more information.



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 Gale Thibodeaux.

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the families of **Kenneth Michael Reine** and **Eldon "Buck" Delaune** upon their deaths.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

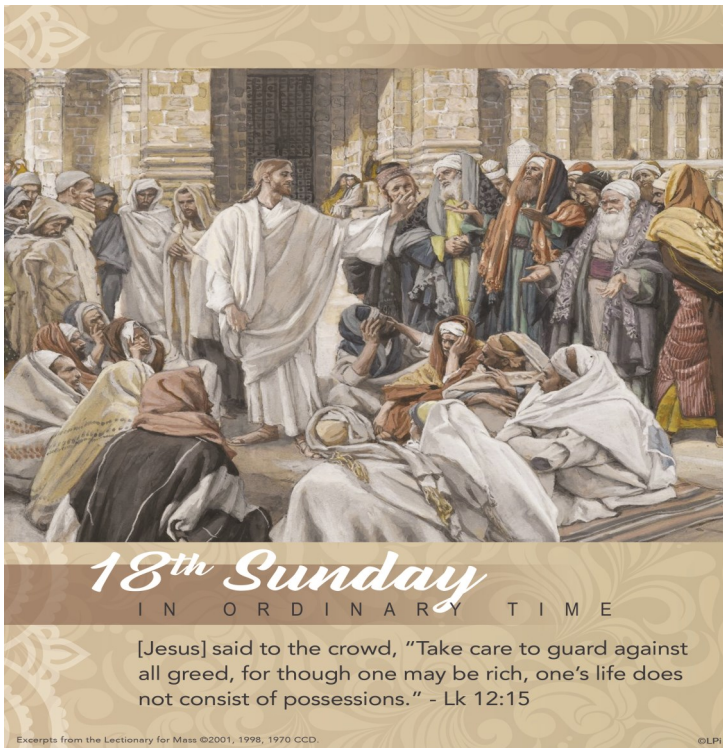
We need more Liturgical Ministers at the following Masses:
Altar Servers are needed at 4:30pm
Eucharistic Ministers are needed at 4:30pm & 9:00am
Lectors are needed at 4:30pm
Ushers are needed at all Masses

Please call the Church Office to sign up. THANKS!



Children's Church
9:00am & 11:00am Masses
August 17
September 7 & 21
October 5 & 26

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



Readings for the week of August 3, 2025

- Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
- Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/ Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/ Lk 9:28b-36
- Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23
- Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/ Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/ Mt 17:14-20
- Next 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

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.**

Ad Sales for our Bulletin with LPI

Thank you to all of our current advertisers! The support of your business is greatly appreciated!

Sean Altenberger, 225-505-9984, will be contacting businesses in our community during the week of August 11th. Digital advertising is also offered. You can email Sean: saltenberger@4lpi.com for more information.

Catholic Daughters

The Catholic Daughters will host a Rosary on the second Sunday of the month after 9:00am Mass.

The Catholic Daughters Court #2079 would like to thank all of you for your support of their fundraisers throughout the year. This has enabled them to be the Gold Winner at the LA State 52nd Biennial Convention for their service and donations to the community.

Things happening in and around our Diocese

St. George Catholic Church will host the Catholic Church's pastoral ministry and teaching about same sex attraction offered through the Office of Life, Peace and Justice. Dr. Jennifer Morel, STD will lead this event on August 7th from 6:00-8:00pm at St. George's Kleinpeter Activity Center. For more information, please contact: OLPJ@diobr.org

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.

**Zippers/Rita's Closet Thrift Shop
Their next sale dates at 7:30am are:
August 14th & 28th**

The Zippers are no longer accepting donations. They are very grateful for all of your support!

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.

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