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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  
Dana Babin ..... Bookkeeper  
Candice Breaux ..... Youth Group Minister  
June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
Sara Hernandez ..... Janitorial  
Jayne Jason ..... Child Protection  
Layne Mire ..... Parish Secretary  
Lil Stutes ..... Mother’s Day Out  
Celeste Veillon ..... Music Director

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday–Thursday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
Office closed for lunch 12:00–1:00 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.

**RITE 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,

James was in love with Jaqueline, Jacqui as he would tenderly call her. Jacqui was head over heels in love with him. During the time they were courting one another, James noticed some hidden spark of life surfacing in him. He was a quiet person, but after he started dating Jacqui he began to blossom. Similarly, Jacqui had discovered the hidden depths that were in James and in herself. Then one day something unthinkable happened, James was in a terrible accident that left him paralyzed. The doctor did not offer much hope of James' recovery to his normal state. His mind was alert, but his body was a different story. His face was contorted and his limbs did not move much. His speech was not very clear. James pleaded with Jacqui that she should not waste her life with him, but instead marry someone else who is healthier and more capable. Jacqui would have none of it. She was determined that if she decided to marry at all, it would be to James and no one else. She would stay with him for the rest of her life.

I am sure that we have heard of similar heroic stories of courage, commitment and faithfulness. James and Jacqui had no idea that things would turn out this way when they first fell in love and decided to commit themselves to each other. They had no idea what they were in for. This is the same for all of us. Our stories of life are no different from James and Jacqui. We make our commitment to each other in faith, and hope that everything will turn out to be good. But, things happen in life that we can't even imagine. In today's Gospel we hear of men who were invited to follow Jesus: Simon, his brother Andrew, and John, and his brother James. We see a total commitment on their part, when Jesus called them. They left everything and followed Jesus. When they decided to follow Jesus, they had no idea how their lives would turn out. They never imagined the sufferings their master would have to go through and that he would end up dying on the cross. They followed Jesus throughout all his ministry, believing that everything would turn out good. They even enjoyed special moments with Jesus, at the Transfiguration and at the garden of Gethsemane. They were the ones who didn't seem to understand Jesus' real message and significance. They quarreled about who would be the greatest. They disowned and ditched Him when he was arrested, but Jesus always stood by them and continued to consider them His apostles. He even entrusted Simon with the responsibility of leading the Church. We can admire the Lord's commitment to His Apostles. Though they abandoned Him, He stood by them. This is in striking contrast with the culture of our time. In today's culture, people are quick to drop one relationship and look for another at the slightest provocation. Friends part ways after a single harsh word, or over a healthy confrontation. Couples are ready to walk out of a marriage for simple reasons. We all know that only faithful and committed relationships can last for a long time.

It was the faithfulness that made Jacqui stick with James, even after being paralyzed. It was the faithfulness of Jesus to His apostles that made Him stick with them, even after they deserted Him. God calls all of us to faithfulness and loyalty to the Kingdom, and in our own relationships. When there is faithfulness and loyalty, we will be able to withstand all moments of difficulties and disappointments in life. When we become victims of jealousy, rejection and hatred, we can get through those moments by holding on to the Lord. In moments when we are sidelined and not given due worth, we can bank on the Lord as the pillar and foundation of our lives. Let us understand that our strength as Christians lies in our communion with the Lord. As St. Paul says, "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me!"

May God bless us all!

Fr. John



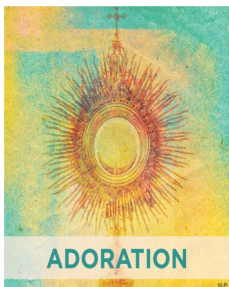
# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**2024 Wedding Anniversary Mass**  
**Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 2:00pm**  
**Most Blessed Sacrament Church**  
**15615 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge**  
**The Diocese of Baton Rouge will celebrate**  
**Wedding Anniversaries of 25th, 50th &**  
**65th, and those over 65 years at this Mass.**  
**A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.**

**Please call the Church Office by January 31st to register.**



The Divine Mercy Novena and Mass will begin at 6:00pm on Wednesday, February 7th. It will continue for 9 weeks each Wednesday and the last one will be on April 3rd.



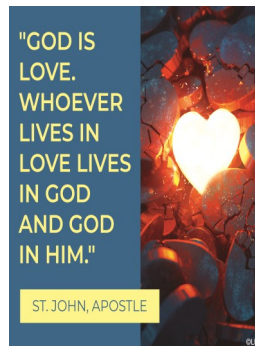
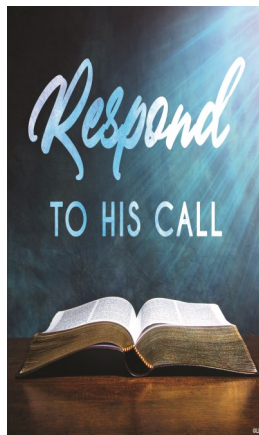
All Night Eucharistic Adoration  
Friday, February 2nd at 8:00pm through Saturday, February 3rd at 8:00am. Sign-up sheets are in the back of Church.

1st Saturday Mass is at 8:00am on Saturday, February 3rd.

*The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Bakie Manola.*



**Pray for Vocations**  
**Will you follow Jesus and strengthen His Church by accepting a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? If God is calling you as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, please reach out to Father Josh Johnson at 225-336-8778 or email him: jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations**



**Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the families of Wallace Hendry, Jr., Leonard "Buddy" Roberts, Sr., and Jim Thibodeaux upon their deaths.**

### Organizations

**Catholic Daughters** will have a meeting on Thursday, February 1st at 7:00pm in the Activity Center.

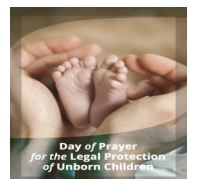
**Knights of Columbus** will have their meeting at 6:00pm in the Activity Center on Thursday, February 1st.

Donuts will be served on February 11th after 7:30am Mass in the Activity Center.

Pro-Life Rosary on February 17th at 4:00pm

The KCs are accepting applications for the C.Y.L.A. scholarship that is offered to High School Catholic Senior students. The deadline is January 25th and the link to apply can be found on the Church facebook page.

The KCs Baby Bottle Campaign for the Family Life Foundation Pregnancy Problem Center begins January 20th. Please fill the bottle with cash or a check and leave it in the back of Church.



Please mark your calendar!

**The Zippers** next sale date is Thursday, January 25th at 7:30am.

**The Eucharistic Revival** is from 6:30pm-7:30pm on Thursday, January 25th in the Activity Center.

**The Catholic Daughters** will host a Rosary for Our Lady of Lourdes at 10:00am on Sunday, February 11th at the Grotto.

**Our Next Blood Drive** will be from 7:00am-1:00pm on Sunday, June 2nd.

**Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for July 8th-12th in the Activity Center.

**Feast on the Levee** will be on Sunday, October 20th.

**Mother's Day Out 2024-2025 Registration**



**January 25th** is for existing MDO families.

**January 30th** is for St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Parishioners.

**January 31st** is open to all families.

Please contact Lil Stutes for details: mdo.stjohn@gmail.com

Stewardship of Finance  
Total Collection for January 7th: \$11,801.00

Please consider a donation to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your donation supports Catholic education and our Baton Rouge seminarians as they study to become priests.



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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### Readings for the week of January 21, 2024

- Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/  
1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
- Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/  
Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/  
Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/  
Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc,  
2/Mk 16:15-18
- Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3,  
7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-  
15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/  
1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

**Better Together.**

Marriages do not typically fail because couples do not love each other. They fail because couples do not understand each other. The primary focus of the Retrouvaille program is to help couples learn to communicate more effectively and rediscover each other.

Retrouvaille is the largest ministry in the world focused on improving struggling marriages. It is an affordable three-phase program that helps couples face their marriage challenges in a productive and healthy way. It begins with a Weekend Retreat, followed by Post Weekend follow up sessions, and ongoing monthly marriage support.

**RETROUVAILLE**  
A COURSE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Visit [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org) to Register for an Upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend Retreat  
Call 1-800-470-2230 for Information

**Retrouvaille can help get your marriage back on track.**

**March 8th-10th weekend retreat**

**For more information, please contact Randall & Robin Bellard, 225-271-4092, or visit: [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)**

**Tribunal Secretary/Receptionist/Notary position open at the Diocese of Baton Rouge**  
**The Tribunal Secretary/Receptionist/Notary functions as receptionist and secretary for the Director of the Tribunal Office. For more information on the requirements of this position, go to: [www.diobr.org/tribunal-secretary-receptionist-notary](http://www.diobr.org/tribunal-secretary-receptionist-notary)**