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

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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.

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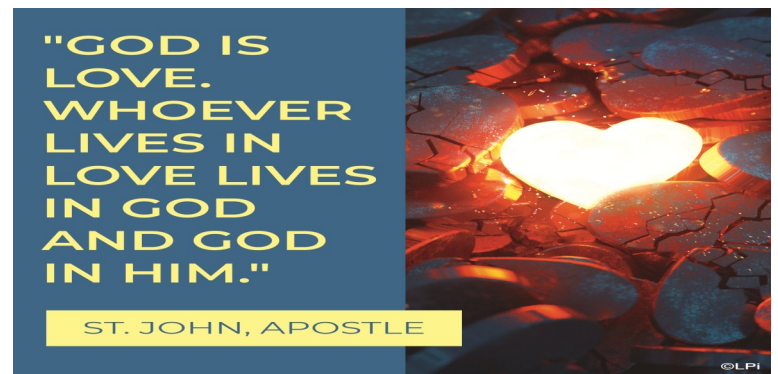
Emergency calls answered as soon as possible. Communion calls to homebound weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

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,

Karl Wallenda was a German American highwire artist. He is the founder of the flying Wallendas, a daredevil circus troupe whose members performed dangerous stunts far above the ground, and often without a safety net. He literally lived on the top of the world. The highwire aerialist thrilled thousands with his daring stunts on the tightrope, before that fateful day in 1978 when his show ended. Karl Wallenda plunged to his death before an audience in San Juan, Puerto Rico. What happened? His widow explained that Karl had never been one to know fear. Self-confidence marked his style, until he started doubting himself, which led to worry. Little details of safety preoccupied his mind. He checked and double-checked the tightrope to make certain that everything was secure, which he had never done before. This was a different Karl Wallenda. For the first time, instead of focusing on walking the wire, he concentrated on not falling. From then on he became an accident just waiting to happen. It was inevitable that he fell, or so his widow felt. It all started with his doubting. Doubt is the deadliest virus. It not only takes the happiness away from a married life, but it can wreck the marriage and lead to untold misery, for the spouses and their children. In our society, we have no dearth of incidents of suicide, violence and battery, because of doubt between couples, with regard to their fidelity to each other. One needs to concentrate on living and not on doubting.

Today's Gospel tells how Joseph, a righteous man, deals with his doubt and how he is aided by divine assistance to overcome his doubt. According to the commentary of William Barclay on this passage Matt. 1:18-24, in a normal Jewish marriage procedure there are three steps: The first stage is Engagement, which was done when the couple were children. The second stage is betrothal where they ratify their engagement. And the third stage is the marriage proper, which takes place at the end of the year of betrothal. It was at the second stage that Joseph was told by the angel that Mary was to bear a child, and that the child had been begotten by the Holy Spirit, and he must be called Jesus. Being a man of honor and integrity, Joseph hesitated to embarrass Mary, she would be his wife publicly. He was indeed a confused man. In fact, both Joseph and Mary were two confused young people, who were subjected to something that they failed to understand. Joseph could not believe the mystery unfolding before his puzzled mind. Emmanuel, God-with-us, is going to be his son! Who would not be awestruck or afraid to take this woman as his wife? But in spite of his doubts and all the unforeseen challenges, Joseph dared to trust God and in His plans. Both Mary and Joseph said, "Yes" to God. So, the point is that in the midst of their doubts, fears, and confusion, Joseph and Mary chose to trust God.

Their "Yes" would lead them through untold misery, even though it would challenge their faith; but they continually repeated this "Yes" all through their lives, which is a source of encouragement for us. What about us? In the midst of all our doubts and fears, like Joseph and Mary, are we able to trust God? At our baptism, we, too, said, "Yes" to God-with-us and to bearing the name "Christian," because we were conformed to His image. What is the nature of our "Yes" now? As a family, what is the nature of our "Yes" to each other? Do we bow before the mystery of God-with-us in our spouse, our children, or our parents? Christmas is indeed the time for reconciliation within the family, not only because we stand in need of forgiveness, but also because we want to experience the joy of Christmas. This familiar person next to me, my brother, sister, child or spouse, who often gets in my way and irks me, is in fact a doorway to recognizing the abiding mystery of God's love. It is for each one of us, like Mary and Joseph, to explore this mystery of God's love and make our family a place of love, joy, and peace.

Merry Christmas to each one of you!
God bless you,

Fr. John

Christian Formation

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

Confirmation is at 7:00pm on Thursday, January 15th.

CHILDREN'S MASS



Our next Religion Mass for grades K-8 is at 9:00am on Sunday, January 18th. Please plan to attend with your child.



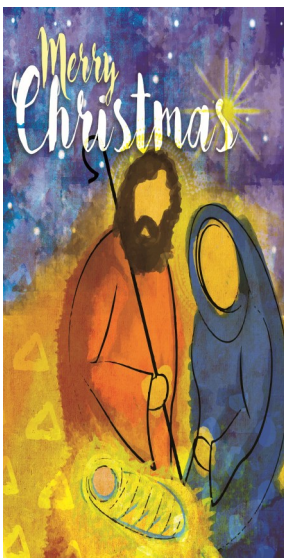
Children's Church
9:00am & 11:00am Masses
January 11 & 25
February 8 & 22
Please call Jayne,
225-749-3387, if you can
volunteer to help with this
ministry.

Stewardship of Finance December 7th:

163 Identified Givers:	\$13,466.00
Loose Collection:	+642.00
Total Collection:	\$14,108.00

Retirement Fund for the Religious: \$3,530.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Pray for Vocations
"Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God."
Please consider following Christ more closely and choose 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

IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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



Our Christmas Eve Concert is at 3:15pm on Wednesday, December 24th. Mass is at 4:00pm that day. Please join us!

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of
Charle Daigle, Sr.
& *Frank Foret, Jr.*

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the families of
Carolyn Falcon Daigle,
Jose' Mario Pardo, and
Ron Pepitone
upon their deaths.



All Night Eucharistic Adoration begins at 8:00pm on Friday, January 2nd and ends with 8:00am Mass on Saturday, January 3rd. Sign up sheets can be found in the back of Church.

THANKS to Carolyn Bourgeois and her group for cleaning the Church in December. Please contact Mary Delapasse, 225-610-6531, to help during the month of January.

THANKS to Janice & Joel Hebert and their team for the Bereavement meals in December. Please contact Ruth Landry, 749-3101, to assist in January.

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



Baptism

Please welcome this child to our faith community who was baptized on December 14th:

Teagan Wayne McDaniel
son of Zachary & Olivia McDaniel



Food Pantry Distribution Dates:
January 12th
February 9th
Distribution takes place at 8:30am from the Activity Center. Donations can be brought to the Church Office. Thank you!

Readings for the week of December 21, 2025

- Sunday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/ Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
- Monday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/ Lk 1:46-56
- Tuesday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
- Wednesday:** Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/ Ps 89:2-3,4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79
Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 2(2a)/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/ Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/ Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
- Friday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab,16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Next Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



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!



The Church Office will be closed from December 24th through January 2nd for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.



The Knights of Columbus cooked and served a red beans and rice meal to the LSU students at the Christ the King Activity Center on December 10th.

Organizations

The Catholic Daughters will have a meeting in the Activity Center at 7:00pm on Thursday, January 15th.

They will host a **Rosary** after 9:00am Mass on the Second Sunday of each Month, January 11th.

Knights of Columbus:

Meeting at 6:00pm in the Activity Center on Thursday, January 15th

Donuts after 7:30am Mass, January 4th, in the Activity Center

Pro-Life Rosary at 4:00pm on Saturday, January 17th

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