



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

catholic church



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### PLEASE CONTACT US:

**OFFICE:** 225-749-2189

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday-Thursday 8:30am-1:30pm

**WEBSITE:** [sjb-brusly.com](http://sjb-brusly.com)

**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  
June Hebert, Director of Religious Education  
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Layne Mire, Parish Secretary  
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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,

Life in the modern world is moving at a very swift pace. There is relentless competition in every field to be the best or the most impressive. People dare to do anything to get to the top, pushing the principles of morality to the back seat. There is a lot of reckless activism. The victim of this craze, this reckless activism, is our relationships. A lot of marriages are broken because the spouses do not find enough time for themselves. There are thousands of children going astray because their parents have little time for them. What is life if we cannot find time to talk and listen?

In today's Gospel, we see Martha works very hard to be a good hostess. This is fine. She was very distracted. She murmured and complained that her sister did not help her. There is a temptation in many of us to do a lot and be achievers. We might do a lot of service in our own way, but it may not be the way God wants. Our addiction to work often leaves us empty, tired and exhausted.

Once upon a time there was a very long snake. One day while it was hanging from the branches of a tree in the forest, it saw its own tail glistening in the morning sun. It fell in love with it and wanted to get hold of it. So, it furiously chased it around the branches and bushes of the forest. But, the tail eluded the snake's greedy grasp. Finally, the snake died of exhaustion. This is what happens in our life, too. We see many things that apparently seem to be wonderful. We try to grab everything, but are never satisfied and content. We look for more and more, and work day and night to possess things that do not really bring us happiness and contentment. In the pursuit of those things, we neglect things that really matter for a content and happy life, our spiritual life, our children, our parents' health, etc.

Our needs become endless, and we become exhausted and empty, and then we begin to complain. This is what happened to Martha. Her over-concern for the physical needs of Jesus, which she thought would make Jesus happy, made her exhausted, and she began to murmur and complain. This is where Jesus tells her to stop bothering about things that do not really matter as much. He is presenting Mary as an example to follow, who understood what really matters; that is to listen to the word of God. Jesus is asking us, who are exhausted by running after things that do not really matter so much in life, to stop for a while, to reflect, and to focus on things that really matter. Nevertheless, Jesus does not overlook the need of material or physical things. We do need them, however, not to the extent of neglecting our own spiritual and other important aspects of life. We need both. It is when we overemphasize on one aspect, and neglect the other aspect, that we become empty, tired and exhausted.

A young monk had questions about his order's motto: " Pray and Work." So, one day the abbot invited him to row across the lake with him. The abbot rowed first, but with one oar. As a result, the boat went in circles, and they made no progress. The young monk said, "Abbot, unless you row with both oars, you won't get anywhere." The abbot replied, " You are so right, son! The right oar is prayer, and the left is work. Unless you use them together you just go in circles." It's good to ask ourselves if we keep a balance between work and prayer? Gone are the days when Christians thought prayer is superior to work, and so they spent their lives in prayer. They are preferred more in the kingdom, than those who do work. We can not think that work is prayer, then we will be exhausted and empty.

Being in the presence of the Lord, and listening to His words, strengthens the disciples to do their work effectively and also to give joy and fulfillment to their hearts without any scope for complaints. So, we need to keep that balance between prayer and work. Pray today for the grace to keep this balance, so that we can be effective in our Christian lives.

God Bless You,  
Father John



# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

You can still register your child for Christian Formation Classes by contacting their office, 225-749-3387.

Classes for K-8 begin August 18th.

## 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

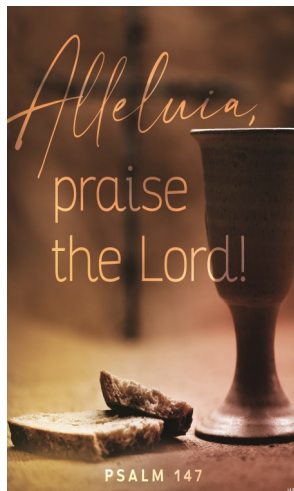


Children's Church  
9:00am & 11:00am Masses  
August 3 & 17  
September 7 & 21

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

## Pray for Vocations

Will you follow Christ 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)



The Brick Paver installation has begun. For your safety, please do not enter the area in front of Church that is cordoned off.

All Night Eucharistic Adoration begins at 8:00pm on Friday, August 1st and ends with 8:00am Mass on Saturday, August 2nd. Sign up sheets can be found in the back of Church.



*The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Gerald Caillouet.*

## 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!

Please join the Ladies of our Church to pray the Rosary at 3:00pm every Tuesday in Church. All are welcome!



The Church Office has moved to the brown temporary building at the front of the parking lot. Office hours are 8:30am-1:30pm Monday through Thursday. The St. Francis Hall building is closed for asbestos remediation.

## 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.

FEELING CALLED TO  
**SERVE?**

BECOME A FOSTER PARENT  
[NYAP.ORG/FOSTERCARE](http://NYAP.ORG/FOSTERCARE)



**Readings for the week of July 20, 2025**

- Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/ Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
- Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17
- Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/ Mt 20:20-28
- Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30
- Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/ Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

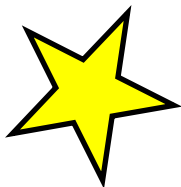
**Zippers Thrift Shop Sale Dates at 7:30am**

**July 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!**



**Save the date!  
Our Feast on the Levee is scheduled for Sunday, October 19th. Masses will be at 7:30am & 10:00am that day.**

**A Trip to Croatia, Poland & Medjugorje with Father John**

**September 22-October 3, 2025  
12 day Pilgrimage through  
Nativity Pilgrimage: info@nativitypilgrimage.com  
You can register and obtain more information, by contacting Debbie Dupuy, 225-247-0052.**



**Food Pantry Distribution Dates:  
August 11th  
September 8th**

**Distribution takes place at 8:30am from the Activity Center. Thank you for your donations.**



**The Catholic Daughters will host a Rosary on the second Sunday of the month after 9:00am Mass.**

**Please join them!**

**Please be aware of any messages that you may get via text or email from Father John can be a SCAM. The scammers request donations, credit cards and gift cards. SCAM messages have been sent out to many parishioners.**

**Things happening in our Diocese**

**Kolbe Prison Ministries 10th Annual National Conference is hosted by Most Blessed Sacrament Church in Baton Rouge on July 26th from 7:30am-4:00pm. For more information, please visit: kolbeprisonministries.org**

**St. George Catholic Church will host the Catholic Church's pastoral ministry and teaching about same sex attraction offered through the Office of Life, Peace and Justice. Dr. Jennifer Morel, STD will lead this event on August 7th from 6:00-8:00pm at St. George's Kleinpeter Activity Center. For more information, please contact: OLPJ@diobr.org**

**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**

**The W.B.R. Historical Association will host their annual Christmas in July Card Party on Monday, July 28th from 10:00am-3:00pm at the W.B.R. Community Center in Port Allen. For more information, please Contact the W.B.R. Museum, 225-336-2422.**