



# 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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### 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,

John and Josephine have just celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary. Their four children have left home and are married; so, they have spent seventeen years on their own that they describe as “a time of new growing towards each other.” When they were asked why they still enjoyed each other’s company, Josephine replied, “We’ve always had a healthy respect for each other’s differences. We are still growing to know each other better.” The longer we are acquainted with people, the more we grow to realize how little we know them. Family and friends continue to surprise us, reminding us that they are always more than our understanding of them. Unless we settle for stereotypes, understanding other people is a lifetime’s task. Therefore, it is not surprising that when it comes to understanding God, we can become paralyzed by the sheer magnitude of the mystery. Mystery means that we can never say the final word about God; there is always more to discover, there is always more to share, and there is always more to experience.

Today, as we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, we are called to reflect on the life of God, especially the Trinitarian concept of God. Trinity involves three persons. If there are three persons, then how can we speak of God as one. The concept of God being a mystery, is something we cannot fully grasp. It is a mystery that transcends the ordinary human understanding. This story is told of St. Augustine of Hippo, a great philosopher and theologian. He was preoccupied by the doctrine of the Trinity. He wanted to understand this doctrine of one God in three persons so much, and to be able to explain it logically. One day he was walking along the sea shore and reflecting on this matter. Suddenly he saw a little child all alone on the shore. The child made a hole in the sand, ran to the sea with a little cup, filled her cup with the sea water, and ran up and emptied the cup into the hole she had made in the sand. Back and forth she went to the sea, filling her cup and pouring it into the hole. St. Augustine came up to her and said, “Little child, what are you doing?” She replied, “I am trying to empty the sea into this hole.” St. Augustine asked her, “How do you think that you can empty this immense sea into this tiny hole and with this tiny cup?” She answered, “And you, how do you suppose that with your small head you can comprehend the immensity of God?” And with that, the child disappeared.

The doctrine of the inner relationship of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is in such a way that each of them is fully and equally God, yet there are three persons, but one God. This concept cannot be fully comprehended by the human mind. Like St. Augustine, we may not be able to understand the HOW of the Trinity, but I think it is very important to understand the WHY. Why did God reveal to us this very nature of the Supreme Being? The importance of this doctrine lies in this: We are made up in the image of God, therefore the more we try to understand God, the more we understand ourselves. Experts in religion tell us that people always try to be like the god they worship. Therefore, the important question to ask today is, what does the doctrine of the Most Holy Trinity tell us about the kind of God we worship? What does it say about the kind of people we should be? God does not exist in solitary individualism, but in a community of love and sharing. This means that the Christians in search of Godliness must shun every tendency to isolationism. The ideal Christian Society is not that of flight from society or the world, but one of a healthy relationship with Society or the world. Just as God is God in a Trinitarian relationship, so we can be fully human only in a relationship. The self needs to be in a horizontal relationship with others, and a vertical relationship with God. The doctrine of the Most Holy Trinity challenges us to adopt “I-and-God-and-neighbor principle.” I am a Christian in so far as I live in a relationship with God and other people. May the grace of the Most Holy Trinity help us to banish all traces of self-centeredness in our lives, and to live in love of God and of neighbor.

God bless you,  
Fr. John

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School  
True North, Trusting Jesus in  
a wild world

July 7th-11th, Grades K-5  
Registration forms can be found  
on the Church Website, in the  
Church Office and in the back of  
Church. The registration deadline

is June 19th. For more information, please contact the  
Christian Formation Office, 225-749-3387.

The Volunteer Meeting will be at 6:00pm on  
Wednesday, July 2nd in the Activity Center.

Come join the Youth Group!

For Middle School & High  
School Students

Sunday, June 22nd  
and July 27th  
at 5:00pm in the Activity Center



### Pray for Vocations

Go and make disciples of all  
nations. Can you evangelize  
others 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](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org)  
or visit: [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations)



Zippers Thrift Shop Sale Dates at 7:30am

June 19  
July 17, 26 & 31  
August 14 & 28

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 will NO LONGER accept donations after  
Thursday, June 19th.



**Confirmation Retreat**  
**June 18th at 10:00am**  
**Activity Center**

**Prison Retreat for 11th Graders**  
The group will depart from the Church  
campus parking lot at 6:45am on  
**Saturday, June 21st.**

Please call the Christian Formation  
Office, 225-749-3387, for details.



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

Father John needs a volunteer to assist with  
Baptisms once a month after 11:00am Mass. Please  
contact the Church Office to volunteer.

### Stewardship of Finance

June 1st:

255 Identified Givers:	\$21,556.00
Loose Collection:	+1,256.00
Total Collection:	\$22,812.00

June 8th:

141 Identified Givers:	\$8,791.00
Loose Collection:	+945.00
Total Collection:	\$9,736.00

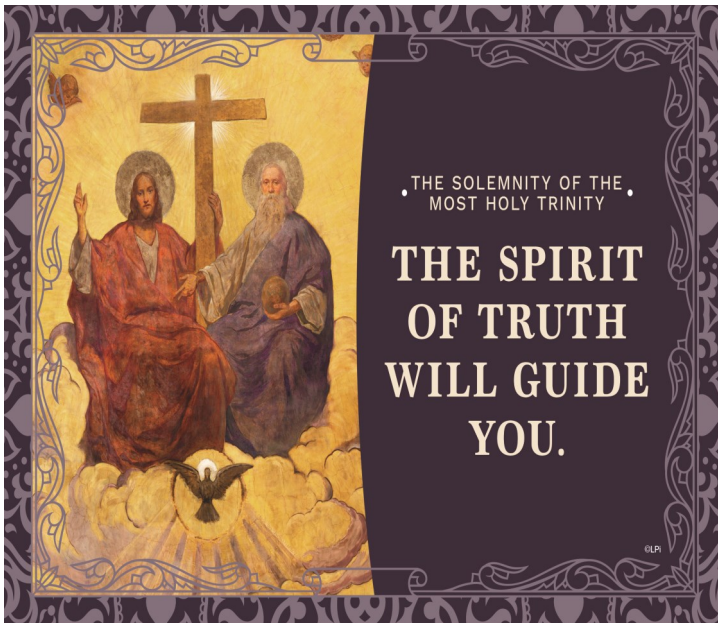
May Building & Maintenance Fund:	\$8,708.00
Catholic Communication Campaign:	\$950.00

Thank you for your generosity!



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

Prayers and Sympathy are  
extended to the families of  
Shirley Dupuy Landry and  
Father Greg Daigle  
upon their deaths.



**Readings for the week of June 15, 2025**

- Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a)/Rom 5:1-5/ Jn 16:12-15
- Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/ Mt 5:38-42
- Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/ Mt 5:43-48
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15
- Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mt 6:19-23
- Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/ Mt 6:24-34
- Next Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/ 1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

**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](http://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](mailto:OLPJ@diobr.org)**

**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.**

**Please join the Ladies of our Church to pray the Rosary at 3:00pm every Tuesday at the Grotto in front of Church.**



**Brick Paver Project Update**

**The brick pavers will be shipped on June 24th from Florida. The installation project should begin soon after receipt of the bricks.**

**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.**

**Office Building and Christian Formation Building Update**

**The project application has been submitted to the Diocese.**

**The Architect is working on the building plans. Both buildings have been tested for mold and asbestos.**

**The Office Building has tested positive for asbestos in the flooring and the drywall. The Office Building will undergo asbestos remediation and we will move to a temporary building on the vacant lot.**

**Once the construction begins on the Christian Formation building, those offices will also move to the temporary building. The anticipated construction for both buildings is one year.**

**Diocese of Baton Rouge**

**Director of Communications position available**

**This is a full time position with benefits. Job responsibilities include the release of all Diocesan news to media outlets, and serves as the primary contact and spokesperson for media inquiries. Education and experience is required. To apply for this position, go to: [diobr.org/jobs](http://diobr.org/jobs)**

