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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

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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,

The cemeteries look beautiful on All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, decorated with flowers, candles, and groups of people in prayer for their dearly departed. What motivates people to come out in hundreds to attend Mass and flock to the cemeteries to pray for their dead on this day? A politician died, and so the story goes: His wife put a notice in the obituary column which read, "Los Angeles, today my husband, Willoughby Dubius, departed for heaven at 3:30 AM." The next day a notice appeared in the paper: "Heaven 8:30 P.M., Mr. Dubius has not yet arrived. Whereabouts unknown." Perhaps, whoever put the second notice in the paper needed to be patient. Nowhere in the Scripture or other teachings of the Church do we find doctrines which declare that we are static after death, that death immediately means either heaven or hell. Even after death, God gives us the opportunity to grow in His grace, to become better suited to enjoy the blessedness of heaven. I think we all can acknowledge that when we conclude our lives in this world, we are probably not quite good enough to go directly to heaven, but surely not bad enough to go to hell. Does that mean we must remain in some nebulous condition, suspended as it were between the state of paradise and that of perdition? Those who believe in God's mercy can give a resounding "No" to that question. God gives us the reconciling grace of His Son's sacrificial death as we pass through a state of purification when, "we are washed clean in the blood of the Lamb." We call that state Purgatory.

We pray for the dead in purgatory, just as we pray for each other on this earth. Our faith tells us that it is right to ask others for prayers, and we follow that teaching especially when we face a special need, or when we must undergo serious surgery, or when we are faced with a difficult decision. We help each other by means of prayer, and we help those who have gone before us in death in the same way. This is the reason that on All Saints' Day or All Souls' Day people gather in hundreds and thousands in the cemetery, and come to the graves of their loved ones. Each year during this month, we are invited or we are urged to pray even more fervently, for the dead. We are privileged to participate in the highest form of prayer, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Although death seems to be a separation, it does not make us lose contact with those who have gone before us. We are united with them through the Communion of Saints. Our voices raised in prayer are their voices before God; our hands lifted up in prayer are their hands lifted up to God; for in Christ, we form one body. Let us also keep in mind that on All Souls' Day, and as well as the month of November, is a time to gain indulgences that the Church offers.

The Apostolic Penitentiary decree gives the following guidelines:

1) A plenary indulgence for the faithful departed in purgatory can be gained each day during the whole month of November, by visiting a cemetery, and praying for the departed, even if the prayer is only mental. 2) A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who, on All Souls' Day, or on any day in the month of November, devoutly visits a church and recites an Our Father and the Creed. 3) A partial indulgence (applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory) can be obtained when the prayer, "Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen," is recited.

2) Let's also keep in mind the conditions to be fulfilled for the reception of the Plenary Indulgence: a) Do the act of the indulgence (prayer/act) while in a state of grace. b) Receive sacramental confession within 20 days. c) Receive Holy Communion and pray for the Pope's intentions (Our Father and Hail Mary, and/or other appropriate prayer). d) Have no attachment to sin (even venial). The person needs to make an act of the will to love God and despise sin. Death is hard. But, the Lord has conquered this death! Let us look to Him, on the Cross, and find greater meaning and hope in life. In the Lord, the faithful departed are faithful returned! In the Lord, our loved ones do not leave home, they go Home! May our Blessed Mother Mary, who bore the pain of the death of Her Beloved Child, be our refuge and strength. May the prayers and example of the Church Triumphant be our inspiration and courage. Let us continue to pray for our loved ones.

God Bless You,

Fr. John



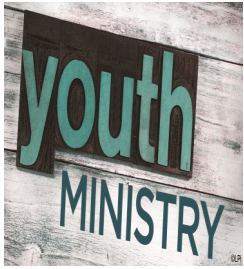
Eucharistic Procession

**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.



Come join the Youth Group!

For Middle School & High School Students

Sunday, November 9th at 5:00pm in the Activity Center

Our next Baptism Seminar is Thursday, November 6th at 6:00pm in Activity Center Classroom One. Please call the Church Office to register.



Father John will be in North Carolina for a Retreat from November 9-13. We will have Communion Services on November 10, 12 & 13 at 8:00am that week.



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

Stewardship of Finance

October 26th:

128 Identified Givers:	\$9,814.00
Loose Collection:	+802.00
Total Collection:	\$10,616.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Thanks to all of you that participated in our Card Party on October 27th! We had 180 participants who enjoyed a day of fun, delicious food and fellowship. Thank you to Betty Cain and Stacy Gauthreaux for organizing a great event!



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!

FEAST ON THE LEVEE

Race Winners

Congratulations to all of our Winners!

20 Mile Bike Ride Winners:

1st Place: Greg Bourque
2nd Place: Dan Jason
3rd: Blake Marionneaux

One Mile Fun Run:

1st Place: Porter Boudreaux
2nd Place: Emily Brou
3rd Place: Mary Brou

5K Run:

1st Place: Larry Cain
2nd Place: Patrick Brou
3rd Place: Hannah Crochet

Thank you all for participating in the Races!

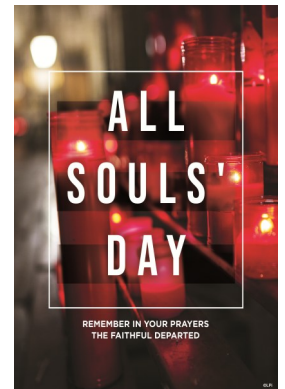
GOD BLESS OUR
VETERANS



Our Veterans' Mass will be at 11:00am on November 16th.

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the families of Gerald Warren Boudreaux and Dale Katherine Cordell upon their deaths.

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of John Artigue.



Pray for Vocations

Please pray for all those who have departed. Following Jesus has great spiritual rewards. 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 or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations





**THE COMMEMORATION
OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED**

"And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day."
- Jn 6:39-40

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Readings for the week of November 2, 2025

- Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
- Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14
- Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24
- Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14/Lk 15:1-10
- Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

New Garden Mausoleum

Over the next few weeks American Cemetery Consultants will be available to meet with you regarding the new garden mausoleum that's being constructed. There is a rendering in the back of Church with a QR code, and also a brochure, for more information. You can call them with your questions at **225-650-7513**.

Food Pantry Distribution Dates:
November 10th
December 8th

Distribution takes place at 8:30am from the Activity Center. Donations can be brought to the Church Office. Thank you!



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!



Mother's Day Out Program: The children from our M.D.O. Program toured our Church with their teachers this week.



Raffle for Painting of Church

The Painting of our Church done by Sim Sidhu-Bickham, a local artist and parishioner, will be on display in the back of Church on November 1-2. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25 and can be purchased after all weekend Masses until the drawing after 11:00am Mass on Sunday, December 7th.

Advent Day of Reflection

On Saturday, December 6th, this day begins with 8:00am Mass, followed by "With Advent Hope" Reflection with lunch in the Activity Center until 3:00pm. Pam Folse 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.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Prison Ministry: We are collecting Christmas Cards through November 26th for this Ministry. Please bring your cards to the Church Office.

St. Alphonsus Veterans Day Mass: Sunday, November 9th at 12:00pm at St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church

Catholic Charities Christmas Program: Collection Day is Friday, November 21st from 9:00am-4:00pm at the Diocese, 1900 S. Acadian Thruway. Monetary donations will be used for rent and utility assistance for families in need. They will accept donations through December 19th.