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

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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.

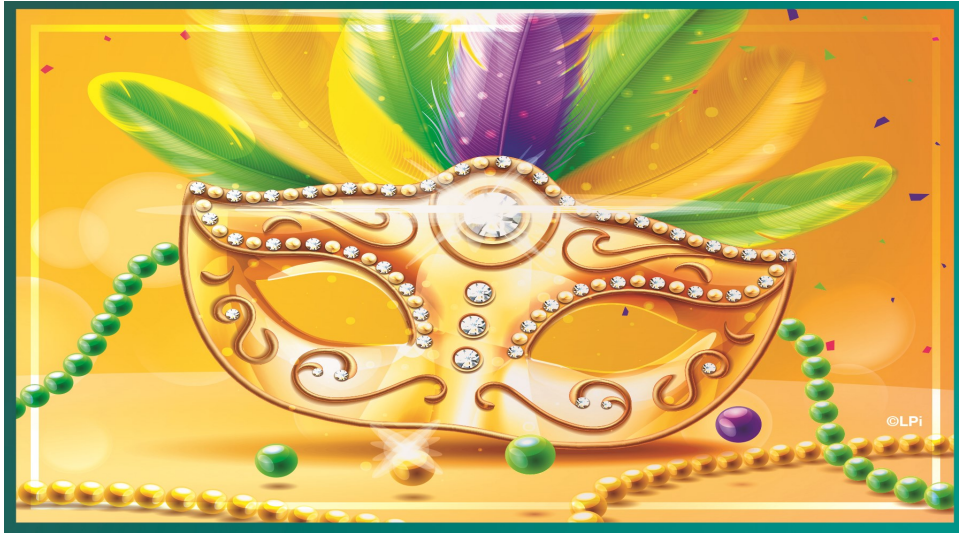
February 23, 2025
7th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Luke 6:27-38

One of my favorite new singers/songwriters is Noah Kahan. I'm a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled "Stick Season," he sings of his hope to "cancel out the darkness I inherited from dad." This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual "inheritance" from his father, and his hope to be free of it. We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It's easy to feel doomed to repeat their darknesses.

But we're not so doomed, thank God. This week's Gospel proclaims this. Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, "**Be merciful just as your Father is merciful**" (Luke 6:36). We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect *that* perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love. Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us.

What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of *God's* life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections that are in our familial or cultural upbringings. It's time to claim that perfect inheritance.

— *Father John Muir*



Mardi Gras

Question:

Carnivale and Mardi Gras celebrations are linked to Ash Wednesday, Lent, fast and abstinence. Can you tell us more about the connections between these events?

Answer:

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the forty days known as Lent. Every year, Christians highlight this penitential season as a time of self-examination, reformation of one's life, and continued development of a deeper spiritual life. The recommended practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving become the focus of Lenten activity and ritual. Each of these spiritual practices is aimed at personal discipline as well as continued concern for the other, especially the poor or alienated.

Forty days is a symbolic biblical period of time, during which personal transformation occurs and out of which people surface as more spiritual, ready to carry out God's mission. Relying on God's providence and care, no matter how difficult life becomes, is crucial to Lenten spirituality. Fasting was initially stricter, permitting only one simple meal a day without meat, fish, or other delicacies. Such things were not even allowed in the house.

In order to prepare for this in an age of no refrigeration, people gathered to consume whatever was not allowed during Lent. This led to parties or celebrations originally referred to as Carnivale, literally meaning "goodbye to meat," or Mardi Gras, literally meaning "Fat Tuesday." The eating and celebrating ended on the Tuesday just before Ash Wednesday. Today we focus more on moderation in all things, as well as a strong concern the poor. What are you doing for the poor this Lent?

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

There will be NO Religion Classes for grades K-8 on March 3rd-5th due to the Mardi Gras holidays.

The 10th Grade Retreat will begin at 11:00am Mass on Sunday, March 9th, and end at 5:00pm in the Activity Center.



Please welcome this child to our faith community who was baptized on February 16th:

Hazel Lorenne Landry
Daughter of Casey & Sarah Landry

Our next Baptismal Seminar is at 6:00pm on Wednesday, March 12th in the Church Office. Please call the Church Office to register for the seminar.

Children's Church
9:00am & 11:00am Masses
March 2 & 16
April 6 & 27



We need Volunteers to lead Children's Church. Opportunities are available during 9am and 11am Masses. Volunteers are scheduled 5 or 6 times a year. Please sign up by calling Jayne Jason at 225-749-3387, or via email: jjason@sjbbrusly.com



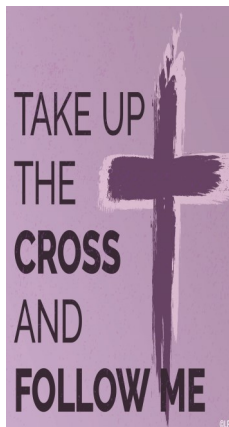
Mark Your Calendar!
Our Feast on the Levee is scheduled for Sunday, October 19th. Hope to see you there!

Stewardship of Finance February 9th:

161 Identified Givers:	\$11,279.00
Loose Collection:	+740.00
Total Collection:	\$12,019.00

Pray for Vocations

Can you take up the Cross and follow Jesus? If God is calling you to serve him in a vocation as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, 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



Thank You!

THANKS to Carolyn Bourgeois and her group for cleaning the Church in February. Please contact Myra Aubin, 225-716-0153, to help during the month of March.

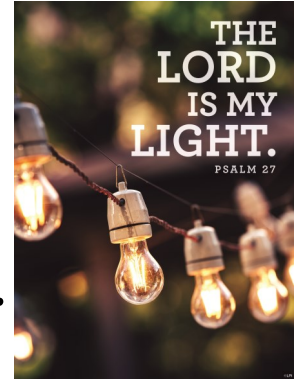
THANKS to Ruth Landry and her team for the Bereavement meals in February. Please contact Ella Dean & Scrap Thibodeaux, 225-937-1998, to assist in March.



All Night Eucharistic Adoration begins at 8:00pm on Friday, February 28th and ends with 8:00am Mass on Saturday, March 1st. Sign up sheets can be found in the back of Church.

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Earl Sarradet.

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of Pierre "Sonny" Brignac, Jr. upon his death.



THANK YOU to our Food Pantry Volunteers who distributed enough food for a month to 30 people! Please consider a monetary donation or bring a nonperishable item to restock their shelves.

The Divine Mercy Novena will begin on Wednesday, February 26th. Mass will be at 6:00pm followed by the Novena. This will continue on Wednesdays through April 23rd.

Ash Wednesday, March 5th
Mass Schedule is as follows:
8:00am, 12:00pm & 6:00pm
The Divine Mercy Novena will follow the 6:00pm Mass.

Way of the Cross begins on Friday, March 7th after Mass at 12:00pm. This will continue on all Fridays during Lent.

Our Lenten Mission is scheduled for March 17th, 18th and 19th. Details to follow.





Readings for the week of February 23, 2025

- Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/ Lk 6:27-38
- Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/ Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50
- Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/ Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/ Mk 10:13-16
- Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/ 1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Retrouvaille, A Lifeline for Married Couples

March 20-23 weekend
Grand Coteau Retreats

Enrollment is now open.

For a stronger Marriage, please call 800-470-2230 or go to: helpourmarriage.org



Zippers/Rita's Closet Thrift Shop
Their next sale dates at 7:30am are:

March 6th & 20th

April 10th & 24th

The Zippers are grateful for your donations; however, they can not accept furniture.

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.

Walk of Remembrance Paver Program
Please support our Brick Paver Project and purchase a brick in honor or memory of someone or something special. Our goal is a minimum of 100 bricks. This Campaign will run through March 16th. The Location of the project can be found on the bulletin board in the back of Church. Forms to purchase bricks are available in the back of Church, in the Church Office, on the Church webpage and online: donate.brickmarkers.com/sjb
For more details, please contact Mark Loreno, 225-614-5540.



K.C.s Spaghetti Dinner is Sunday, March 2nd in the Activity Center. Tickets will be sold after all Masses on February 22nd & 23rd. You can contact any K.C. member to get your dinner tickets.

Organizations
The Catholic Daughters will have a meeting in the Activity Center at 7:00pm on Thursday, March 20th.
They will host a Rosary after 9:00am Mass on the Second Sunday of each Month.
Knights of Columbus:
Meeting at 6:00pm in the Activity Center on Thursday, March 20th
Donuts after 7:30am Mass, March 9th, in the Activity Center
Pro-Life Rosary at 4:00pm on Saturday, March 15th

Women's Weekend Retreat, "Bloom where He plants you," will be on March 21-23 at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Retreat Center in Mississippi. You can register for this Retreat by obtaining a form from the back of Church, the Church Office or via email: Danielle_Peavy@yahoo.com
Registration forms can be returned to the Church Office or the Women's Ministry box in the back of Church. For more information, please contact Anglyn Brown, 225-937-2895 or Danielle Peavy, 225-572-3334.

Brusly Lions Club Card Party
Monday, April 7th, from 10:00am-3:00pm
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Activity Center
Lunch will be provided.