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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

Sara Hernandez, Janitorial

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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,

A young teacher with liberal tendencies explains to her class of small children that she is an atheist; that she doesn't believe in the existence of God. She asks her class if they are atheists, too. Not really knowing what atheism is, but wanting to be like their teacher, all of their hands went up, except a beautiful girl named Lucy. Lucy had not gone along with the crowd. The teacher asked her why she had decided to be different. Lucy responded, "Because, I am not an atheist." Then, asks the teacher, "What are you?" Lucy replied, "I am a Christian." The teacher is a little perturbed now and her face is slightly red. She then asked Lucy, "Why are you a Christian." Lucy replied to her, "Well, I was brought up knowing and loving Jesus. My mom is Christian, and my dad is a Christian." Then the teacher asks loudly, "What if your mom was an idiot, and your dad was an idiot? What would you be then?" Lucy paused, smiled and said, "Then I would be an atheist!"

Henry III of Bavaria was a God-fearing King, but the demands of being a ruler did not leave him much time for spiritual exercises. One day he got fed up with being a king, and he went to Prior Richard at the local monastery, and asked to be admitted as a monk for the rest of his life. "Your Majesty," said Prior Richard, "Do you understand that the pledge here is one of obedience? That will be hard because you have been a king." "I understand," replied King Henry, "For the rest of my life I will be obedient to you as Christ leads you." Prior Richard responded, "Then I will tell you what to do. Go back to your throne and serve faithfully in the place where God has placed you." King Henry returned to his throne and served his people, instead of ruling them and became a saintly king.

Kings are often identified with a lot of pomp, grandeur, power and triumphalism. Christ our King is not bothered about any such external pageantry or vain flashiness. What is the identification of Christ the King? In Matthew 2:2, we read a question, "Where is the new born King of the Jews?" The answer to this question will be found at the end of the Gospel, with Jesus hanging on the Cross and a statement which reads in Matthew 27:37, "This is the King of the Jews!" Where the Cross is, there is Christ the King! Where the lost, the sinful, the abandoned and the lonely are, there is Christ the King. Where the poor, the suffering, the miserable and the abused are, there is Christ the King. The Lord in the Gospel of St. Matthew reminds us through the scene of Judgment, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Mt 25:40). There are two images of how we are to live. One image is of empire, dominion and power; the other is of invitation and service. All of us, at one time or another, have to choose which one will motivate our lives.

As Jesus explains it, there is only one right way to exercise power in this world, and that is for the sake of the powerless. Those with food should share it. Those who are on the inside should be hospitable to those on the outside. If someone is cold, someone with clothes should keep him or her warm. If people are oppressed, those who have their liberty should work towards the freedom of the oppressed. If we live by these kingdom rules during our time in this world, we slip pretty easy into the next one. Take up your pen and write a check for the poor. Jesus Christ comes to us in the form of victims of wars, hurricanes, earthquakes and accidents. He can come to us as a refugee. Christ is the sick in the hospitals, nursing homes and apartments; so put on your jacket and go visit the sick. Set a place at your table for the lonely Christ. Forgive, support, or lift up the burdened Christ. When we do these things, the Kingdom is ours. We have to choose between love of power, and the power of love.

God Bless You, Father John

## Christian Formation

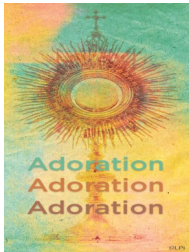
There will be NO Religion Classes for grades K-8 from November 24-26 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

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

First 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.



All Night Eucharistic Adoration begins at 8:00pm on Friday, November 5th and ends with 8:00am Mass on Saturday, November 6th. Sign up sheets can be found in the back of Church.

## DECEMBER

December Events at our Church

Advent begins on Sunday, November 30th.

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

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.

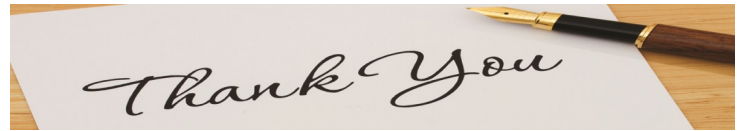
### LITURGICAL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

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

*The Sanctuary Candle  
burns in memory of  
Rod Koberg.*



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.



**THANKS** to Jackie Morain and her group for cleaning the Church in November. Please contact Carolyn Bourgeois, 225-776-3325, to help during the month of December.

**THANKS** to Becky Cavanaugh and her team for the Bereavement meals in November. Please contact Janice Hebert, 225-749-3863, to assist in December.

Please join the Ladies of our Church to pray the Rosary at 3:00pm every Tuesday in Church. All are welcome!



Pray for Vocations  
Be thankful for all our Priests and those who have chosen a religious life. Is Jesus calling you to a religious life of serving others? Please consider a vocation as a priest, deacon, sister or brother and 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)

### Senior Spirit Bus Trip to Georgia

March 16-19, 2026

This trip includes Callaway Gardens, Echo Park Speedway NASCAR Track, World of Coca Cola, College Football Hall of Fame, and dinner at the famous restaurant, Mary Macs Tea Room. Please contact Paige Currie, 225-921-0634 to sign up for this adventure!



**Readings for the week of November 23, 2025**

- Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/ Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
- Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/ Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/ Lk 21:20-28
- Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/ Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/ Lk 21:34-36
- Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44



**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.

**Advent Day of Reflection**

On Saturday, December 6th, this day begins with 8:00am Mass, followed by "With Advent Hope & Joyful Expectation" Reflection in the Activity Center. A light lunch will be served and the Reflection concludes at 3:00pm. Pam Folsie is the facilitator and you have until December 1st to register. Registration Forms can be found in the back of Church and on our webpage. For questions, please contact Alena Prejean, 225-235-1709.

**Christmas Caroling**

Caroling is being planned in the Activity Center at 5:00pm on Sunday, December 7th. Details to follow.

**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.



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

**Organizations**

**Knights of Columbus**

**Donuts on December 7th after 7:30am Mass in the Activity Center**

**Meeting at 6:00pm on Thursday, December 18th, in the Activity Center**

**Rosary before 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, December 20th**

**The Catholic Daughters will host a rosary after 9:00am Mass on Sunday, December 14th.**



**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)

**Children's Church**  
9:00am & 11:00am Masses  
December 7 & 21  
January 11 & 25

Please call Jayne, 225-749-3387, if you can volunteer to help with this ministry.

