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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,

Most people want a better world and a better place to live than what it is today. Certainly, we have enough resources on our planet to provide for everyone. But most of these resources are with a few powerful and self-serving people who care only about themselves, and don't think about the hundreds of millions of people who are suffering. What is surprising is that many of these powerful and wealthy people who are selfish want to be thought of as good and Godly people. But most of them are not! Though most people still believe in a god, their behavior reveals a great contradiction. These people utterly disregard many of God's laws and His plan for humanity. God doesn't want anyone to go hungry; but because of the selfishness of these powerful and wealthy people, millions go hungry every day.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist is preaching repentance and change. He is proclaiming that the Messiah is coming, and that we need to be prepared to receive Him and accept Him. This acceptance of Jesus will require open hearts, living in a new way, and always putting God before themselves. The people that gathered at the Jordan River were probably hoping for a better world. John the Baptist is telling them that if they want a better world, then they need a change of heart and they need to repent. The Pharisees and Sadducees, who were also at the Jordan River, were not open to change. They couldn't see their own sinfulness. Although they had laws and prophets, they were far from God. Unless they changed their hearts, they would not be able to accept the Baptism of John. This Baptism was a preparation for the Baptism that Jesus would bring with the Holy Spirit and divine fire!

The Chosen People had lost their way. Like some of us, they were paying only "lip-service" to God and their hearts were far from Him. However, as we heard in the first reading, from the stump of what once was the Tree of Israel, a new shoot would emerge someday. That shoot would be a new ruler, someone who would bring peace, justice, and a new world order. He would truly make the world a better place. He would be God's Anointed One – the Messiah. Now we know that the Messiah is Jesus, who did so much to change the course of world events. Though Jesus was here only a short time, He gave us a way of living and behaving. If everyone embraced Jesus' way of living and behaving, then we would not only have a better world; we would also attain what Jesus promised - the Kingdom of Heaven.

In today's second reading, St. Paul gives us practical advice by asking us to live and work in union and harmony with one another. He is also asking us to discover the good in others and make everyone welcome in the community of believers. In today's Gospel, St. John the Baptist is challenging us, as he challenged the Pharisees and Sadducees, to learn to be honest with themselves and with others. We can't pretend to be someone else. We must own up to our shortcomings, mistakes, and sins. If we are honest, can we change? Only if we are honest, can we encourage others to change. And if enough of them change, then the world will almost be forced to change! So, as we prepare to remember the Savior's Birth, let us pray that we can undergo whatever change God is asking of us in order to make the world a better place for all! Amen.

God Bless You,
Fr. John



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

First Reconciliation Retreat is Saturday, December 13th from 9:00am-12:00pm in the Activity Center for parent and child.

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.



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

We will decorate the Church for Christmas at 9:00am on Saturday, December 20th. If you can help, we would greatly appreciate it.



Stewardship of Finance November 23rd:

141 Identified Givers:	\$6,443.00
Loose Collection:	<u>1,155.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$7,598.00

November Building Fund: \$15,329.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Children's Church
9:00am & 11:00am Masses
December 7 & 21
January 11 & 25
February 8 & 22

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



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!



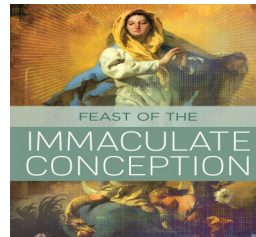
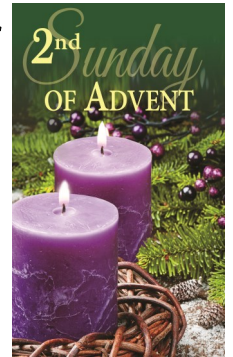
Please welcome this child to our faith community who was baptized on November 30th:

Celia Rose Bourgeois
daughter of Cory and Mandie Bourgeois

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

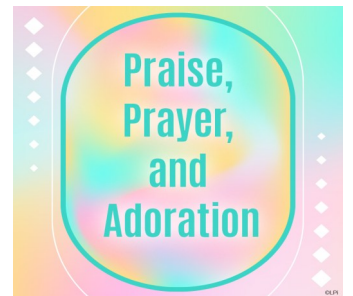
The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Johnny & Austin Morain.

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of Mike Cazes upon his death.



Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 8th are at 8:00am and 6:00pm.

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!



Pray for Vocations
Is Christ calling you this Advent to serve others? 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



Readings for the week of December 7, 2025

- Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/ Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
- Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/ Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/ Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/ Mt 11:11-15
- Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Next 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



The Catholic Daughters will host a Rosary after 9:00am Mass on Sunday, December 14th. Please join them!

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!

BLOOD DRIVE
St. John the Baptist Brusly
Sunday, December 14, 2025
7:00am-1:00pm

MY HEART GREW 3 SIZES THAT DAY!

BLOOD DONOR

All Donors Receive a Free T-Shirt
 For additional information about donating please call 225-765-8843 OR TEXT OLOL BLOOD DONOR CENTER AT 999-777

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE
 Blood Donor Center

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.

Join Us for a Night of Joy & Music!

Christmas CAROL NIGHT

"Voices of the Season, Hearts in Harmony"
 Gather your friends and family and spread the holiday cheer as we gather in the Activity Center, singing timeless carols and festive tunes. Whether you're a seasoned singer or just love the sound of the season, everyone is welcome!

SJB Activity Center Sunday, 5:30PM
 7 December, 2025

Hosted by the Women's Ministry - Led by SJBs very own Sharon Thibodeaux

Christmas Caroling with Women's Ministry
Christmas Carol Night is at 5:30pm in the Activity Center on Sunday, December 7th. Please join us for a night of music, led by Sharon Thibodeaux.

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