



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

• catholic church •



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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.

Dear Parishioners,

Most young couples look forward to their wedding day as the most wonderful day of their lives. They plan and prepare for their wedding well in advance so that the wedding celebration goes off very smoothly without any problems. Sometimes, in spite of our best efforts, our plans can end up unpleasant or even tragic, with situations that we didn't anticipate. It could be unseasonal rains that send our guests looking for cover. It could be an unexpected snow storm that prevents many guests from attending the wedding. It could be a situation of running short of food for the invited guests. Or it could be that the priest who is supposed to officiate the wedding failed to show up. It could be almost anything that can disrupt a wedding, and cause an embarrassing situation for the couple and the entire family. Such an embarrassment was about to happen to the wedding couple and the family at Cana in Galilee. That is the reason the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee touches us, because we can identify with the newly married young couple. They hoped that nothing would go wrong, and in spite of all their best calculations, the wine ran out; and the couple would have been exposed to embarrassment on the day of their wedding.

As we heard in the Gospel, the wedding couple didn't have to face such an embarrassing situation because Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was there. She noticed something was not right, and her intuition told her what the problem was. The moment she realized it, her heart went out to the young couple. In her eagerness to help them, she approached her Son, Jesus, and told him, "They have no wine" (Jn 2:2). And Jesus replied to her, "Woman how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come" (Jn 2:4). Although this statement of Jesus sounded like He was brushing aside His Mother in a rude manner, the statement that Jesus made was true. The crowning moment of His life, would come only with His death, resurrection and ascension, when He would show His glory. And yet Mary had some clue that Jesus would oblige her in working a miracle, to give the people a foretaste of what future glory could be. So, she got the waiters to prepare for the extraordinary intervention of Jesus by telling them, "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5). And then Jesus worked a miracle by turning water into the best wine, so much so that the steward was completely astonished. A crisis had been averted and the wedding feast could go on with all its joy and merriment.

Just as it is possible that something can go wrong at a wedding celebration, there is a possibility that even after a smooth wedding celebration, things can go wrong in the couple's married life. In fact, every marriage has its fair share of crises and difficulties. Even happily married people realize early in their wedded life that marriage is not a bed of roses. Disillusionment can set in when spouses fail to meet each other's expectations. Many undesirable behaviors surface in the partner's life that the other partner was never even aware of; and with the arrival of their children, things may get worse for them. In their attempt to take good care of their children, they can get distanced from each other. And when the children grow to be teenagers, new problems begin to surface. Conflicts arise with regard to in-laws, finances, household work, leisure activities, sex, socializing, and retaining one's private space. It is sad to see that in some situations a spouse, son or daughter walk out of the house and decide to have nothing to do with the family any more. At these times, they should use all of the resources available to save their family. Just as people use good management skills in their work places, couples should use good management skills in sustaining their marriage. They can use smooth interpersonal skills which can make a big difference to their relationship at home. They should make use of effective problem-solving strategies in their own personal lives. These same approaches can help solve many of the conflicts they face in their family life. And above all, couples and their families need to realize that in their crises, just as at the wedding feast at Cana, the Mother of Jesus and the Lord are just a whisper away. You should not hesitate to call for their help.

May God bless you all!
Fr. John



Christian Formation

Confirmation is scheduled for 7:00pm on Thursday, January 23rd. Reception will follow in the Activity Center.

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

Children's Church

9:00am & 11:00am Masses

January 26

February 2 & 16

March 2 & 16

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

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Mercedes & Bill Garlington.

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of Ty Dupont upon his death.



Father John will travel to India from January 24-February 25. There will be Communion Services on the Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8:00am while he is away.

Stewardship of Finance

January 12th: (includes January 1st EFTs)
 241 Identified Givers: \$19,255.00
 Loose Collection: +812.00
 Total Collection: \$20,067.00

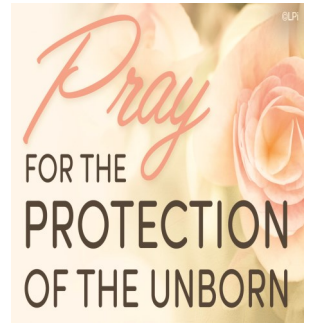
Thank you for your generosity!

2024 Tax Contribution Statement

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

Pro-Life Prayer Service

We will have a Pro-Life Prayer Service at 6:00pm on Wednesday, January 22nd in Church. Please join us!



Mother's Day Out
 St. John the Baptist
 Catholic Church
 Brusly, LA

Registration Dates

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

Vocations

Are you being called as God's co-worker? Can you serve God 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

WE MUST USE
MERCY
 FOR THE PRESENT
AND HAVE
HOPE
 FOR THE FUTURE.
 -ST. JOHN BOSCO



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 call Anglyn Brown, 225-937-2895 or Danielle Peavy, 225-572-3334.



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."
- Jn 2:1-3

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Readings for the week of January 19, 2025

- Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/
1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
- Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/
Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/
Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/
Mk 16:15-18
- Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn
6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Men's W.B.R. ACTS Retreat

**St. John the Baptist and Holy Family
January 30-February 2**

The Retreat is almost here! Flyers can be found in the back of Church. You may also use the QR code on the bulletin board to obtain more information.



A Trip to Croatia, Poland & Medjugorje with Father John

**September 22-October 3, 2025
12 day Pilgrimage through
Nativity Pilgrimage:
info@nativitypilgrimage.com
or by calling, 832-406-7050**

Cost for this trip is \$4,799 per person. Details can be found in the brochures in back of Church. You will need a passport. A deposit of \$300 is required when you register.

It will be a great adventure!

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 2025

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
CHURCH ACTIVITY CENTER

6:00 AM – 11:00 AM

DINE IN OR CARRY OUT
\$5 PER PLATE

Pancake
Breakfast



The K.C.'s Baby Bottle Campaign begins on the weekend of January 25-26. Please take a baby bottle from the back of Church and place 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.

Catholic Women are invited to a Magnificat of the Diocese of Baton Rouge Prayer Breakfast on February 15, 2025 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm at Oak Lodge Reception Center, 2834 South Sherwood Forest Blvd in Baton Rouge.



Our Speaker is Marilyn Seibert, a native of New Roads and a long-time resident of Baton Rouge. Her story took her from Baton Rouge to the University of Washington in Seattle and back to Baton Rouge. Her spiritual journey took many twists and turns and all were necessary for spiritual development and maturity.

The music ministry of Mercy Beaucoup will lead us in Praise & Worship. For more information, contact Dianne Lencse at 225-235-3021/Gwen Gillis 225-505-7050 by Phone or Text. Online registration at MagnificatJAN2025.Eventbrite.com

**Prison Ministry Day of Fellowship & Formation
Saturday, February 22nd from 8:00am-1:30pm
Kleinpeter Activity Center, 7808 St. George Drive,
Baton Rouge**
If you are interested in volunteering for the Prison Ministry, please register: diobr.org/pm-event or contact Jorge Lavastida: jlavastida@diobr.org

Chaplains and leaders from our State Prisons, along with Father Tom Ranzino, will present opportunities for this ministry.