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**WEBSITE:** [sjb-brusly.com](http://sjb-brusly.com)

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION:** 225-749-3387

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil ..... 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.  
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday ..... 8:00 a.m.  
Friday ..... 8:00 a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.  
First Saturday of the month only ..... 8:00 a.m.

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday ..... 3:30–4:15 p.m.  
Monday, Wednesday thru Friday ..... 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  
Lil Stutes ..... Mother’s Day Out  
Sharon Thibodeaux ..... Music Leader

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday–Thursday 8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

**BAPTISM**

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00 am Mass and also celebrated after the 11:00am Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord and Easter Sunday. Parents should call the office to enroll in our baptismal preparation program, preferably early in pregnancy. Parents are encouraged to register in the 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 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 2, 2025**  
**Presentation of the Lord**  
**Luke 2:22-40**

What is the secret to sharing in God's power to overcome our difficulties? Mary teaches us this in the prophecy of her pierced heart. This Sunday, the old man Simeon prophesies that when her son faces opposition, Mary's soul will be pierced by a sword. The seemingly pointless agony of a mother helplessly watching her son be mocked, tortured, killed and then cruelly desecrated in death by a spear — somehow this piercing of her heart releases a power by which **“the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed”** (Luke 2:35). What to make of this?

Whatever problems we currently face, the deepest threat is finally that evil thoughts are hidden in the human heart: hatred, envy, pride, lust, greed and so on. Behind every tyrant's injustice, for example, is a heart unpierced by love. Evil hides in our hearts. Mary's pierced heart, and its suffering love for her son, reveals and scatters these evil thoughts, and replaces them with love, forgiveness, generosity and peace.

This week, I invite us to ponder Mary's pierced heart. Her heart is quietly at work for us in the Church and world, exposing our evil thoughts and making a path for her son's divine love. This is how she gently cooperates in our salvation. Closed hearts are our biggest problem; love-pierced hearts are the ultimate power to overcome every difficulty.

— *Father John Muir*

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – THE THOUGHTS OF MANY HEARTS  
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini Reflection:** The oldest trick of the devil is to distract us from thinking about our hearts. It's not hard for him to do — there are so many other things we could be doing. So, do we have the courage to look to our own hearts, to come face to face with our own choices, our own true selves?

### **The Thoughts of Many Hearts**

When Simeon cradles the infant Messiah in his arms, he speaks of salvation and glory and revelation. He speaks of his own death. He speaks of the fulfillment of God's promise to all people.

But most memorable, in my opinion, are his words about the hearts of men. This Child, he says, will be the way “the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

Perhaps you're like me. Perhaps you don't enjoy scrutinizing yourself, your actions, your intentions. You don't like reflecting on why you feel or react the way you do, and you really don't enjoy measuring those feelings and reactions against what you know they could be.

It's exhausting to sit with God, your heart in your hands, both of us looking at it, talking about it. So far too often, I opt out.

The oldest trick of the devil, you see, is to distract us from thinking about our hearts. It's not hard for him to do. There are so many other things I could be doing, after all. Answering emails. Catching up on laundry. Scrolling Facebook. Worrying about inflation and the election. Stressing about my kid's dance recital and next week's busy schedule.

But where is God truly at work? Where is the place God will point to, when my life on Earth has come to its close?

It is the very depths of my heart. The place where I am my most authentic self, for better or worse. The place where all my pretensions crumble away, and I am alone with the truth of who I am and what I choose to do.

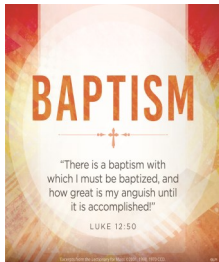
Am I brave enough to look into the depths of my own heart?

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# Christian Formation

**First Eucharist Meeting** for Parent and Child will be at 6:00pm on Thursday, February 13th in Church.

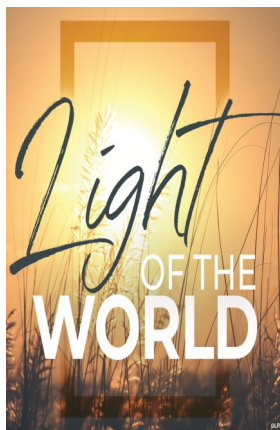
**9th Grade Retreat** is Sunday, February 23rd. Mass begins at 11:00am and the retreat concludes at 5:00pm in the Activity Center.



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.

*The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Gerald & Beatrice Tullier and Judy Tullier.*

**Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of John David Berthelot upon his death.**



## Stewardship of Finance

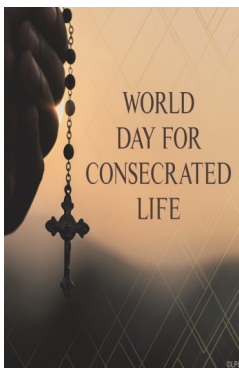
January 19th:

166 Identified Givers:	\$9,727.83
Loose Collection:	<u>+1,015.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$10,742.83

Thank you for your generosity!

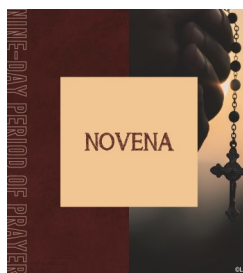
## 2024 Tax Contribution Statement

You may request an itemized 2024 Tax Statement of your contributions by emailing Betty Cain: [bcain@sjbbrusly.com](mailto:bcain@sjbbrusly.com)



**Pray for Vocations**  
**Are you being called to 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](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org) or visit: [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations)**

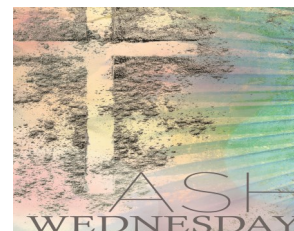
# Confirmation Class of 2025



**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.**



**Upcoming Events at Our Church**  
**Thursday, February 6th:** Zippers Thrift Shop Sale at 7:30am

**Monday, February 10th:** Food Pantry distribution at 8:30am at the Activity Center

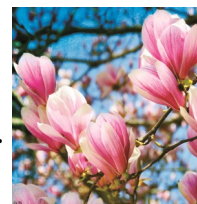
**Tuesday, February 11th:** Children's Choir Practice at 5:00pm in Church

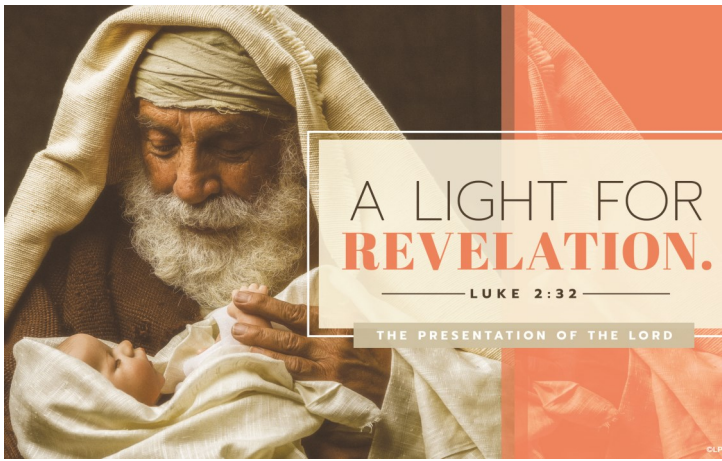
Women's Weekend Retreat, "Bloom where He plants you," will be on March 21-23 at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Retreat Center in Mississippi.

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](mailto: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 call Anglyn Brown, 225-937-2895 or Danielle Peavy, 225-572-3334.





**Readings for the week of February 2, 2025**

- Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/  
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/  
Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/  
Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/  
Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11/  
Mk 6:7-13
- Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/  
Mk 6:30-34
- Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/  
1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

**A Trip to Croatia, Poland & Medjugorje with Father John**

**September 22-October 3, 2025  
12 day Pilgrimage through**

**Nativity Pilgrimage: [info@nativitypilgrimage.com](mailto:info@nativitypilgrimage.com)**

**It's time to register!**

**For more information, please contact Debbie Dupuy,  
225-247-0052**



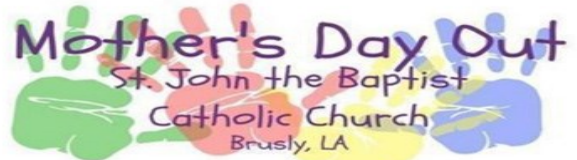
**The Bereavement Committee has lost several members this past year. If you would like to volunteer to be a part of this Ministry, we would appreciate your time and help. Each Committee Member helps with meals for two months out of the year. Please call Ruth Landry,**

**225-749-3101 to join this important Ministry that serves our Church community.**

**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.**

**To register, please contact Andrea Normand,  
225-328-4843**



**Registration Dates**

1/28/2025	Current MDO Families
2/4-5/2025	SJB Catholic Church Parishioners
2/6/2025	New Families

**Please support the K.C.'s Baby Bottle Campaign by taking a baby bottle from the back of Church and placing your donation inside. You can return the baby bottle to the back of Church by February 9th. These proceeds benefit the Family Life Foundation Pregnancy Problem Center in Baton Rouge to help women and men facing unplanned pregnancies.**



**Jambalaya Benefit for the Ava & Jacob Saucier Memorial Scholarship to Holy Family School Sunday, February 23rd, from 10:30am-1:00pm Holy Family Parish Hall  
Dinners are \$10.00 each and you can dine in or drive through. Please call Andrea Normand, 225-328-4843, to purchase tickets.**

**Things happening around our Diocese**

**Talking with your Children about sex and contraception: February 13th, 6:30pm-8:00pm at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Activity Center in Zachary.**

**Magnificat Women's Breakfast: February 15th, 9:00am-12:00pm at Oak Lodge Reception Center in Baton Rouge, 225-235-3021**

**School of Identity: February 21st-22nd weekend, Cypress Springs Mercedarian Center in Baton Rouge, 225-752-8480**

**Prison Ministry Day of Fellowship & Formation: February 22nd, 8:00am-1:30pm at the Kleinpeter Activity Center in Baton Rouge**

**Go Make Disciples, Diocese of Alexandria: March 7th-9th at the Randolph Riverfront Center in Alexandria, 281-358-9195**

**Men of the Immaculata Men's Conference: March 8th at St. George Catholic Church in Baton Rouge, 225-266-2956**

Flyers for most of these events can be found on the bulletin board in the back of Church or on the Church website.