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**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.

PRACTICING CATHOLIC – THE CATCH  
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini Reflection:** What does it mean to lower your net? It means to listen to God, even when you don't understand Him. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you.

**The Catch**

I love today's Gospel passage, and not just because I love a good fish fry.

I love it because I am Peter. Over and over again, I am Peter, standing here exhausted because I relied on my own abilities, and it got me nowhere. I'm ready to call it quits. I'm ready to say it's too hard. And here comes Jesus, asking me to lower my net. To keep trying.

And I try to talk sense into him. "It's not going to work, God," I insist. "I've been trying."

"You've been trying," Jesus agrees. "But you haven't asked for my help yet."

What does it mean to lower your net? It sounds so simple and so easy, but it takes a great deal of humility and trust. I think I'm the expert on my own life, the captain of my own ship. Peter probably thought so, too — he was the fisherman, after all. Why would a fisherman listen to a carpenter on matters of fishing?

Lowering your net means giving God control and letting yourself be changed by what He chooses to show you.

It means to listen to God's instructions, even when you don't understand them, even when you find them frustrating. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing, even when it hasn't born much fruit. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you, even when all you want to do is give into feelings of bitterness and distrust.

If we would only lower our nets, the catch would astound us.

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GOSEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**February 9, 2025**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Luke 5:1-11**

My parents' garage is full of old junk that no longer serves any purpose in my life. As a 46-year-old man, I admit that's pretty lame. Either due to my sentimentality or laziness (or both, probably), I just couldn't get myself to throw things away. But a few days ago, by a grace of God, I thought: "I'll hire my nephew Ryan to throw a bunch of my stuff away — he couldn't care less about my junk!" And you know what? It worked. In one day, Ryan chucked the majority of his uncle's useless stuff. I feel so free, ready for a new junk-free chapter in my life.

This kind of thing happens in this Sunday's Gospel. Peter's net is full of useless junk. Luke says he and the others are cleaning their nets after catching no fish. Imagine them dejectedly and impatiently removing a nasty assortment of seaweed, sticks and muck. The Lord teaches and calls them once their nets are cleared out. So it goes with us. Spiritual life begins by removing that which is useless and merely taking up space in our hearts, minds and lives. Then Jesus teaches and acts in a marvelous way in our lives, too.

So what's junking up your net? What habits, attachments, possessions, preoccupations? If, like me, you struggle to clean your nets by yourself, ask the Lord to send you someone like my nephew to be your "Peter" and help you clean it out. It is well worth it. Once Peter's net is clean, he is free to make a wonderful catch.

— *Father John Muir*

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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.



### Children's Church

9:00am & 11:00am Masses

February 16

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. If interested, please contact Jayne Jason at 225-749-3387 or via email: [jjason@sjbbrusly.com](mailto:jjason@sjbbrusly.com)

*The Sanctuary Candle  
burns in memory of  
Wallace Thibodeaux.*



### Stewardship of Finance

January 26th:

135 Identified Givers:	\$5,791.00
Loose Collection:	+894.00
Total Collection:	\$6,685.00

Church in Latin America Collection: \$560.00

Thank you for your generosity!



### Pray for Vocations

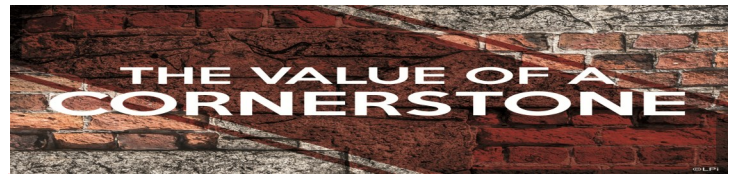
If you are contemplating a life of prayer, please consider the calling to a vocation as a priest, deacon, sister or brother.

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)

**Called By Name** is the Diocese's vocation program for men 16 years of age or older, who may be considering the priesthood. For more information, please get the QR code on the flyer in back of Church or from the Church website.

**Quo Vadis Weekend Retreat** for young men in high school, February 21-23, Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, Baton Rouge  
For more information, please email: [beaubennett@gmail.com](mailto:beaubennett@gmail.com)



### Walk of Remembrance Paver Program

Our Church has begun a Brick Paver Project where you will be able to purchase a brick in honor or memory of someone or something special. This Campaign will run through March 16th. 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](http://donate.brickmarkers.com/sjb)

For more details, please contact Mark Loreno, 225-614-5540.

## LENTEN SCHEDULE

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.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

We need more Liturgical Ministers at the following Masses:

**Altar Servers** are needed at 4:30pm

**Eucharistic Ministers** are needed at 4:30pm & 9:00am

**Ushers** are needed at all Masses

Please call the Church Office to sign up. THANKS!

### Zipper's Thrift Shop

Sale Dates at 7:30am

February 20

March 6 & 20

April 10 & 24

You can reach them at 225-506-8622.





**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.  
- Lk 5:10-11

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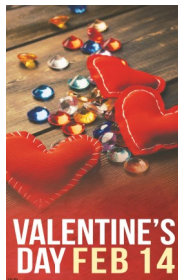
**Readings for the week of February 9, 2025**

- 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
- Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and  
35c//Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/  
Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/  
Mk 8:1-10
- Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/  
1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

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**VALENTINE'S  
DAY FEB 14**

**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.

**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.**

**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**



**Retrouvaille, A Lifeline for  
Married Couples  
March 20-23 weekend  
Grand Coteau Retreats  
Enrollment is now open.  
For more information, please call  
800-470-2230**

**K.C. Calendar Winners for January  
Ronnie Simmers; Vincent Bianca; Larry Vicari, Sr; Glenda Boudreaux; Blaize Blanchard; Chris Kershaw; David Ducote; Jacob McGrew; Kristyn Daigle; Ms. Dale Davidson; Frankie O'Neil; Annette Patrick; Eric Blanchard; Dan Patrick; Taeler Richard; Madden Ourso; Vernon Alleman; Carl Badeaux; Madison Blanchard; J.D. & Faye Pellerin; Sally LeBlanc; Chris Romero; Joey Mancuso; Juanita Steward; Debbie Barbier; Larry Wille; Lydia Richard; Stephen Dupont, Jr; Brandi Mancuso; Annette Patrick; Steve Lavergne**

**St John the Baptist Parish Council Members 2025-2026**

- Christian Benoit**
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- Justin Clouatre**
- Horace Crochet, Chairman**
- Janice Hebert**
- Fr. Arun John, IMS**
- Chris "Fish" Kershaw**
- Suzanne Mouch**
- Maggie Prejean**
- Mike Prejean, Secretary**
- Kristi Rabalais**
- Edana Robnett**

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- Richard Dugas**
- Joey Normand**
- Danny Rabalais**
- Nat Smith**
- Gary Tullier**

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