



**ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST**  
catholic church



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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**

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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,

"If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the Church, would that get me into Heaven?" I asked the children in my Sunday school class. "NO!" the children all answered. "If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?" Again, the answer was, "NO!" "Well then, if I were kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my wife, would that get me into Heaven?" I asked them again. Again, they all answered, "NO!" "Well," I continued, "then how can I get into Heaven?" A five-year-old boy shouted out, "YOU GOTTA BE DEAD!" Last weekend we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension, Jesus' ascension into heaven. In the Gospel of last Sunday, before ascending into heaven, Jesus promised His disciples that He would send them the Holy Spirit. That promise is now fulfilled, and we celebrate it as Pentecost Sunday.

We take breath for granted, until we drown or become breathless. It's so important, yet so often we are not aware of it. It's a beautiful metaphor for the breath of God, the Holy Spirit. In the book of Genesis, we hear that after forming man from clay, God breathed onto it. And it came alive. In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus enters the room of the frightened apostles and wishes them peace. Then He breathes on them and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit." As a result, the fearful and frightened apostles become fearless and courageous. After sending the Holy Spirit, Jesus commissioned them to continue the work that He started. We all have received that same Spirit that He gave to the apostles. That same Spirit is present and as active today as ever before. The faith that we cherish today is the gift of this same Spirit. If we really value our faith, then we cannot help but to pass it on. Evangelization in simple terms is this, "Passing on"; passing Christ to another through our life example. The Feast of Pentecost reminds us of the need of sharing our faith, the faith which is the gift of the Holy Spirit. But before we can pass on this faith, we have to live our lives as people of the Pentecost, living by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

A well-known author and preacher, Fred Craddock, tells a rather funny story about a lecture that he was giving. A few years ago, when he was on the west coast speaking at a seminary, just before the first lecture one of the students stood up and asked, "Before you speak, I need to know if you are Pentecostal." The room grew silent. Craddock said he looked around for the Dean of the Seminary. He was nowhere to be found. The student continued with his quiz right in front of everybody. Craddock was taken aback, and so he replied, "Do you mean, do I belong to the Pentecostal Church?" The student responded, "No, I mean are you Pentecostal?" Craddock then said, "Are you asking me if I am charismatic?" The student answered, "I am asking you if you are Pentecostal." Craddock retorted, "Do you want to know if I speak in tongues?" The student said, "I want to know if you are Pentecostal." Craddock replied, "I don't know what your question is." The student stated, "Obviously, you are not Pentecostal," and he left. What was the student in fact asking? Is the Church supposed to use the word Pentecost only as a noun or can it be used as an adjective? And so, I ask you, are you Pentecostal? If the Church is alive in the world, it is Pentecostal. The Church is alive if we are in one accord, if we are sharing our blessings with the less fortunate ones, if we are joined together in prayer, if we are repenting, and if people are asking forgiveness from God and others.

Today's Feast reminds us that we all have received the same Spirit with all its gifts, and the need for us to live according to the Holy Spirit. According to St. Francis de Sales, living according to the Spirit means, "To think, speak and act according to the virtues that are in the Spirit, and not according to the sense and sentiments which are in the flesh." Pray today that we are able to live our lives according to the virtues that are in the Holy Spirit, and share the joy of living a life of the Spirit, so that we too can become part of sharing the story of Jesus' love and sacrifice.

God bless you,

Fr. John





**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.



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

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

**Prison Retreat for 11th Graders**

The group will depart from the Church campus  
parking lot at 6:45am and head for the prison.  
For more details, please contact the Christian  
Formation Office, 225-749-3387.



**Come join the Youth Group!**

**For Middle School & High School Students**

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



**Zipper's Thrift Shop Sale**

**Dates at 7:30am**

**June 14 & 19  
July 17 & 31  
August 14 & 28**

**You can reach them at  
225-506-8622.**



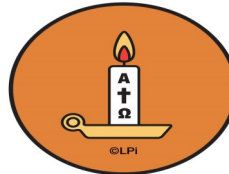
**Please welcome this child to our  
faith community who was  
baptized on June 1st:**

**Jack Elbert Morgan, IV  
son of Sadie & Jack Elbert Morgan, III**

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



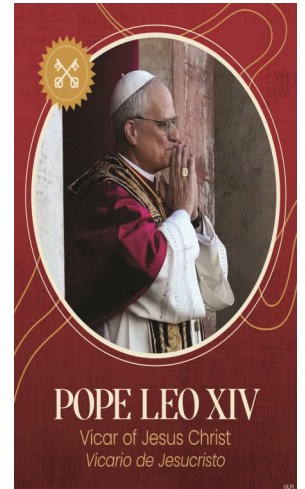
Father John needs a volunteer to assist with  
Baptisms once a month after 11:00am Mass. Please  
contact the Church Office to volunteer.



*The Sanctuary Candle  
burns in memory of  
Charles & Katie  
Scalise.*

**Pray for Vocations**

**Receive the Holy Spirit! Will  
you share the Lord's mission  
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  
or visit: www.diobr.org/  
vocations**



**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.**



**BLOOD DONATION  
BE A HERO GIVE BLOOD**

**Blood Drive with Our Lady of  
the Lake  
Sunday, June 29th  
7:00am-1:00pm  
Blood Bus will be in the Church  
parking lot.  
Save a life! Give Blood!**



**Readings for the week of June 8, 2025**

- Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/  
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/  
Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
*Extended Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/  
Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/  
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/  
Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
*Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or  
Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26  
Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
- Monday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135/Mt 5:13-16
- Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/  
Mt 5:17-19
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 5:20-26
- Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18/  
Mt 5:27-32
- Friday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/  
Mt 5:33-37
- Saturday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a)/Rom 5:1-5/  
Jn 16:12-15
- Next Sunday:

**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.**



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

**Thank you to our ADVERTISERS**

**Things happening in our Diocese**

**Mercedarian Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament will host their Encounter School of Ministry Summer Intensive for four nights on June 16-19 at the Cypress Springs Mercedarian Prayer Center. To register, go to: [esmbatonrouge.regfox.com/baton-rouge-summer-intensive](http://esmbatonrouge.regfox.com/baton-rouge-summer-intensive) or call 225-752-8480.**

**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)**

**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.**



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