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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
 Christel Dupont, Receptionist
 June Hebert, Director of Religious Education
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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,

After ending three centuries of Church persecution, the Emperor Constantine gave the Lateran Palace in Rome for use as a Church in the year 324. An early inscription describes this Church as "The Mother and head of all Churches" because the Christians in Rome were baptized here. The Popes resided next to this Church until the fourteenth century, then they moved their residence to the Vatican. The Church of St. John Lateran has a big place in the history of our Church, which is the reason why we celebrate the dedication of this Church as a Feast. The Lateran Basilica symbolizes the unity of our Church, and through our common liturgical celebration, we are reminded of the essential truth of our faith that we are temples of God. Moreover, the Catholic Church has always revered its Churches as places of God's grace and a place of worship, where God's word is preached and sacraments are celebrated. Again, the celebration of this Feast helps us examine our own attitude toward the Catholic Church as a whole, and the Church here and everywhere.

Often times when we go into a Church, we hope that we are able to get a real sense of the presence of God. Some people travel great distances to go to a particular church, because for them the Church itself reminds them of the beauty and grandeur of God. The Basilica of St. John Lateran is an example of it. But, what we are reminded of today, and spoken of so beautifully by St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians, is that we are God's holy buildings. Just as people go into a Church building to encounter our living and true God, so too, people should be able to encounter our holy and mighty God, in each and every one of us. In the first reading, the Prophet Ezekiel describes a stream of water flowing out of the temple that gives life and healing to the people, and the lands that surround it. Since we are the temples of God, life-giving streams should flow from us to the rest of the world. We are the branches of the river that bring God's nourishment and healing to others; or at least we can be, if we realize our true calling and are willing to give of ourselves to others. When we can begin to encounter both the presence of God within us, and the holiness and dignity of all people, then we will be helping in the building of the kingdom of God in our midst and establish the unity that the St. John Lateran Basilica symbolizes.

As we celebrate this Feast, it's good to ask ourselves as to what is our attitude toward the Church? Do we consider it as God's gift, and always revere it as a place of worship and holiness? In today's Gospel, Jesus' action in the temple reaffirms the holiness and sanctity of the place of worship. His words are strong and His actions effective. The house of God is for worship, and so it cannot be misused through human cunning and greed for profit. Our Churches have a similar responsibility today. God's generosity has blessed the Church with many riches. First of all, it's a place of worship where people can draw spiritual strength for their daily lives. It has wonderful and generous people, artistic treasures, educational institutions, out-reach programs for the poor, etc. The Church is also a place where people meet in love, and God is right there among them. St. Paul says that the real church is made up of people. Without the people, a church would simply become an empty monument. Today's celebration therefore points to the life that comes to the world through the communities which gather together in a church, like St. John Lateran, and all our cathedrals and parish churches. Again, it is not the building which is the source of life, but the community which gathers together there. As we celebrate this Feast, let us pray that we may have the right attitude toward the Church, and that we may revere it as a place of worship and holiness.

May God bless you all!
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!

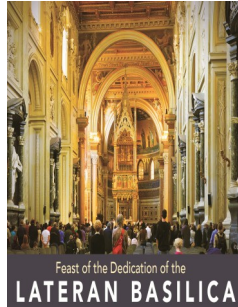
Christian Formation

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.

Children's Church
9:00am & 11:00am Masses
November 16
December 7 & 21

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



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 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.

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.

Stewardship of Finance November 2nd:

228 Identified Givers:	\$26,936.00
Loose Collection:	+824.00
Total Collection:	\$27,760.00

October Building Fund: \$7,080.00

All Saints Day Collection: \$1,515.00

Thank you for your generosity!



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.

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!

Caution: Construction has begun on the Christian Formation building. For your safety, please DO NOT enter the orange fencing or move the orange fencing.



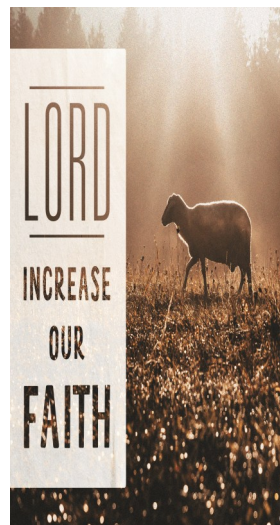
Our Veterans' Mass will be at 11:00am on November 16th.

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Marshall Vince.



Pray for Vocations

Can you love your neighbor as yourself and share these gifts with others? 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



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Readings for the week of November 9, 2025

- 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
- Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/
Lk 17:1-6
- Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/
Lk 17:7-10
- Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19
- Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135,
175/Lk 17:20-25
- Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/
Lk 17:26-37
- Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,
42-43/Lk 18:1-8
- Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/
2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19



The Church Office will be closed November 27-28 for the Thanksgiving holidays. Happy Thanksgiving!



**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!

Prayer for Hurricane Season

Our Father in Heaven, through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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. To speak with a representative, without obligation, please call 225-650-7513, with your questions.

K.C. Calendar Winners for October

Mike & Mary Kay Hidalgo; Devin Durand; Jasmine Silva; Ann Landry; Bobby & Marie Ramirez; M/M Jai Daigle; Rusty Clark; Dr & Mrs. James Shelley; Curtis Cloutre; Jacie Rivere; Carol Mancuso; Agnes Gautreaux; Lorraine Frioux; The Hergruders; Don Denova; Wayne Dupuy; Sonya Gregoire; Mary Kate Martin; Gladys Prejean; Aimee Rabalais; Alexis Douglas; Jay Blanchard; David Vercher; Diana Seneca; Rich Gremillion; Carolyn Hebert; Herman Courtade; Freddie Landry; Travis Prejean; Charles Allen; Gene Bertrand

Upcoming Events:

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

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.

St. Sharbel Healing Mass: On Tuesday, November 25th, Father Charbel will host a Healing Mass at 6:00pm at St. Isadore in Baton Rouge.

St. Elizabeth School in Paincourtville: A raffle for a chance to win \$25,000 will take place at 1:00pm on Thursday, December 18th at St. Elizabeth's School. Tickets will be sold for \$100 at our Church on the weekend of November 22-23.

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

Cenam Agni, St. Agnes Gala: On Friday, January 30th, St. Agnes Church will hosts it's dinner & auction at 6:00pm at Drusilla Place. For cost and more information, go to: www.stagnesbr.com

WBR Men's ACTS Retreat: The 2nd Men's ACTS Retreat will be May 28-31, 2026. Formation meetings are planned for Tuesday evenings at Holy Family Church from 6:00-8:00pm. To join this team or ask questions, please email: WBRActs@gmail.com