



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



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

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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.



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – WHAT THE DEVIL DOESN'T HAVE
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: The devil knows that Jesus is human, so he uses all the best tricks he has for getting humans to break. The devil will try these things with us, too — this Lent, and throughout our lives. But how can we resist? We're only human. What do we have that the devil doesn't have?

What the Devil Doesn't Have

The devil knows all the rules. The devil knows all the Bible verses. He probably knows them better than you do (certainly better than I do).

He knows them so well that here, in today's Gospel, he thinks he can outsmart the Son of God. He thinks he can out-argue him.

See, the thing you need to know about the devil is that he could have a master's degree in theology. Maybe even a doctorate. But have you ever met a master's student, or even a doctoral one, who doesn't have a particular passion for what they're studying? I sure have.

The devil didn't rebel against God because he didn't understand God's will. He rebelled because he understood God's will perfectly — and he didn't like it.

The devil knows that Jesus is human, and so in today's Gospel he employs all the very best tricks he has for getting humans to break. Physical hunger. Insecurity and a desire for power. The yearning to appear learned and wise.

The devil will try these things with us, too — this Lent, and throughout our lives.

It doesn't work with Jesus, because, of course, Jesus is not *just* human. He can feel temptation, but he will not submit to it. But how are we supposed to do the same? We're not divine. We're just human.

Well, here's the thing. We may be only human, but as Christians, we have a secret weapon. (No, it's not a master's degree in theology. Some of you may have that, but it probably doesn't make you holier.)

We have a love of what the devil has renounced — those things belonging solely to God. Truth. Joy. Humility. Sanctifying sacrifice.

Let the love of those things carry you through this Lent, and beyond.

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CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Religion Mass will be at 9:00am on Sunday, March 23rd. Families are encouraged to attend with their children for grades K-8. There will be NO Religion Classes for grades K-8 from March 24th-26th.

5th & 6th Graders will have Confession in the Activity Center on Tuesday, March 25th at 5:15pm.



Come join the Youth Group!

For Middle School & High School Students

Sunday, March 16th at 3:00pm
Activity Center



Pray for Vocations

Please pray for those who are contemplating the priesthood or a consecrated life. If you are listening to the Lord, and wish to serve him in a vocation 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

Stewardship of Finance

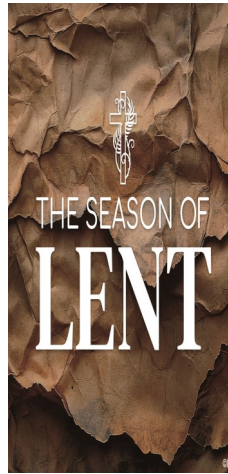
February 24th:

140 Identified Givers:	\$8,951.00
Loose Collection:	1,011.00
Total Collection:	\$9,962.00



Walk of Remembrance Paver Program

Please support our Brick Paver Project and purchase a brick in honor or memory of someone or something special. Our goal is a minimum of 100 bricks. This Campaign will run through March 16th. The Location of the project can be found on the bulletin board in the back of Church. Forms to purchase bricks are available in the back of Church, in the Church Office, on the Church webpage and online: donate.brickmarkers.com/sjb
For more details, please contact Mark Loreno, 225-614-5540.



Divine Mercy Novena

The Divine Mercy Novena will follow the 6:00pm Mass every Wednesday through April 23rd.

Stations of the Cross will follow 12:00pm Mass every Friday during Lent.

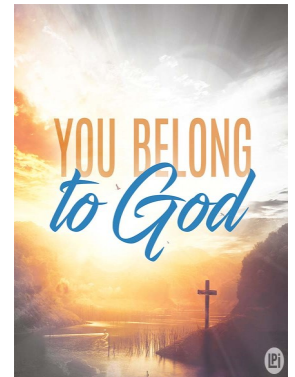
Our Lenten Mission is scheduled for March 17th, 18th and 19th. The Divine Mercy Novena will follow the 6:00pm Mass on the 19th.

Please take a Rice Bowl from the back of Church and return it with your donation to change the lives of others by stamping out hunger. Make this your Lenten Mission.

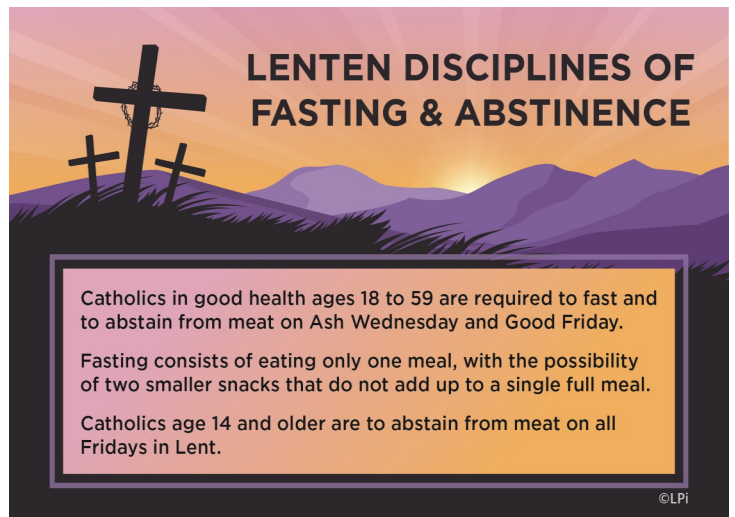
You can donate online:
crsricebowl.org/donate

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Richard Landry.

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of Esther Tullier Chamberlain upon her death.



Women's Weekend Retreat, March 21-23, at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Retreat Center in Mississippi
Forms to register can be found in the back of Church and returned to the Women's Ministry box. Please call Anglyn Brown, 225-937-2895, or Danielle Peavy, 225-572-3334, for more information.



LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." - Lk 4:6a, 7-8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. eLP

Readings for the week of March 9, 2025

- Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/ Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/ Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
- Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/ Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36



Retrouvaille, A Lifeline for Married Couples
March 21-23 weekend
Grand Coteau Retreats
Three Phase Marriage Program
For a stronger Marriage, please call 800-470-2230 or go to: helpourmarriage.org

Please join the Ladies of our Church to pray the Rosary at 3:30pm every Tuesday at the Grotto in front of Church. All are welcome!



A big THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Ava and Jacob Saucier fundraiser for the scholarship fund at Holy Family! It was a huge success!

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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.

Devotions, *Explained!*
The Sign of the Cross

Mini Explanation —

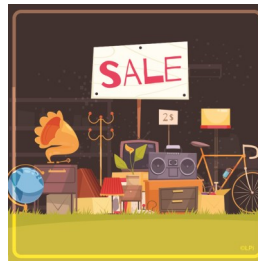
Christians have been making the sign of the cross since ancient times. It is not only an important component of formal liturgies and sacramental rites, but also a daily devotional practice whereby the faithful invoke the blessing and protection of God.

The Sign of the Cross, *Explained*

"I claim you for Christ by the sign of his cross." These words from the Rite of Baptism, spoken as the priest traces a cross on the infant's forehead, perfectly communicate the significance of that simple, familiar action. In signing the cross, we claim ourselves again and again for Christ, unite ourselves with His sacrifice on Calvary, and confess his victory over death.

Christians have been making the sign of the cross since ancient times, as evidenced by writings from Tertullian, Hippolytus and St. Cyprian. The ritual action is not only an important component of formal liturgies and sacramental rites, but also a daily devotional practice whereby the faithful invoke the blessing and protection of God.

In the Latin rite, it is made either with a movement of the full hand from one's forehead, breast and shoulders (going right to left) or with the thumb tracing the cross on the forehead, lips and breast.



Zippers Thrift Shop
Sale Dates at 7:30am
March 20
April 10 & 24

You can reach them at 225-506-8622.

St. John the Evangelist's St. Joseph's Altar will be on Sunday, March 16th, following 11:00am Mass at the K.C. Hall in Plaquemine. Viewing of the Altar will be on Saturday, March 15th, after 4:00pm Mass at the K.C. Hall. All are welcome!

K.C. Calendar Winners for February
Hayden Toups, James Bertrand, Weston Keith, Brooks Alleman, Blaise Gravois, Catherine Chustz, Angie & Brian Miller, Kerry Guidry, Angelle Soniat, Alyce Saucier, Bobby Jo Skidmore, Catherine Spano, Andrea Normand, Kathy D'Albor, Curtis Clouatre, Mike Bourgoyne, Robby Navarre, Mary Ashford, Robyn Eagan, Ronnie Simmers, Kenny Laurent, Ruth Landry, St. Joseph the Worker Church, Thomas Marchini, Joshua Benoit, Grant Gauthreaux, Dennis McCallon, Ricky Blanchard