



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST
catholic church



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CHRISTIAN FORMATION: 225-749-3387

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.
First Saturday of the month only 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30–4:15 p.m.
Monday, Wednesday thru Friday 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Arun John, IMS Pastor
Dana Babin Bookkeeper
Candice Breaux Youth Group Minister
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Sara Hernandez Janitorial
Jayne Jason Child Protection
Layne Mire Parish Secretary
Lil Stutes Mother’s Day Out
Celeste Veillon Music Director

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Office closed for lunch 12:00–1:00 p.m.

BAPTISM

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00 am Mass. Also celebrated during Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and Easter Sunday. Parents should call the office to enroll in our baptismal preparation program, preferably early in pregnancy. Parents are encouraged to register in the parish and actively practice their faith.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Inquiries – Please call the Church Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to 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 the Church Parish Office.



Dear Parishioners,

We all look forward to a time when there will be no war, no enemies in our midst, and everyone will be treated with love and respect. We wish that the value of any culture will be judged not by its location on the globe, but by its effect on character, and that all cultures will come together as one, and there will be peace everywhere. We look forward to that day when human beings would matter more than their culture or race. We also look forward to the day when all people and nations will be able to sing in one voice with the psalmist, "Behold how good and how pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity." This is the dream we hope that one day will become a reality, and everyone would work toward achieving this goal.

This is what we see in the Pentecost event: The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit which gave them the courage to preach the word of God fearlessly. All barriers of nations and languages were broken down by the fusing power of the Holy Spirit, so that people who gathered there from different places heard the apostles speaking in their own language. The Holy Spirit helps the disciples to gather people from all nations to become the people of God. This is what we celebrate today, the event when Jesus filled the Church with his Spirit and sent her to establish his Kingdom on earth: the kingdom of love, peace, joy and forgiveness. We can learn many lessons from this event, such as:

- Since the Holy Spirit came when the disciples were gathered together in prayer, we can believe that the Spirit is at work when there is unity in the community and feeling of togetherness in prayer.
- The Church manifests herself as the Body of Christ to a community in prayer. Hence, we are one with Christ when we are gathered together in prayer.
- Since the Holy Spirit is alive in the communities founded in faith, we can say that when grounded and rooted in faith, our community will experience the loving presence of Christ.
- Since the unifying power is a characteristic of the Holy Spirit, it will unite the separated and it will give hope to the desperate.

It was the Pentecost event that gave the Apostles strength and courage to confess publicly their faith in Jesus. Pentecost is not just an event that took place in the past, it is only the beginning. It takes place and is taking place here and now, in a different manner perhaps, invisibly and less intensely. "How does one discover God?" asked a curious writer. The Guru responded sharply, "By making the heart white with silent meditation, and not making the paper black with religious composition." Then turning to his scholarly disciples, he teasingly added, "Or by making the air thick with learned conversation." God is Spirit, and the spirit of God comes to us every moment in truth, in prayer, in meditation and in good works. We need to believe in the power of the Holy Spirit and allow faith to blossom into works. We must first work towards transforming our local Churches to unite into loving and sharing communities. Our families, societies, and Church parishes must truly become the Body of Christ by putting our diverse talents and gifts at the service of the community. After getting our own houses in order, we must reach out to others. Therefore, as God's people, we are bound to function as divine agents in the world, to break down the walls of pride, prejudice, hatred, and war that still plague our families, societies and nations. If we are able to do this, then we can say that the power of the Holy Spirit is active and alive in us, and Pentecost is an everyday event in our lives and we are becoming agents of the Kingdom of God. Pray today that we may experience the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and work toward the establishment of His kingdom.

God Bless You,

Fr. John



WE HAVE AN AWESOME SPACE FOR YOU!

Please register now for Vacation Bible School.

July 10th-14th from 9:00am-11:30am

Children in Grades K-5 are welcome.

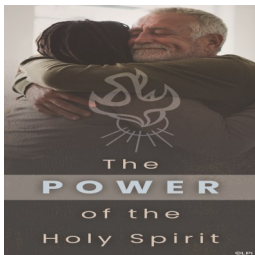
Registration Forms and Volunteer Forms can be found online at sjb-brusly.com, in the back of Church, in the Church Office and in the Christian Formation Office.

Volunteer Meeting

On July 5th at 6:00pm we will have a meeting for all Volunteers in the Activity Center.

Please call June or Jayne, 225-749-3387 for more information.

*The Sanctuary
Candle burns in
memory of
Ernest & Josephine
Lapeze, Seth &
Marion Davis, and
Jimmy Davis.*

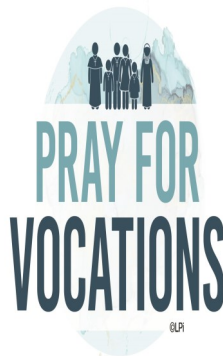


Confirmation Retreat

The Confirmation Retreat will be held in the Activity Center on May 31st at 5:00pm, June 1st at 1:00pm and June 2nd at 1:00pm.

Please call June Hebert, 225-749-3387 for more information.

Vocations
Come Holy Spirit and inspire us to become a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you to a religious vocation, please contact Father Josh Johnson at 225-336-8778 or email him: jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations Please pray for Vocations!



Stewardship of Finances

Total Collection for May 21st: \$7,456.00

Catholic Communications Campaign: \$460.00



Please welcome to our faith community:

Ellie Marie Blanchard and

Mia Ryleigh Blanchard

daughters of Trey & Latisha Blanchard, who were baptized on May 21st.



Summer Children's Church Choir

For Children in 3rd-8th grades

Rehearsals begin Monday, June 5th at

5:00pm in the Choir Loft.

Children will sing at one Mass at the end of June, July and August.

Please contact Celeste Veillon at: celesteveillon@yahoo.com to register.



THANK YOU to Janice & Joel Hebert and their group for the Bereavement meals in May.

Please contact Terry & Steve Guidry, 225-413-5418, in June if you can help.

THANK YOU to Wendy Daniel and her team for cleaning our Church during the month of May. Please call Opie Vidrine, 225-749-4403, if you can assist her group in June.

Upcoming Events

All Night Adoration begins on Friday, June 2nd at 8:00pm and ends with 8:00am Mass on Saturday, June 3rd. Sign-up sheets can be found in the back of Church.

Lions Club BBQ Chicken Dinner fundraiser will take place on Sunday, June 4th from 11:00am until 1:00pm at the Lions Club on East Saint Francis Street. Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend.

St. John the Baptist Women's Ministry will host Pray and Paint with Harleigh Leonard at 6:30pm in the Activity Center on Thursday, June 16th. You can go to their Facebook page, St. John the Baptist Women's Ministry, to register for this event. All skill levels are welcome!



Readings for the week of May 28, 2023

- 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/Jn 20:19-23
- Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/
Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56
- Thursday:** Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mk 10:46-52
- Friday:** Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26
- Saturday:** Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mk 11:27-33
- Next Sunday:** Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)/
2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

