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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  
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,

In our lives, we set up priorities that we want to achieve. Take for instance, our health. To ensure good health we go to a lot of trouble. We insure, deposit money, take all possible precautions to guarantee good health and do everything possible to live a peaceful, secure, and a happy life. We take precautions for our salvation and for eternal life. We try to do everything possible to secure a life of fullness that Jesus promised. We know that the Church is the fullness of salvation. We go to Church, go to confession, pray, do charitable works and we try to live our lives according to the precepts of the Gospel. But is it enough that we seek our own salvation and work for it? Are we satisfied with going to heaven by ourselves? The danger in seeking our own salvation is, that like the Jews, we too, can become selfish, rigid, harsh and condemn others who do not appear to be living as we do.

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us how the Jews made the laws hard and stiff, and tried to condemn the Apostles. They were greatly angered to hear from Paul that the Gentiles could be saved, even if they did not follow the Jewish law. Salvation is not restricted only to the Jews, or to a particular group of people. It's open to everyone who is willing to accept it. As Christians, it's our honorable duty to bring this salvation to others. Together with working for our own salvation, we need to be concerned about the salvation of others. There are millions of people today who have not even heard of Christ or His Gospel. I don't think it's possible for everyone to set out for that. But being where we are and what we are, we still can do a lot. This weekend is "Prayer for Vocations" and it will be best time to reflect on and ask ourselves, "What can we do to increase vocations as responsible Catholics?" The Church really needs priests, religious brothers and missionaries. I am convinced, if we have the will to work for it, God has His way of showing us these persons and making them equipped for it.

The King of Portugal urgently requested that the Pope send missionaries to India. Ignatius, together with some of his followers, got ready. No one thought of Francis Xavier because he was sickly. He was not able to do any hard work, only a secretarial job for Ignatius. One of the missionaries fell ill just before the journey, and Ignatius called Francis and said, "Francis, you know that at the command of his holiness, two of us were supposed to go to India, but one, Bobadilla, cannot travel due to illness, and has to wait until he is healthy." Francis Xavier happily replied, "Well I am ready." After a dangerous trip, which also made him sick along the way at sea, he finally reached India. What this once weak secretary did in the following years in India, and in Moloko and in Japan among the fishermen, and with low-casts (socially and economically poor people), and with others sounds impossible. He became the Apostle of India, and the Apostle of Japan, and died at the gate of China.

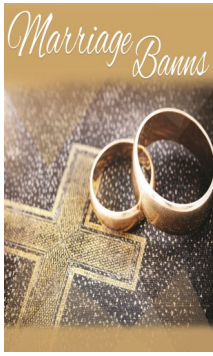
God has His own ways; He often uses the simple and humble to continue the work of salvation. We can work on this from our own homes, with our kids, nieces and nephews, grandchildren, etc. At the least, we can make them aware of the problem of the lack of priests and religious people in the Church. We can sow the seeds of vocation in the minds of children and encourage young people. They may laugh at us sometimes, but this does not matter. Our words and encouragement may touch them somewhere along the way. We need to make this one of our priorities in life. We can also pray for the increase in vocations. The Church today is inviting us to ensure our salvation, and also to ensure the salvation of others. By working and helping people, we can bring this salvation to others and work towards the increase in vocations. Pray today that we may realize the seriousness of this problem, and be able to do something for it, and make this one of our priorities in life.

Happy Mother's Day!

God Bless You,

Fr. John





***Congratulations and  
Marriage Blessings are  
extended to  
Sarah Catherine Landry  
and  
Walter Emmett Lemoine, Jr.  
who were married on May 2nd!***



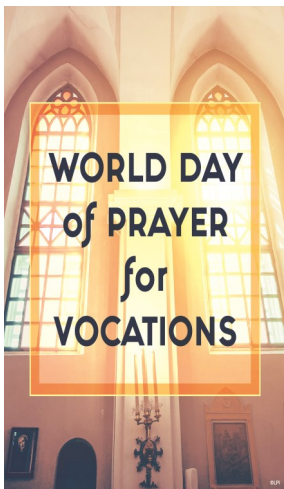
**Vacation Bible School  
July 7th-11th, Grades K-5**

**Registration forms can be found on the Church Website, in the Church Office and in the Christian Formation Office. 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.**

**Adult Confirmation at the Diocese of Baton Rouge**

**This celebration will take place at 10:30am Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Baton Rouge. Please call June Hebert, 225-749-3387 to sign up.**



**Pray for Vocations  
Let us pray for those who are called to follow the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. If you can say yes to Jesus, 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)**

**Nicene Creed**

**Please join us for a faith study to clarify and walk through each line of the Nicene Creed beginning Wednesday, May 14th at 6:30pm in the Activity Center. This will be a 6-week video series on Bishop Robert Barron's book, What Christians Believe: Understanding the Nicene Creed. This series will be hosted by Julie Millard, 225-776-4646, and you can call her with any questions.**

**Our Seniors celebrated Mass and attended the Graduation Lunch on Sunday, April 27th.**



*The Sanctuary Candle  
burns in memory of  
Brittany Ledford.*



**Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the families of Thomas Mott and Kenneth "Bubby" Barbier, Sr. upon their deaths.**

**Zippers Thrift Shop Sale Dates**

**at 7:30am**

**May 22**

**June 5 & 19**

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



**Brick Paver Project Update**

**The bricks are now being printed! They are scheduled to arrive around June 15th. Once we receive them, an installation date will be set. This will be a lovely addition to our grotto area in front of our Church!**



**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!**



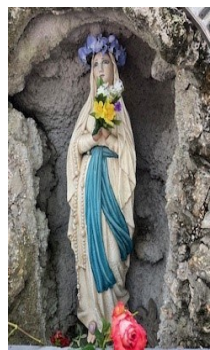
## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - Jn 10:27-28b

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### Readings for the week of May 11, 2025

- Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
- Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
- Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



**The Women's A.C.T.S. Retreat is scheduled for July 10-13.**

**We have had an overwhelming response for this retreat! Thank you for your interest. For more information, please contact Stacy Grimes, 318-359-8090.**

**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.**

### 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.**

### K.C. Calendar Winners for April

**Halle Kate Beatty; Cayla Richard; Larry Vicari, Sr; Debra Salvadras; Blake Callahan; Chad Prejean; Cindy Crochet; Cheri Blanchard; Daniel Guillot; Jeffery Ourso; Brett Bianca; Stephen Dupont, Jr; Champ Blanchard; Andy Whittington; Chad Prejean; Glenn P. Landry; David Vercher; August Harsch; Kenny Wilson; M/M Thomas Hue; Louis Granger; Larry Cain; Tristie Falcon; Brody LeBourgeois; Angelle Soniat**



**Fill a Prescription for the Needy**  
**Please help those in need by taking a prescription bottle from the back of Church, adding your donation to it, and returning it to the canister. This effort is handled through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thanks for supporting this cause!**

### Things happening in our Diocese

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience: June 6-8**  
**"Virtual Marriage Encounter weekend", hosted by Atlanta WWME**

**Early registration is recommended. Sign-up at: [wwme.org/apply](http://wwme.org/apply) or call Doug & Maureen Newlands, 678-242-9963**

**Campaign to end the death penalty: Two executions are scheduled soon. To join this campaign to ask Governor Landry to stop executions, please go to: [diobr.org/pm-event](http://diobr.org/pm-event) or call the Office of Life, Peace & Justice, 225-242-0222.**



**Children's Church  
9:00am & 11:00am Masses  
May 18**

**June 1 & 15  
Please call Jayne, 225-749-3387, if you can volunteer to help with this ministry.**