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

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Friday at 8:00 a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.

First Saturday of the month **only** at 8:00 a.m.

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday at 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday thru Friday at 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  
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**BAPTISM**

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00am Mass. Parents should call the office to enroll in our baptismal preparation program, preferably early in pregnancy. Parents are encouraged to register in this 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 your 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,

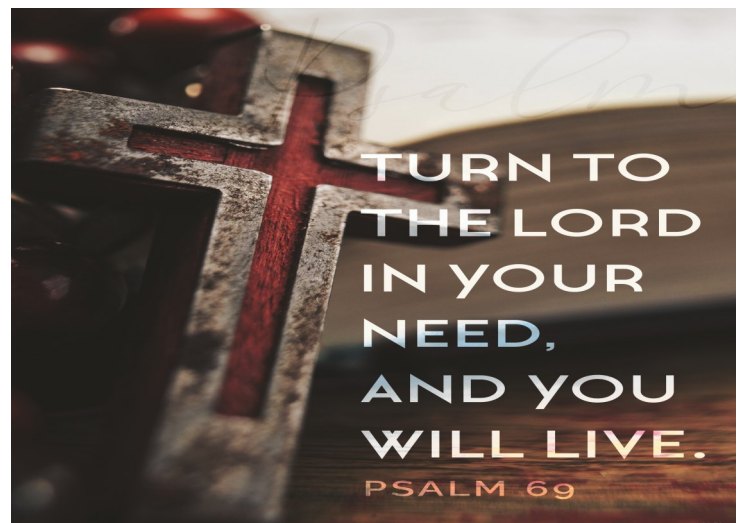
In our Gospel today, Jesus gives an example of who is a good person and how to be good. That is, those who know and love their neighbor. "But who is our neighbor?" a teacher of the law asks, and Jesus gives us the Parable of the Good Samaritan. This teacher wanted a precise answer from Jesus. Among the Jews of Jesus' time, there were those who understood "neighbor" in a very limited way. According to the Essenes of Qumran, your neighbor is one who shares the same religious persuasion as yourself. Zealots understand neighbor as one who shares the same nationality and ethnicity with them. Mr. Webster said that neighbor means someone who is near to us, either physically or socially, or perhaps in one's affections. If we are commanded to love this kind of neighbor, then it is very easy to love them. But, an average Jew would not regard the Samaritan as a neighbor. For the Jews, the Samaritans are outside the circle of neighborly love. Jesus came into a world not of "we" and "them"; "we" being the circle of those recognized as neighbors, and "them" being the rest of the world (even those regarded as strangers and enemies of people). Jesus came into a world of "us", where all are included.

The new thing in Jesus' teaching of neighborly love is His insistence that all humanity is one big neighborhood. Jesus broke down the walls of division, and the borders of prejudice, and the suspicions that humans have erected between "us" and "them". There is no precise limit to love, and no satisfactory definition for love. To define love is to limit it, and genuine love cannot be confined to man-made limits. My neighbor is anyone in need. The person next door, the poor people in the streets, the innocent victims of war and natural calamities all over the world, and persons in our own communities, etc. To bring home this message, Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan. This man is regarded as the Number One Enemy of the Jewish establishments; he is the one who finally proves himself a neighbor to the Jewish man in need. To the question, "Who is my neighbor?", Jesus's answer is anyone and everyone without exception.

How do we come to recognize our neighbor, and how are we to love him or her? Our neighbors, according to Jesus' teaching, need not be just strangers, but also the needy members of our own families, parishes and community. They can be our children or grandchildren who violated the rules, or a daughter who moves in with a married man or vice versa, or a son or daughter who is a drug addict or alcoholic, or our old parents in nursing homes or hospitals wanting to see us. It is sad that sometimes we treat our own people worse than we treat strangers. How often have I turned cold to someone who badly needed my help? Maybe I don't want my schedule to be disturbed by reaching out to others in need. Or perhaps, color, race, sex, prejudice or my anger, has become a barrier for me being a neighbor to others.

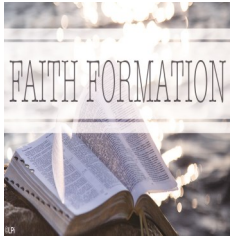
Alexander the Great came upon Diogenes, the Greek philosopher, who was looking attentively at a heap of human bones. "What are you looking for?" asked Alexander. "Something that I cannot find," replied the philosopher. "And what is that?" queried Alexander. And the quick reply from Diogenes was, "The difference between your father's bones and those of the slaves." The man-made discriminations which are deep-rooted in the hearts and minds of humans, block the sources of love and compassion. As Christians, we should break off all the barriers which are preventing us from helping our neighbors who are in need. Let us pray that we are able to remove all the barriers that prevent us from recognizing our neighbors, and being neighbors to one another.

God Bless You,  
Fr. John



# REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Christian Formation Registration will take place in the Activity Center after all Masses on the weekend of July 19th & 20th.



**Christian Formation Meetings**  
**Parent Meeting: July 29th at 6:00pm in the Activity Center**

**Catechist Meeting: July 30th at 6:00pm in the Activity Center**

**Come join the Youth Group!**

For Middle School & High School Students  
 Sunday, July 27th  
 at 5:00pm in the Activity Center



**Children's Church**  
 9:00am & 11:00am Masses  
 July 20  
 August 3 & 17  
 September 7 & 21



Please call Jayne, 225-749-3387, if you can volunteer to help with this ministry.

## Pray for Vocations

Jesus sent His Disciples out in pairs. Are you being called to His Discipleship as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? God's grace is all you need. 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)



Please welcome these children to our faith community who were baptized on June 29th:

**Hollis Roy Andre'**  
 son of Dylan & Claire Andre'

**Roy John Andre'**  
 son of Landon & Tiffany Andre'



**Our next Baptism Seminar is Wednesday, July 16th at 6:00pm in Christian Formation Room One. Please call the Church Office to register.**

*The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Shirley Dupuy Landry.*



The Church Office is in the process of being moved to the brown temporary building at the front of the parking lot. Asbestos remediation will soon begin in St. Francis Hall.

**The Bricks have arrived! The installation will begin on July 12th. For your safety, please do not enter the area that is cordoned off.**

## 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!

### Stewardship of Finance

June 29th:	
229 Identified Givers:	\$19,232.00
Loose Collection:	+901.00
Total Collection:	\$20,133.00

July 6th:	
228 Identified Givers:	\$24,360.00
Loose Collection:	+1,506.00
Total Collection:	\$25,866.00

Peter's Pence Collection: \$1,258.00

June Building & Maintenance Fund: \$12,132.00

Thank you for your generosity!

## Marriage Preparation Sponsor Couples

Please consider serving in this Ministry to assist our engaged couples who are preparing for the sacrament of Matrimony. A training course is offered by the Diocese for the Prepare and Enrich Program. Please contact Pam LeDoux, 337-513-1334, to be a part of this Ministry.



**Readings for the week of July 13, 2025**

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/ Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/ Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/ Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/ Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/ Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/ Lk 10:38-42

**Zippers Thrift Shop Sale Dates at 7:30am**

**July 17 & 31**

**August 14 & 28**

**Super Sale is Saturday, July 26th.**

**You can reach them at**

**225-506-8622.**

**The Zippers will be closing on September 15th due to the construction of the Religion building. They are NO LONGER accepting donations!**

**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)**

**You can register and obtain more information, by contacting Debbie Dupuy, 225-247-0052.**

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**The Blood Drive with Our Lady of the Lake of June 29th was very successful! Thank you to the 27 donors who supported this great cause! You can still help by giving blood at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital.**



**BLOOD DONATION**  
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**K.C. Calendar Winners for June**

**Paul Levert; Pierre LaCaze; Brenda Denova; Brent Pipsair; Chad & Calista Daigle; Tom Acosta; Jacob Cordell; Bobby & Marie Ramirez; Travis Rivet; Tim Robillard; Paul Stelly; M/M James Roche; Anne Reeves; Ronald Doyle; Betty Leonard; Chad Wells; Wade Templet; Jude Callais; Ariana Martinez; Chris Raymond; Sydni Alleman; Chad Wells; Shannon Underwood; Shelbi Domingue; Sam Gadebush; M/M Michel Wall; Weston Keith; Mary Delapasse; The Crillys; M/M Kendrick Hagius**

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

**Christian Benoit**

**Grayson Brewer, Vice Chairman**

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**Horace Crochet, Chairman**

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**Carolyn Dupuy**

**Father Arun John**

**Drew Maciasz**

**Jason Manola**

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**Full Time Accounting Clerk Position at the Diocese of Baton Rouge**

**This position is responsible for Accounts Payable & Accounts Receivable. Education and experience is required. Applications will be accepted through: [diobr.org/jobs](http://diobr.org/jobs)**