



402 South Kirkland Drive (River Road)

P. O. Box 248, Brusly, Louisiana 70719

PLEASE CONTACT US:

OFFICE: 225-749-2189

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
 June Hebert, Director of Religious Education
 Sara Hernandez, Janitorial
 Jayne Jason, Child Protection
 Layne Mire, Parish Secretary
 Danny Rabalais, Project Manager
 Nat Smith, Maintenance
 Lil Stutes, Mother's Day Out
 Sharon Thibodeaux, Music Leader

ajohn@diobr.org
candicebreaux@hotmail.com
bcain@sjbbrusly.com
cdupont@sjbbrusly.com
jhebert@sjbbrusly.com

jjason@sjbbrusly.com
lmire@sjbbrusly.com
dannyrabalais@aol.com

mdostjohn@gmail.com
sthlib@bellsouth.net

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,

A teacher was teaching his Sunday School kids about the importance of family and things that money cannot buy. “Money can’t buy laughter, and it can’t buy love,” he told them. To illustrate his point he said, “What would you do if I offered you \$1000.00 not to love your mother or father?” The whole class fell silent. Finally, a small voice queried, “How much would you give me not to love my big sister?” Evidently, it is easier to love vertically than horizontally. The love between parents and children, or grandparents and grandchildren, comes more easily than the love between siblings. On this Feast of the Holy Family, the second reading reminds us of the need to love one another, since we are all children of one family of God. When God the Father sent His Son into the world, He willed that His Son be born into a human family, though not perfect. God willed that the family that Jesus would embrace be a family of love, because He is love. In this sense, Jesus grew up in Nazareth with Mary and Joseph. They were a poor, but a loving family observant of the religious traditions of the Jewish people. When we speak about the Holy family what comes to our mind is the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. But there is another family of God, the family of the children of God. The reading reminds us of the great mystery of God’s love which has made us into real children of God, and that is what we are.

Whereas the first and second reading speak of harmonious family life arising from mutual respect, and maintenance of right relationships, the Gospel does not speak at all of the family life and the virtues of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Rather, St. Matthew shows us the centrality of Christ: “He will be called Nazarene.” In this, we find a clue to what makes a family holy, and its relationships good, allowing peace, harmony and joy. Christ must be in the midst. St. Paul seems to have understood this very well, “Let the peace of Christ reign over you. Let the message of Christ find a home within you. Do what you do in the name of the Lord to please the Lord.” The implication of having Christ as the center of our family, means each member of the family must make the saving action of Jesus real and effective for the members of the family. For example, if the Lord has forgiven you, then you must do the same. This means that if we have experienced God’s love towards us, then we must express that love for others in our family in sincere compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, as St. Paul tells us in the second reading.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, we are called to make our natural families into more loving homes. Where there is true love and understanding among the members of family, that family is on the road to holiness. Along with love, faith is another indispensable aspect of making our families holy. All the tension and strife that are brought about from within and outside the family, can be squarely faced by faith and love. This is why the marriage of a man and woman is raised to the level of a Sacrament; a channel of God’s grace and a sign of the presence of God. A holy family doesn’t just happen overnight. The entire family has to work towards making it happen. Along with faith and love, prayer is also an important ingredient in the making of a family holy. In fact, family prayer is not a luxury, but it is the very life-blood of a family’s faith and attachment to Christ. That is why it is said, “A family that prays together stays together.” I really admire those who decide to get married and receive the Sacrament of Marriage, because it is not easy to raise a family nowadays. The handling of the relationships between husbands and wives, parents and children, and the emotional and financial aspects and support of their children in the midst of so many problems, is very difficult. Problems like underemployment, sexual permissiveness, and the depiction of violence and pornography, can cause numerous crises among family members. The increase in family breakups every year supports the claim that the contemporary family faces great hardships. That is all the more reason that we need to have Christ as the center of families, and prayer should become a regular practice of the family. When we keep Christ as the center of our family, everything else will fall into place. As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, let us pray for all families that they continue to keep Christ as the center of their lives and activities.

**I wish you all a very Happy and Fruitful New Year!
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.

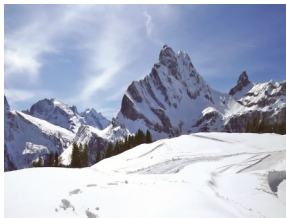
Stewardship of Finance December 14th:

165 Identified Givers:	\$9,223.00
Loose Collection:	+805.00
Total Collection:	\$10,028.00

Immaculate Conception Collection: \$1,994.00

Christmas Flower Donations: \$2,757.00

Thank you for your generosity!



BLESSED
ARE THOSE
WHO WALK
IN THE WAY
OF THE
LORD.

PSALM 128

Pray for Vocations
"The Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit, for He will save His people." If you feel God is offering you the gift of a vocation to walk in the way of the Lord 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/

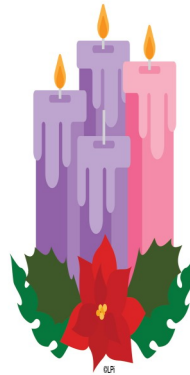


Mass for New Year's Day, January 1st:
8:00am

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.



The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Kay & Sidney Ramagos, Jr.



Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the families of Linda Albert Clouatre and Deborah Tenney Myhand upon their deaths.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

On Sunday, January 4th, we will remove the Church Christmas decorations after 11:00am Mass. We would appreciate your help!



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



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

The Catholic Daughters will host a Rosary after 9:00am Mass on Sunday, January 11th. Please join them!



Readings for the week of December 28, 2025

- Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
- Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
- Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
- Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
- Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

New Garden Mausoleum

American Cemetery Consultants can meet with you to preplan your final resting place, discuss costs, and burial locations in the new garden mausoleum that will be constructed in 2026. Spaces are limited and can be reserved now. 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.

Catholic Daughters Education Contest

The Catholic Daughters are sponsoring an Education Contest, "The Least of These: Lifting Other's Up," for the areas of Art, Poetry and Photography. All students in Grades 4-12 are invited to participate. This is an opportunity to express your faith through your God given talents. Entry forms are available in the back of Church and the deadline is January 24th. Please contact Julie Millard, 225-776-4646, for more information.



**Wedding Anniversary Mass
Celebrating Anniversaries for
the 25th, 50th, 65th and
greater**

**Sunday, March 22nd at 2:00pm
Immaculate Conception Church
in Denham Springs
A reception will follow in their
Parish Hall.
The registration deadline is
February 26th. Registration
forms are available in our
Church Office.**

**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!**



**The Church Office will be
closed through January 2nd
for the New Year's Holidays.

Have a Blessed New Year!**

The Zippers held their Christmas Party at the Brusly Lion's Den on December 12th and enjoyed a delicious shrimp fettuccine meal prepared by Roxanne & Dennis Jenkins. They wish you all a Happy New Year!

