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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  
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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.



Dear Parishioners,

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love Me more than all these?" William Barclay says that as far as language goes, "more than all these" can mean two things: First, Jesus must have meant, the boat, the net and all the equipment used to catch fish. He wanted to know if Peter was prepared to give up all this in order to give himself to God's people and His work. Secondly it could mean the little group of the disciples that Jesus looked at when He addressed Peter asking this very question. Did you ever wonder why Jesus asked this question to Peter three times? Wasn't it enough that He asked it once? We can see a correlation with Peter's threefold denial. Peter denied Jesus three times, so Jesus was probably giving him three chances to affirm his love. But that is not all. In English, when Jesus asks, "Do you love me?" And Peter responds, "Yes, I love you." Peter is not responding exactly to the question that Jesus is asking him. In the Greek Bible, there are three different words translated by the English word "love." There is *eros*, which means sensual or erotic love, the kind of love that leads to marriage. Then, there is *Philia* meaning love of the likeable. This is the admiration and devotion we have for a worthy person or thing; such as love for a hero, love for parents, love for the arts, etc. Finally, there is *agape*, which means self-sacrificing and unconditional love, a love that expects nothing in return.

Agape love is of the will. It is a decision. Here is an example of this love that happened in 1937 in the USA. Hensley was in control of a railroad bridge over the Mississippi River. Each day at a certain hour, this bridge was raised so that barges could pass through. Then it was lowered for the trains to pass over. One day, Hensley took his eight-year-old son with him to work. When it was time for him to close the bridge, he saw that his child was playing and had fallen into the gears that operated it. Hensley knew that if he pushed the lever, his son would be crushed to death. If he saved the boy, the 400 passengers on the approaching train would die. The father sacrificed his son. The train passed over as usual. It was filled with good and bad men, with saints and the unholy. Hensley had saved lives by sacrificing his son. This is a beautiful example of sacrificial love.

Back to the Gospel story where Jesus asks Peter, "Do you have *agape* love for me?" He means, "Do you love me in such manner as to sacrifice your life for Me." Peter knows that he hasn't lived up to this standard of love. He knows that he disowned Jesus in order to save his head. So, what does Peter say? He answers, "Yes, Lord I have *philia* love for You." He means, "Yes Lord, You know how deeply I admire You." You can see why it is a confession of failure. Peter is saying to Jesus, "Yes, I like You and I admire You; but, no, I have not been able to love You with a self-sacrificing love as You demand." So, Jesus asks him a second time whether he has *agape* love for Him, and Peter again replies that he has only *philia* love for Him. Finally, unwilling to embarrass him any further, Jesus asks him, "Do you have *philia* love for me?" And Peter answers, "Yes, I have *Philia* love for You." End of the interrogation! Jesus accepts Peter as he is. Even his *philia* love is good enough. The Peter we see here, is not the loud-mouthed, boastful man, who thought he was better than the other disciples, but a wiser, humbler man who would not claim more than he can deliver. So, Jesus accepts him as he is, with his *philia* love.

While at the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary at their Church, this couple was troubled. The husband flipped through the hymn book, turned a few pages and pointed out the words, "Every day I need thee more." Then the wife took the hymn book and turned a few pages and showed her answer, "Accept me as I am." This is what we call loving the other and accepting the other as he or she is; just as Jesus accepted Peter. In spite of Peter's failures and his denials, Jesus did not scold him, nor did He reject him; He loved him and He accepted him. This is how Jesus loves us in spite of our continued failures, shortcoming, sinfulness, denials, and betrayals, Jesus loves us and accepts us as we are. If we really love someone, then we must be ready to bear the consequences of that love; whether pleasant or unpleasant, light or hard. Pray today that we may affirm our faith in Jesus and show that we love Him, by our love for one another and for the willingness and courage to face the consequences of that love.

God Bless You,  
Fr. John

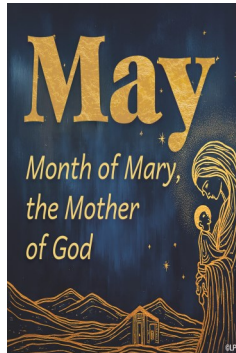
# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



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.

The May Crowning Ceremony will take place at 8:45am at the Grotto, before 9:00am Mass on Sunday, May 11th.

The Catholic Daughters will host a Rosary in honor of Mary after 9:00am Mass on Sunday, May 11th.



Congratulations to our O.C.I.A. Candidates,

Connie Achord Saizan and Brittney Clark Poirrier

who completed the O.C.I.A. program at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 19th.

Welcome to our Church!

## Stewardship of Finance

April 13th:

178 Identified Givers:	\$10,574.00
Loose Collection:	+1,151.00
Total Collection:	\$11,725.00

April 20th:

242 Identified Givers:	\$16,733.00
Loose Collection:	+1,483.00
Total Collection:	\$18,216.00

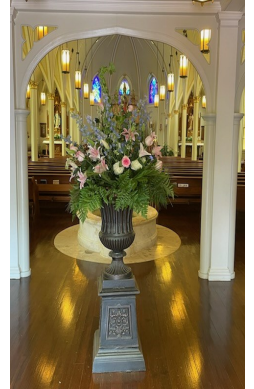
Holy Land Collection: \$2,404.00  
 Diocesan Retired Priests Collection: \$5,522.00  
 Thanks for your generosity!



*Congratulations and Marriage Blessings are extended to Aubrey Claire Hurley and Tyler Joshua Hays who were married on April 25th!*

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

Our next Baptismal Seminar is at 6:00pm on Wednesday, May 14th in Christian Formation Room One. Please call the Church Office to register for the seminar.



*The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Eric Parsons.*



**Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the families of Ty Dupont, Victor Mire and Kathrine Prejean Mouch upon their deaths.**

Food Pantry Distribution Dates:  
 May 12th  
 June 9th

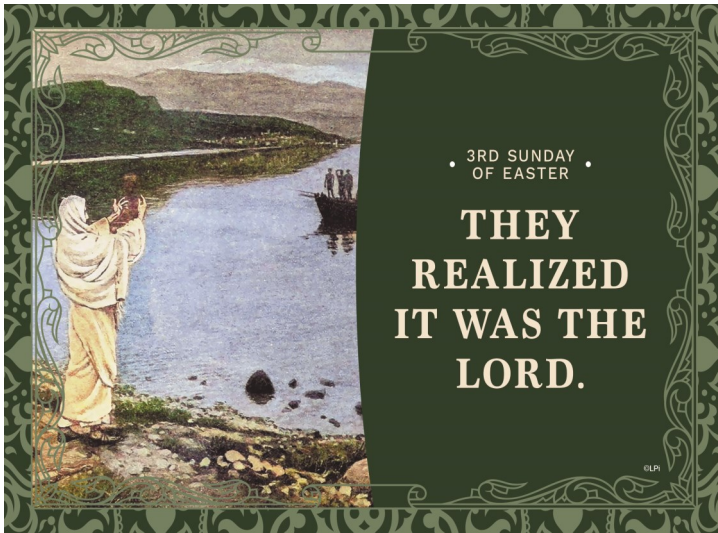
Distribution takes place at 8:30am from the Activity Center. Please consider a monetary donation or any nonperishable items for our Food Pantry. Thank you.



## Pray for Vocations

**Peace be with you. Can you share peace with others and spread peace as the Lord did? Perhaps God is calling you as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If so, 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)**





**Readings for the week of May 4, 2025**

- Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
- Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
- Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

**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.



**Blood Drive with Our Lady of the Lake  
Sunday, June 1st  
7:00am-1:00pm  
Blood Bus will be in the Church  
parking lot.**

**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.**

**Zippers Thrift Shop**

Pictured with Andrea Normand is Kellie Rountree, who makes blankets for the Brave Heart Foundation from donations from the Zippers. The Brave Heart Foundation benefits children who have been removed from abusive or neglectful homes and are now foster children. What a great ministry!

**Zippers next sale date is  
May 8th at 7:30am.**



**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. Candidate forms are available at: [forms.office.com/r/iNWXVBcjFf](https://forms.office.com/r/iNWXVBcjFf)  
Please call June Hebert, 225-749-3387 to sign up.



The St. John the Baptist Women's Ministry Bible Study will be for 4 weeks beginning May 6th in Christian Formation Room 2. There will be a morning session on Tuesdays at 10:00am and an evening session on Thursdays at 6:00pm. The Bible Study will conclude on Thursday, May 29th. For more information, please contact Alena Prejean, 225-235-1709.

**THANKS to all of you that volunteered your time, hard work and support to help make our Yard Sale with the Zippers a huge success on April 26th! It was a great day for our Ministry!**



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.