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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**

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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,

We all know a problem will not be solved by doing nothing or by being overwhelmed by the immensity of it. Rather, we need to face it openly and think it through clearly. Thinking about the end of the world with all its ramifications, and its fiery imagery is disturbing! We may feel paralyzed by the whole concept. Fortunately, this weekend's readings bring clarity to the matter. In the first reading, the Prophet Malachi meets some Israelites who wonder what is the use of continuing in the way of faith? Malachi meets their objections head on, "See the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and evil doers will be stubble. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings." In other words, Malachi was saying go about doing good work and don't be disturbed by the success of evil doers. In the long run, you'll succeed and they won't. Your work will pay off eternally; theirs will go up in smoke. In the second reading, St. Paul addresses the Thessalonian converts who think that since the end-time is just around the corner, it's useless to keep working. St. Paul doesn't know when the end time will come, but he is sure that until it comes, the followers of Christ earn their daily bread. St. Paul worked, and he advises the Thessalonians not to use the end time as an excuse for laziness.

In the Gospel, St. Luke speaks about the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple. When Jesus spoke about the destruction of the Temple, His contemporaries thought that He was referring to the end of the world. For the Jews, the destruction of the Temple was equivalent to the destruction of the world and so they asked, "When will this happen?" (Lk21:7). And when Jesus spoke of the trials and tribulations prior to the destruction of the Temple, the listeners thought that at the end of the world the sky would fall, the sun would burst, and the moon would disintegrate. Jesus tries to lessen the fears of His followers by telling them, "Not a hair on your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls." Was this question of the end of the world a big concern to Jesus? No, the concern of Jesus was not how or when everything will take place, but how we should be prepared for this day or that moment. He says that we are to go about our daily task of loving God and our neighbor, and all that such love entails, and leave the rest to God. No matter that this will happen one day, but today is a time of preparation. This is the task at hand right now for all of us.

A story is told about a man who set out with a pilgrim's staff to find a certain saintly hermit and ask him a question. When he found the hermit he asked him, "If you had just one day to live, how would you spend the day?" The hermit stroked his long white beard and answered, "Well, first I would say my morning prayer. Afterward, I might fix a little tea and go out and weed the garden. Then I might go down the road to visit my neighbor John. Then, I might take a nap." "Wait," the pilgrim interrupted, "that is the way you spend every day." "Of course," replied the hermit, "why should the last day be any different from the rest?" The best way to prepare ourselves for the end of the world is to live each day as our last day; live each day as God wants us to live. So, the Prophet Malachi in the first reading, tells the people to go on doing good work until the end comes, and in the end they will be rewarded. St. Paul is telling the Thessalonians to keep working until the end comes. Jesus tells His followers not to worry too much about the end of the world, but to prepare themselves for that day, living each day as if it is the last day for them. Pray today that we may accept each day as a gift from God, and to live it well confronting every situation in life with courage and faith, and always experiencing Jesus' presence, strength, care and protection in our lives.

God Bless You,  
Fr. John



## **Eucharistic Procession**

**Sunday, November 23rd following 9:00am Mass  
This will also be a Religion Mass for  
students in grades K-8.**

**Everyone is welcome to join the Procession!**

## Christian Formation

There will be a Religion Mass for grades K-8 at 9:00am on Sunday, November 23rd. The Eucharistic Procession will follow this Mass.

There will be NO Religion Classes for grades K-8 from November 24-26 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

First Reconciliation Retreat is Saturday, December 13th from 9:00am-12:00pm in the Activity Center for parent and child.  
1st Reconciliation is Wednesday, December 17th at 6:00pm.



Mass for Thanksgiving will be at 8:00am on Thursday, November 27th. Please bring any nonperishable food items for the Food Bank. There will be no Mass on November 28th.

### Stewardship of Finance

November 9th:

151 Identified Givers:	\$8,399.00
Loose Collection:	+1,357.00
Total Collection:	\$9,756.00

Thank you for your generosity!



December Events at our Church

Advent begins on Sunday, November 30th.

Immaculate Conception Masses are at 8:00am & 6:00pm on Monday, December 8th.

First Reconciliation Retreat for Parent & Child is from 9:00am-12:00pm in the Activity Center on Saturday, December 13th.

Our Lady of the Lake Blood Drive is scheduled at 7:00am on Sunday, December 14th in our Church Parking Lot.

Our Advent Penance Service & First Reconciliation will be at 6:00pm on Wednesday, December 17th.

We will Decorate the Church for Christmas at 9:00am on Saturday, December 20th. If you can help with this endeavor, we would greatly appreciate it.

**New Garden Mausoleum**  
American Cemetery Consultants are now meeting with families in our area regarding the new garden mausoleum that will be constructed. There is a drawing in the back of Church with a QR code, and also a brochure, for more information. To speak with a representative, without obligation, please call 225-650-7513, with your questions.



The Book of the Dead for the names of your deceased loved ones is open until the end of the month.

*The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Monica McDaniel.*



### LITURGICAL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

We need more Liturgical Ministers at all Masses. We need Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Ushers. Please consider one of these Ministries!



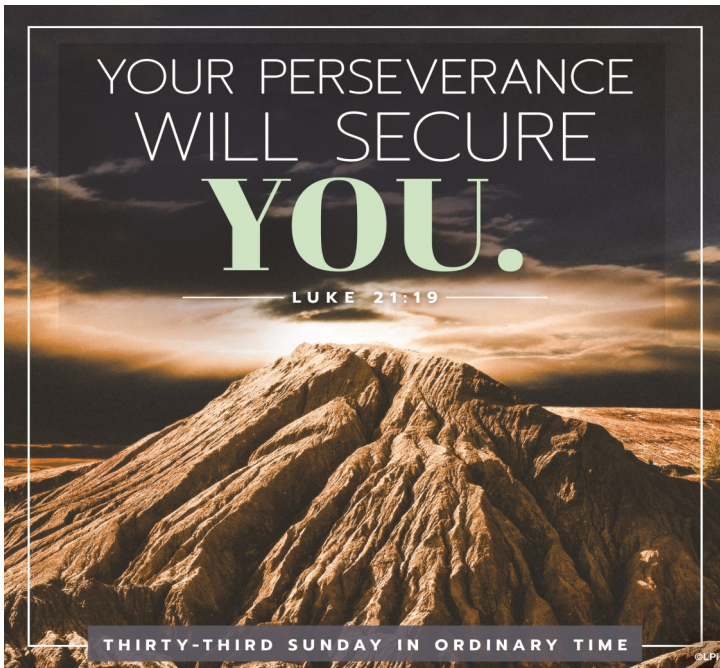
Our Church Bell has been repaired by these wonderful Volunteers: Larry Cain, Tony Distefano, Chris Gauthreaux, and Calvin Kelley. They saved us \$13,000! Please express your gratitude to them.



### Pray for Vocations

Jesus may be calling you to a life of devoted prayer and reflection. Will you answer that call? If you are considering a vocation as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, please speak to your priest. You can also 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 November 16, 2025**

- Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/  
2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19
- Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53,  
61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/  
Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/  
Lk 19:41-44
- Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc,  
11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/  
Lk 20:27-40
- Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/  
Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43



**The Church Office will be closed November 27-28 for the Thanksgiving holidays. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!**

**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.



**The Port Allen Rotary Club** has invited all local Senior Citizens to their annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on Tuesday, November 25th at 11:00am at the Addis Community Center. Please join them for this delicious meal, community and friendsgiving.



**Christmas Cards**  
We are collecting Christmas Cards for the Prison Ministry this season. Our deadline for collection is November 26th. Please bring your cards to the Church Office.

**Lord, Teach Me To Pray**  
A free three-part Ignatian Prayer series for Women & Men  
God is calling the laity to work for the new Evangelization.  
You can learn more at [LordTeachMeToPray.com](http://LordTeachMeToPray.com)



**Students from St. Elizabeth's School in Paincourtville will be selling \$100 raffle tickets for a chance to win \$25,000 after all Masses on the weekend of November 22nd & 23rd. These proceeds will benefit their new Early Learning Center. Please consider this worthy cause. The drawing will be held on Thursday, December 18th.**

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**Raffle for Painting of Church**  
The Painting of our Church done by Sim Sidhu-Bickham, a local artist and parishioner, will be raffled off on Sunday, December 7th after 11:00am Mass. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25 and can be purchased after all weekend Masses until the drawing.