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OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-1:30pm

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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,

A story is narrated about a group of students who were taken to different places in a village. They came upon an orange Orchard where an irrigation pump had broken down. The climate was unusually dry and many of the trees were beginning to die for lack of water. The man who was guiding the tour, a farmer, took the students to his own orchard. The students were surprised to see the green trees in this particular fruit garden. One of the students asked the farmer, "How is it that the trees in your orchard are so fresh and green? You are not even using irrigation! Whereas, most of the trees in this vicinity are dying." The guide replied, "These trees could go without rain for another two weeks. You see, when these trees were young, I frequently and systematically kept them away from water for some time. This hardship caused them to send their roots deeper into the soil in search of moisture. Now my trees are the deepest-rooted trees in this area. While others are being scorched by the sun, mine are finding moisture at great depths, thus they remain fresh and green." This early schooling in hardship helped the trees to find strength in difficult times; and thus, remained fresh and green. Christian life calls for a life of endurance in faith. It is this endurance that will help one to remain ever faithful, ever alert, and ever ready in the service of the Lord. The Gospel is a call to avoid all complacency and lethargy, and to be ever fresh and green in our faith so as to always be ready for the Advent of the Lord!

The Season of Advent is presented to the faithful as a time of waiting, conversion and of hope. We are very strongly urged to be ever ready and prepared for the coming of the Lord, and to avoid every tendency to be complacent and lethargic. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds the people and warns them about the days of Noah, "For as in the days before the flood they were eating, drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark. They knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away. So, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man." (Cf. Mt 24:37, 39). While Noah was patiently building the ark and warning people of the impending judgment, they laughed and said, "It will never happen." Similarly, we too, live in an age where there is much casualness, lethargy and indifference concerning the matters of spiritual life. All of us procrastinate from time to time about certain things, like waiting until the deadline before filing our income taxes. Many of us are hard core procrastinators who put off just about everything.

St. Paul also has some suggestions to make about putting things off in our spiritual lives. He says, "It is now the hour for you to wake from sleep. The night far spent, the day draws near." It seems that St. Paul is seized with a sense of urgency. "It is NOW the hour," he states. Not tomorrow or next week, but NOW. Not next month or next year, but NOW. Therefore, he says, "Wake up from sleep. Cast off deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Live honorably as in the day." There is no time for procrastination in Christian life in St. Paul's view. Time is precious and Christ is coming. This is the meaning of the word, "Advent- coming." Jesus is coming at the end of our lives; Jesus is coming at Christmas, and He is coming NOW in the Sacrament.

We could put off some of our Christmas shopping until a week before Christmas, but we cannot put off Christ's coming in the present moment. We cannot say, "Come Lord Jesus, but not now." The opportunity is here and now. Either we waste it by postponing our wake from sleep, and make some conversion; or we use it by living honorably and doing some good that is asked of us. We cannot sit back and procrastinate by making excuses. I will quit smoking, or overeating so much, when my tensions ease. I will visit my aging parents, or give my children more attention when I have more time. The power to act is in the present moment. As Christians and as followers of Christ, we need to be alert, enthusiastic and enduring in our faith and pursuit of holiness. Faithfulness ought to become the hallmark of our lives! Let these days of Advent truly become days of preparation and not just externally with decorations, sweets, and festivities, but much more with repentance and with growth in holiness!

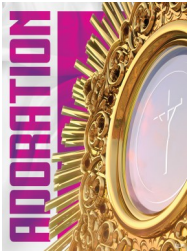
May God bless us all!
Fr. John

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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.

There will be NO Religion Classes for grades K-8 from December 15th through January 9th. Classes resume on Monday, January 12, 2026.



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



December Events at our Church

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

Our Lady of the Lake Blood Drive is scheduled from 7:00am until 1:00pm on Sunday, December 14th. The blood bus will be 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.

Stewardship of Finance

November 16th:

194 Identified Givers:	\$11,099.00
Loose Collection:	+806.00
Total Collection:	\$11,905.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$710.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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!

Baptism

Please welcome these children to our faith community who were baptized on November 16th:

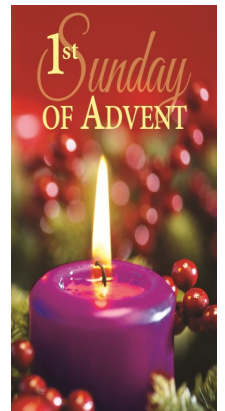
Ainsley Kate LeBlanc
daughter of Cody & Hana LeBlanc

Jett Michael Callais
son of Mitchell & Callie Callais

Our next Baptism Seminar is Wednesday, January 7th at 6:00pm in Activity Center Classroom One. Please call the Church Office to register.

*The Sanctuary Candle burns
in memory of
Johnny & Austin Morain.*

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the families of Margaret Tullier Berthelot & Dorothy Crowson Sarradet upon their deaths.



Pray for Vocations

Are you waiting for a call from the Lord? Be ready. Jesus is calling us to serve 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 or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations

FEAST ON THE LEVEE

Feast on the Levee proceeds are \$58,673. Proceeds for the Feast on the Levee include the Raffle, Fair, Race, and the Card Party.

THANK YOU to everyone who came out and made this event a huge success!

THANK YOU to our Feast on the Levee Committee for planning this great day of fun and fellowship!



1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”
- Mt 24:44

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Readings for the week of November 30, 2025

- 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
- Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/
Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/
Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12



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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

Upcoming Events in our Diocese:

St. Sharbel Healing Mass: On Tuesday, December 23rd, Father Charbel will host a Healing Mass at 6:00pm at St. Isadore in Baton Rouge.

Diocese of Baton Rouge: Advent Morning of Reflection and Renewal will be held from 9:30am-12:00pm on Friday, December 12th at the Catholic Life Center. Registration is required. Please email Dina Dow: ddow@diobr.org

St. Gerard Majella: On Saturday, December 13th, you are invited to an Advent Retreat from 8:30am-12:00pm. Please call 225-355-2553 for more information.

Women's Ministry

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 can be purchased after all Masses.

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. You have until December 1st to register and forms can be found in the back of Church and on our webpage.

Christmas Caroling

Christmas Carol Night is at 5:00pm in the Activity Center on Sunday, December 7th. Please join us for a night of music, led by Sharon Thibodeaux. All are welcome!

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.

Human Resources Generalist position at the Diocese of Baton Rouge

This position supports all diocesan locations, handles special projects, and other confidential and sensitive matters. Education and experience required. To apply, go to: jobs.dayforcehcm.com/en-US/diobr/CANDIDATEPORTAL/jobs/889

BLOOD DRIVE
St. John the Baptist Brusly
Sunday, December 14, 2025
7:00am-1:00pm



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