



# 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
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 the Church Parish Office.

### 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 the Church Parish Office.



Dear Parishioners,

Sometimes it seems that God should make a sudden descent to this earth, and with a sickle cut down all the evil weeds from our society. We would love to have a perfect society: free of evils, problems and difficulties. Unfortunately, that is not happening. Why? The first reading of the book of Wisdom says, "God gives people good grounds for hope and He permits repentance for their sins." And the Gospel tells us, "God is patient." He respects our freedom. For Him, freedom is a precious gift, and it tolerates evil, at least until the day of judgment. Since He respects our freedom, He will not force anyone to avoid evil and do good; but He gives us enough time to repent for our sins and change our lives.

The Gospel of this weekend tells us of the parable of weeds among the wheat. The sower sowed good seeds in the field, and an enemy sowed weeds among the wheat. Jesus compares the Kingdom of God with the one who sowed the wheat in the field, and then an enemy comes along and sows weeds in the same field. The wheat and the weeds both sprout, and the workers bring this to the farmer's attention. It is interesting to note the manner in which the farmer reacts to this information. Instead of venting his anger at the enemy, he advises his workers to let both wheat and weeds grow together for fear that in uprooting the weeds, they might damage the wheat. He stated that at the harvest time they could separate the wheat and the weeds; the wheat can be stored in the barn and the weeds could be burned. God is one who fully recognizes our weaknesses and deals with us wisely, gently and with forbearance.

We see that in our society both good and evil coexist. We know that as long as our human nature is tainted by sin, we cannot look for a perfect society, perfect family, or a perfect Church. A perfect humanity or society never existed, and will never exist. Good and bad will always coexist, just like wheat and weed. This doesn't mean that we must be indifferent to evil and allow it to continue. Our attitude toward evil should not be one of passivity or indifference. When we remain passive and indifferent in the face of evil, then we are guilty of perpetuating it. However, the worst thing one could do in the face of evil is to run away from it. So, the Lord is calling us to do our bit to remove evil wherever we can, and if we can't, at least protest against it. Instead of cursing the darkness, he is calling us to light a candle.

Though we come across good and evil every day, we should not lose heart. Instead of bowing down our head in despair and discouragement, we have to boldly confront the evil in and around us with good. At the same time we have to be patient, as the sower was patient with the weeds. We have to follow the message of Jesus. He is not like a political or military leader who tries to eliminate an enemy. God's way is different, as expressed in today's responsorial psalm, "Lord, you are good and forgiving." We are fortunate that God is forgiving. Even in the Church, which by definition is holy, we experience sinfulness and scandals. There are weeds in the fields of the Church. But should we be surprised about it? Even among the twelve apostles chosen by Jesus, one of them was a traitor. Jesus could have eliminated Judas because of the evil he was going to do. However, this was only in his thought or in his mind, and he didn't pull up the weed, which was Judas, from among the wheat, which was the other disciples. Think of us, who in this world is sinless? Who is pure wheat with no mixture of weeds? Do we want God to take us away from this world to face him in judgment, when the field of our lives still contains weeds? Let us pray today for the grace that we may not run away from evil, but face it patiently, and that we may experience the compassionate and forgiving love of God in our lives.

God Bless You,  
Father John

## Faith Formation Registration

**Registration for Religion Classes will be after all Masses during the weekend of July 29th-30th in the Activity Center.**

**Registration forms are available online. You can submit the Registration form anytime before July 29th to the Christian Formation Office.**

**Parent Meeting for Religion Students is at 6:00pm on Tuesday, August 1st in the Activity Center.**

**Catechists Meeting is at 6:00pm on Wednesday, August 2nd in the Activity Center.**

**Religion Classes for Confirmation students begins on Sunday, August 13th.**

**All students in grades K-8 are expected to attend the Religion Mass at 6:00pm on Tuesday, August 15th.**

**10th Grade Classes will begin at 7:00pm on Tuesday, August 15th.**

**Religion Classes will begin on Monday, August 21st at 5:30pm for grades K-8.**

**9th Grade Religion Classes will begin in October.**

Beginning August 1st, the Candles located in the back of Church will cost \$5.00 each. The supplier cost has increased.



Stewardship of Finances  
Total Collection for July 16th: \$14,233.33

Building & Maintenance Collection: \$9,474.00

Catholic Charities Collection: \$979.00

## Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

**All Night Eucharistic Adoration**  
Friday, August 4th at 8:00pm through  
Saturday, August 5th at 8:00am.  
Sign-up sheets are in the back of Church.  
Please call Julie Millard for more information.

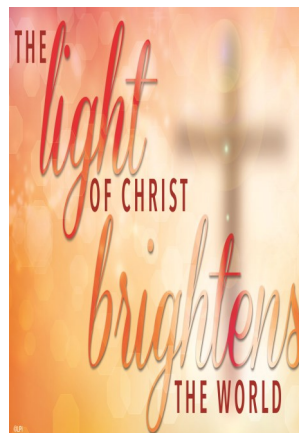
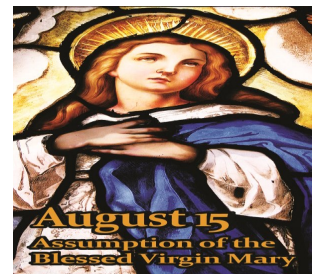
1st Saturday Mass is at 8:00am on August 5th.



Rite of Christian Initiation  
for Adults

Please begin your Catholic Faith journey by enrolling in the R.C.I. A. program. We will have an Open House on Wednesday, August 23rd in the Church Office at 6:30pm. If you have any questions, please call Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.

**Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Tuesday, August 15th  
8:00am & 6:00pm



### Vocations

Jesus promised he would always be with us. Can Jesus be calling you to a Church Vocation? If so, please contact Father Josh Johnson 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 pray for Vocations!

*The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Carroll Bourgeois.*



The Ministry Appreciation Dinner will be held on Saturday, August 26th at 5:30pm in the Activity Center. You can sign up now through August 21st.

**We need a Band Stage for the Feast on the Levee that will be held on Sunday, October 8th. If you can help with this, please call the Church Office. Thanks!**



## 16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The righteous will  
shine like the sun in the  
kingdom of their Father.”  
- Mt 13:43a

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### Readings for the week of July 23, 2023

- Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/  
Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
- Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/  
Mt 20:20-28
- 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: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27  
or Lk 10:38-42
- Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128,  
129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or  
13:44-46

### Organizations

**Catholic Daughters will have a meeting on  
Thursday, August 3rd at 7:00pm in the  
Activity Center.**

**Knights of Columbus will have their  
meeting at 6:00pm in the Activity Center  
on Thursday, August 3rd.**

**Donuts on August 6th after 7:30am Mass in  
the Activity Center**

**Pro-Life Rosary on August 19th at 4:00pm**

### K.C. Calendar Winners for July, 2023

**M/M Ben Cox, Mervin LeBlanc, Blaize Blanchard,  
Pat Whaley, Jaclyn Gardner, Chris Kershaw, Terri  
Allen, Chris Kershaw, Dino Tramonte, Stephanie  
Thomas, Kayla Haydel, Charlotte Seneca, Scot  
Rhodes, Wilma Gaudet, Bubbie Dupont, Jason  
Pruitt, James & Tammy Jackson, Angela Briscoe,  
David White, John Landry, Thomas LeBlanc, Jr,  
Roger Travasos, Paul Stelly, Mark & Wanda Mouch,  
Darlene & Greg Navarre, Zeena & Paul Bouy, Father  
Arun John, M/M Michel Wall, V, Brett Theriot,  
Randy & Terry Landry, Katherine Bourgoyne**