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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 the book, *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, there's a story about a man who came out of his office one Christmas morning, and found a little boy looking with great admiration at the man's new vehicle. The little boy asked, "Does this car belong to you?" And the man replied, "Yes, in fact, my brother gave it to me for Christmas. I just got it." With that, the little boy's eyes widened. He asked, "You mean to say that somebody gave it to you? And you didn't have to pay anything for it?" And the man answered, "That's right. My brother gave it to me as a gift." With that, the little boy let out a long sigh and said, "Boy, I would really like..." And the man fully expected the boy to say, "I would like to have a brother like that, who would give me such a beautiful car," but instead the man was amazed when the little boy said, "Wow! I would like to be that kind of brother. I wish I could give that kind of car to my little brother." Somehow that child understood the secret of the "new commandment" of love, which Jesus gave to His Apostles during His last discourse, as described in today's gospel, "*Love one another as I have loved you.*" True love consists not in getting something from the loved one, but in giving something to the loved one. The most familiar example of this type of love is a mother's love for her child.

In today's Gospel, while giving the new commandment, "Love one another as I have loved you," Jesus has added a new element to the Old-Testament-Commandment of love. The new element is that the true test of discipleship is to love other people in the same way that He has loved us. In order to love others, first of all we need to love ourselves. Once we are able to love ourselves, it becomes easy for us to love others. We live in a culture that devalues life; a culture in which some people drug themselves into oblivion. Women and girls are willing to starve themselves to fit some unrealistic media image of beauty and worth. People are willing to sacrifice their relationships on the altar for workaholicism. Social media and modern electronic gadgets have taken away human connections and relationships. In short, we live in a world that denies our basic human worth. If we are told over and over again that we are unlovable, it is very difficult for us to love ourselves. There is a need to reclaim our basic worth, that we are God's creation and God was pleased with the way we are created. If God is happy with the way He has created us, then we need to be happy with ourselves and begin to love ourselves. This will make it easy for us to love God and others. It is through constant love-centered interaction with God and each other, that "*the new earth, the new heaven and the new Jerusalem*" that St. John speaks about in the second reading can become a reality.

We are asked to love others as Jesus loved us. We love others by responding to their everyday needs with love and compassion. We love others by comforting and protecting those who have experienced loss. We love others by serving them in every possible way, and by seeing the face of Jesus in them. We also love others by forgiving, rather than condemning; and by challenging rather than condoning. We love others by making sacrifices for them. Whenever we are assembled, we have an opportunity to demonstrate our love for one another. Christians should be seen as people who interact with love and concern for one another, and who reveal their strong love and appreciation for each other. Others should see us as people who are quick to forgive, since Christ has forgiven us. There is a saying, "A bell is no bell until you ring it. A song is no song until you sing it. The love in your heart was not put there to stay. Love is no love until you give it away."

God bless you all!

Father 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 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.



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

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

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 sign up now and call June Hebert, 225-749-3387.



Zipper's Thrift Shop Sale
Dates at 7:30am
June 5 & 19
July 17 & 31
 You can reach them at
225-506-8622.

Stewardship of Finance

April 27th:

147 Identified Givers:	\$7,564.00
Loose Collection:	+694.00
Total Collection:	\$8,258.00

May 4th:

220 Identified Givers:	\$20,537.00
Loose Collection:	\$1,111.00
Total Collection:	\$21,648.00

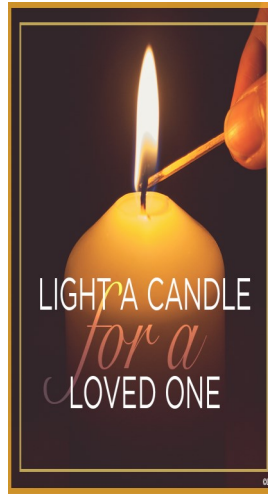
Catholic Home Missions:	\$745.00
April Building & Maintenance Fund:	\$7,722.00
Mother's Day Out Program:	\$1,097.00
Rice Bowls:	\$440.02

Thanks for your generosity!

Thank You!

THANKS to Wendy Daniel and her group for cleaning the Church in May. Please contact Opie Vidrine, 225-776-5532, to help during the month of June.

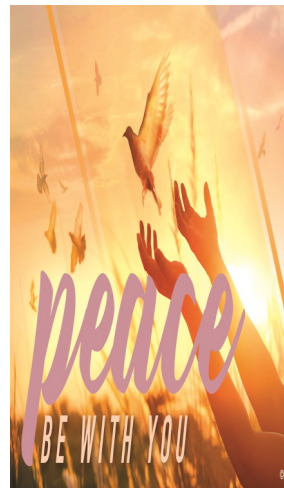
THANKS to Janice & Joel Hebert and their team for the Bereavement meals in May. Please contact Terry & Steve Guldry, 225-413-5418, to assist in June.



The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Betty Carroll for the week of May 18th and for Carl Ducote during the week of May 25th.

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of Margaret Lefebvre Bergeron upon her death.

All Night Eucharistic Adoration begins at 8:00pm on Friday, June 6th and ends with 8:00am Mass on Saturday, June 7th. Sign up sheets can be found in the back of Church.



Pray for Vocations
 Pray for those who God is boldly calling forth to serve Him and His people as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. If you are considering this calling, 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

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!



BLOOD DONATION
 BE A HERO GIVE BLOOD



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." - Jn 13:34

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

Readings for the week of May 18, 2025

- 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
- Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/
Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/
Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/
Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

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.

Organizations

The Catholic Daughters will have a meeting in the Activity Center at 7:00pm on Thursday, June 19th.

They will host a **Rosary** after 9:00am Mass on the **Second Sunday of each Month.**

Knights of Columbus:

Meeting at 6:00pm in the Activity Center on Thursday, June 19th

Donuts after 7:30am Mass, June 1st, in the Activity Center

Pro-Life Rosary at 4:00pm on Saturday, June 21st



St John the Baptist Parish Council Members 2025-2026

Christian Benoit
Grayson Brewer, Vice Chairman
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Justin Clouatre
Horace Crochet, Chairman
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Arron Pierre
Danny Rabalais
David Toups

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Richard Dugas
Joey Normand
Danny Rabalais
Nat Smith
Gary Tullier

St. John the Evangelist Church in Plaquemine has Vacation Bible School from June 2-6. You can register by calling Jennifer Adams, 225-687-2402.

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 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 or call the Office of Life, Peace & Justice, 225-242-0222.

Community Baby Shower: Walking with Moms Program, through Compassion in Crisis, on June 14th at the Catholic Life Center. Please call Deacon Randall Waguespack, 225-446-8515, if you can volunteer to help with this event.