



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

• catholic church •



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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.

January 26, 2025
3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

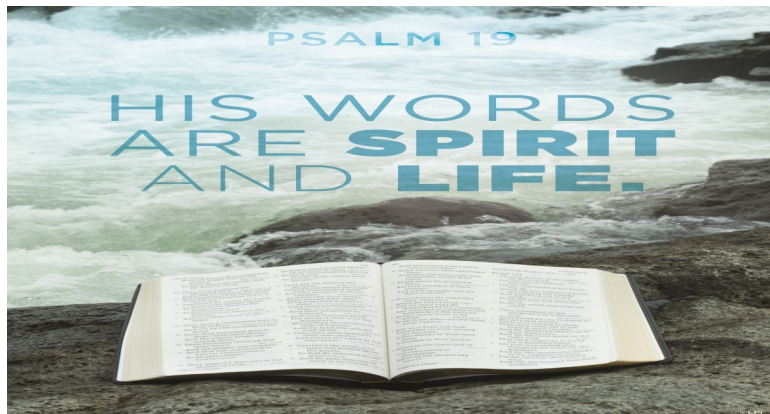
A young couple in my parish told me they were expecting their second child, a baby boy. I knew that their five-year old only child Emma had been desperately wanting to be a big sister for years, so I said, “Emma must have been so happy when you told her the news.” “Actually,” they said, “she burst into tears. She wanted a baby *sister!*” How often in life God wonderfully fulfills our desires and we are sad because we don’t approve of the *way* he does it. We want to control the gift and the delivery method.

The same thing occurs in the Gospel this week when Jesus announces in his hometown that the promise of an Anointed One bringing glad tidings to the poor is “**fulfilled in your hearing**” (Luke 4:21). After a moment of elation, his fellow townsfolk realize *this man* is the way God is fulfilling his promises, and they erupt into a violent outburst. So Jesus departs. How sad for them.

Every single Sunday at Mass, including this one, some version of this happens to many of us. God’s word announces the fulfillment of God’s promises in Christ, and we easily overlook or disdain it. His way is almost never according to our narrow expectations. What’s required of us is to set these aside, and to embrace a new openness to God’s gifts, no matter how he wishes to give them. God is fulfilling his promises the way He likes — why be sad?

— *Father John Muir*

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – THESE EVIL DAYS
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: Jesus didn’t come to fix the brokenness of the world. He came to fix *our* brokenness. He offers us not relief from the trials of life, but an answer to the question of how to live in joy, in love and in purpose in the midst of these evil days.

These Evil Days

“Alas, that these evil days should be mine.”

If you’ve ever seen “The Lord of the Rings,” you might recognize this quote from “The Two Towers.” The words are spoken by King Theoden at the grave of his only son and heir, as Theoden contemplates the coming war for Middle Earth, a war which has already claimed the life of his son, a war he wants no part of, a war that seems utterly hopeless and unwinnable.

These evil days.

You don’t have to be a fantasy enthusiast or even a Tolkien fan to identify with Theoden here. We have all experienced this same feeling of despair, perhaps increasingly in this age of technology and social media, when the ills of the whole world — violence, injustice, moral disorder and chaos — are in our faces, on our phones, looming over our days.

But when we despair like this, we forget an important truth: this is the time of fulfillment, and we are lucky enough to be living through it.

Yes, the world is broken. It was broken two thousand years ago, too, when Jesus stood up in the synagogue on the Sabbath and read the words of the prophet Isaiah: “He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives...and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.”

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Christian Formation

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



CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates of 2025!

Courtlyn Alexander
Hunter Bickham
Brody Bourgoyne
Annie Dunaway
Annalise Dupont
Carly Freeman
Jonathan Lefeaux
Mac McKinney
Meredith Maciasz
Noah Martinez
Camille Meyer

Brody Pierce
Evan Prejean
Coy Purpera
Brayden Ray
Madelyn Roberts
Emily Sanchez
Brooke Settoon
Adyson Simoneaux
Addison Stein
Elle Stutes
Drake Vincent

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of
L.M. Comeaux.*

**Prayers and Sympathy are
extended to the
family of Danny Prejean
upon his death.**



2024 Tax Contribution Statement

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



Registration Dates

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



Please welcome this child to our faith community who was baptized on January 19th:

Christopher Beck Prejean

son of Christopher & Kelsie Prejean

Happy Anniversary

The Diocese of Baton Rouge will have the Wedding Anniversary Mass at 2:00pm on Sunday, February 9th, at St. Jude the Apostle Church in Baton Rouge.

The deadline to register to attend has been extended to **January 29th**. This Mass will celebrate those anniversaries of 25, 50, 65 years and over. A reception will follow in their Church Hall. You can obtain a registration form in the Church Office.



Pray for Vocations

Are you being called to strengthen God's Church 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

"But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, Jacob, and formed you, Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine."

ISAIAH 43:1



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Scan the QR code to submit the name of a young man you believe might be called to discern the priesthood.



Remember, there are many good prospective priests who are simply waiting to be asked.

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me...
He has sent me to
proclaim liberty to
captives
and recovery of sight
to the blind,
to let the oppressed
go free.
- Lk 4:18

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. ©LPI

Readings for the week of January 26, 2025

- 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
- Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/
Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/
Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/
Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/
Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

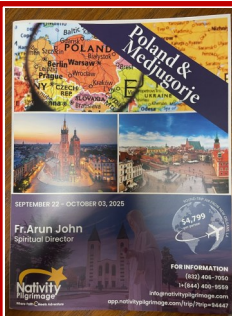
Organizations

Catholic Daughters will have a meeting on Thursday, February 20th at 7:00pm in the Activity Center.

Knights of Columbus will have their meeting at 6:00pm in the Activity Center on Thursday, February 20th.

Donuts will be served on February 9th after 7:30am Mass in the Activity Center.

Pro-Life Rosary on February 15th at 4:00pm.



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



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

February 6th & 20th
March 6th & 20th
April 10th & 24th

The Zippers are grateful for your donations throughout the year!

ACTS Super Bowl Football Board Fundraiser

Please support the Men's ACTS Retreat Group of West Baton Rouge. You can help with this ACTS fundraiser by contacting Justin Cloutre via email: justin.cloutre@yahoo.com or by viewing their social media page: WBR ACTS

THANK YOU

THANKS to Mary Delapasse and her group for cleaning the Church in January. Please contact Carolyn Bourgeois, 776-3325, to help during the month of February.

THANKS to Ruth Landry and her team for the Bereavement meals in January. Please contact Ruth Landry, 225-749-3101, to assist in February.

Trip to Washington D.C.
4 Day guided group trip on May 30th with Donna Kirkland
Please contact Donna Kirkland, 225-803-6013 or via email, donnakirkland@gmail.com to sign up.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

