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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
June Hebert, Director of Religious Education
Sara Hernandez, Janitorial
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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,

Why do bad things happen to good people? The Jews could have well posed this question. No other nation must have suffered as much as the nation of the Jewish people; be it during the exile of Babylon, or during their persecution in the Middle Ages, or during the Holocaust. Isaiah is telling these very people in the first reading, "Here is your God, He comes with vindication and divine recompense. He is coming to save you." Do you think that these people were going to believe this, since they have been hearing this for a long time? So often their sad story shows that God seemed to have bypassed them. In fact, Isaiah's words to them are like rubbing salt in a wound. These people have been suffering for years, and now Isaiah is telling them, "Courage! Be not afraid. Be patient, until the Lord's coming." In other words, you keep on suffering patiently, the Lord will come one day. This makes people doubt God's promise. Will He come?

We need to know that physical calamities and sufferings come upon the good and bad alike. Should it be otherwise? If only good people are deserving of God's favors, what is the good news for the bad? It would then seem that poverty, sickness, oppression and death are consequences of sin, or that these people are suffering because they are bad. By Jesus coming into this world, and the way he lived and died, was precisely to show that this is not so. His life, His miracles, and His sacrifice on the cross, tell us that He had come to save the sick, the sinner, and the lost. Jesus' coming was good news for the so called "bad": the sinners, the tax collectors, and the prostitutes. But the so called "good people", namely the Pharisees and the Scribes, were scandalized to know that Jesus was mingling with the bad people, or the sinners. These so called good people called Him a drunkard, a glutton and a friend of tax collectors. But the "bad people" on the other hand, rejoiced that Jesus treated them with equal footing as the Jews. He is a God of surprises; they were surprised by joy.

Myra worked for many years in a large downtown business office. Many different things were said about Myra; but one thing all her colleagues agreed upon was that Myra was a hateful person and she had a way of quickly turning off anyone who tried to befriend her. She was a loner and a disagreeable one at that. Consequently, whenever a new employee was hired, the warning went out, "Stay away from Myra." This situation lasted for years until a new employee, Margaret, arrived on the scene. Disregarding all the friendly warnings, Margaret made a special effort to let Myra know that now there was someone in that office who really cared about her. Amazingly, this initial expression of kindness eventually began to bear fruit. Myra was coming out of her shell. She was communicating more easily. She even was developing a friendship or two. Then, early one morning, the entire office staff was shocked to learn that Margaret had died suddenly the night before. When Myra heard the news, she cried, and cried, and said over and over again, "Margaret was the only Christ I ever knew, she was the only Christ I ever knew."

Our Advent preparation should make us conscious of our need for Him, not just because we are "bad"; but as St. James tells us, "We must express God's love by our endurance and patience with other people." The Gospel challenges us to go further. We must, as followers of Jesus, carry on his saving work and mission, not just by bearing good news, but bringing Good News to the poor, the suffering and the bad. In our reaching out to heal, to support the lame, the blind, and the oppressed, we must be a visible expression of EMMANUEL, "God-with-us." Christmas is not an event for me alone. It is an event for all humankind, which I must make happen through me. This is the reason for rejoicing always. The Lord is near to me and through me. Alleluia!

God Bless You,
Fr. John



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

First Reconciliation is Wednesday,
December 17th at 6:00pm.

There will be NO Religion Classes for grades K-8
from December 15th through January 9th.
Classes resume on Monday, January 12, 2026.

Our next Baptism Seminar is Wednesday,
January 7th at 6:00pm in Activity Center
Classroom One. Please call the Church Office
to register.

We will decorate the Church
for Christmas at 9:00am on
Saturday, December 20th.
We would greatly appreciate
any of your time.



Stewardship of Finance November 30th:

129 Identified Givers:	\$6,801.00
Loose Collection:	+747.00
Total Collection:	\$7,548.00

We will have a collection for our Emergency
Assistance Program on the weekend of December 21st.
Please support this worthy cause.
Thank you for your generosity!

**WE NEED YOU AS A LITURGICAL
MINISTER. PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP
YOUR CHURCH!**

We need more Liturgical Ministers at all Masses.
We need Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers,
Altar Servers, and Ushers.
Please consider one of these Ministries!

Pray for Vocations
God is empowering you for a
specific purpose. Can you
respond to His love?
Please consider a vocation as a
priest, deacon, sister or
brother. Please speak to your
priest about any of these
vocations. You can also 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

In the evening of life,
we will be judged on
love alone.

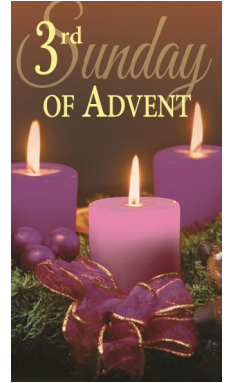
—St. John of the Cross



Advent Penance Service & First
Reconciliation is at 6:00pm on
Wednesday, December 17th.
All are welcome!

*The Sanctuary Candle burns
in memory of
Michael Joseph "Mike" Vince.*

Prayers and Sympathy are
extended to the family of
Pamela Lee Lambert
upon her death.



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

Our Christmas
Concert on
Wednesday,
December 24th
begins at 3:15pm.
Mass is at 4:00pm.
Please join us for
this musical
evening!



Christmas and New
Year's Mass Schedule

December 24th: 4:00pm
& 6:00pm
December 25th: 8:00am
& 10:00am
December 31st: 6:00pm
January 1st: 8:00am



Adoration
Did you know that every
Friday from 8:30am-
11:30am the Blessed
Sacrament is exposed
for you? Please visit
in silence.
Jesus is waiting for you!





**3rd SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

“This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.”
- Mt 11:10

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Readings for the week of December 14, 2025

- Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
(see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
- Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/
Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and
23/Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/
Mt 1:1-17
- Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
- Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/
Lk 1:5-25
- Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
- Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/
Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

November K.C. Calendar Winners

Scott Parsons; Luke Cooley; Randy Mouch; John LeBlanc; Cedrick Lewis; Heather Banker; JoAnn & Jose Neal; Allen Duplantis; Gerald Moore; Don & Jude LaBauve; Scott Rills; Angelle Soniat; Sunny Troquille; Anthony Simoneaux; Gayle Stelly; Lee Moreau; Blake LeBlanc; Hanson Leonard; Gayle Stelly; Kayla Vincent; Mark Zeringue; Beverly & Joey Vaughn; Carly Theriot; Jimmy Palermo; Angie Coulon; St. Jude Children’s Hospital; Mark Bernard; Eric Blanchard; Asleigh Seneca; Angela Briscoe

New Garden Mausoleum

American Cemetery Consultants can meet with you to discuss costs and burial locations in the new garden mausoleum that will be constructed in 2026. There is a drawing in the back of Church with a QR code, and also a brochure, for more information. To speak with a representative, without obligation, please call 225-650-7513, with your questions.

**Senior Spirit Bus Trip to Georgia
March 16-19, 2026**

This trip includes Callaway Gardens, Echo Park Speedway NASCAR Track, World of Coca Cola, College Football Hall of Fame, and dinner at the famous restaurant, Mary Macs Tea Room. Please contact Paige Currie, 225-921-0634 to sign up for this adventure! There’s only a few spots left!

Brick Paver Program
We will kick off sales for our additional Brick Paver Project in front of our Church beginning February 14, 2026. Forms will be available in the back of Church at that time. Please view the brick pavers in front of the Grotto and consider a brick purchase.

**WBR Men’s ACTS Retreat
May 28-31, 2026**

Commissioning Mass is on February 22, 2026. To be part of the Retreat Team, please email: WBRACTS@gmail.com Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the back of Church for more information.

Upcoming Events in our Diocese:

St. Sharbel Healing Mass: On Tuesday, December 23rd, Father Charbel will host a Healing Mass at 6:00pm at St. Isadore in Baton Rouge.

Respect Life Mass: On Saturday, January 24th, at 8:30am there will be a Respect Life Mass at St. Joseph’s Cathedral in Baton Rouge. The Life March will follow at 10:00am on the State Capitol Lawn.

The St. Agnes Gala, Cenam Agni, will be held on Friday, January 30th, at 6:00pm at Drusilla Place in Baton Rouge. For more information, go to: www.stagnesbr.com

Cypress Springs Mercedarian Prayer Center will host a Retreat, “The Miracle Hunter,” from 8:00am-3:00pm on Saturday, January 31st. To register: mikeoneill.eventbrite.com

St. George will host the Men of the Immaculata Conference on February 21st. For more information, go to: CATHOLICMENBR.COM



**Human Resources Generalist position at the
Diocese of Baton Rouge**

This position supports all diocesan locations, handles special projects, and other confidential and sensitive matters. Education and experience required. To apply, go to: jobs.dayforcehcm.com/en-US/diobr/CANDIDATEPORTAL/jobs/889