



# Feast on the Levee



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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  
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Christel Dupont, Receptionist  
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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,

In August 2000 I had gone to visit my benefactors in East Dubuque, Illinois. While returning I was on a small American Eagle flight from Chicago to Baton Rouge. As the flight took off from Chicago, it went across turbulent weather. The experience was terrible. Everyone on the flight was scared! I could see the flight attendants running frantically to the cockpit. I was so scared that I did not dare open my eyes, but prayed hard. I was glad when the flight finally landed in Baton Rouge. To be frank, I never prayed that much in my life as I prayed in that moment. Many of us remember the tragedy that hit the United States on September 11, 2001. We found many people returning to God, and returning to prayer. Not in a feeling of revenge, but with a feeling of sympathy and with an attitude of love, and a genuine need to come back to God. Yes, we always need God, and especially in moments of difficulties and problems. Although there are moments when we feel that we don't need God or prayer; everyone at some time or other comes to grips with the reality of God and the need for prayer.

Today's readings tell us that we can always turn to our God, who is merciful, loving, and compassionate. The widow in the Gospel represents the poor and defenseless. The judges of those days were appointed either by Herod or by the Romans, and they were known to be notorious. For a plaintiff to influence the judge and to act in one's favor, the judge had to be bribed. Judges in those days were known for preventing justice for a dish of meat. However, this poor widow had one weapon--persistence. The Gospel says, at least for the sake of avoiding her persistence and repeated disturbance the judge might give her justice. If that is the case with an unjust and corrupt judge, Jesus says how much more God would hear the prayers of His chosen people and that, too, in a speedier manner! So, we should not lose courage, but be persistent in our prayers. Nevertheless, we have to keep in mind that we may not get whatever we pray for. We find in the human realm that sometimes a father has to refuse the request of his child. God is our Father and we are His children. He knows what is good for us in the long run. So, we need not get discouraged even if we feel our prayers are not answered.

We also need to understand what prayer really is: First of all, **prayer is not asking God to do things for us, rather it's asking God to make us able to do things ourselves.** Prayer is not an easy way out, but a way to receive power from God to deal with difficult moments. If prayer is a way of getting things done for us, it would make us flabby, lazy, and inefficient. Therefore, we should not pray and sit and wait for God to do what we want. In the first reading, we see the people of God being attacked by the Amalekites on their way to the promised land. At this moment, Moses went to the hill and prayed, while Joshua with his men fought the Amalekites. Moses did not pray and wait for God to stop the fighting, but his prayer strengthened Joshua in his fight and defeat of the enemy. St. Paul in the second reading says, "People who belong to God may be equipped for good work. Not that they can pray and sit idle, but can be strengthened in doing good work."

Secondly: **Prayer is the ability to accept. It is not meant to bring deliverance from a situation, but the ability to accept the situation and transform it for the better.** A beautiful example is Jesus' own prayer in the garden of Gethsemane. He prayed that the cup might pass from Him and He be delivered from it, but God did not grant what He asked for. Nevertheless, that prayer helped Him to accept it and transform it into glory. So do not pray for running away from a situation, but for the strength to face it and transform it into a glorious one.

Thirdly: **Prayer brings ability to bear.** As humans we find ourselves helpless when we confront certain situations, or find that something is beyond our control, or the demands are more than what we can give. Such moments weigh us down with feelings of helplessness. During those moments prayer helps us to bear the unbearable, to confront adversities, and to pass the breaking point and yet not to break. Let us pray for the grace that we may always turn to God in prayer, so that we can bear the unbearable, confront adversities and remain strong even in breaking points.

God Bless You,  
Father John



## **Eucharistic Procession**

**Sunday, November 23rd following 9:00am Mass  
This will also be a Religion Mass for  
students in grades K-8.  
There will be NO 11:00am Mass that day.**

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

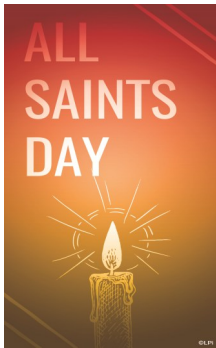
## Christian Formation

There will be no Religion Classes for grades K-8 from October 20-22. Classes resume the week of October 27th.

There will be a Parent & Child First Reconciliation Meeting at 5:30pm on Thursday, October 23rd in the Activity Center.

Come join the Youth Group!

For Middle School & High School Students  
Sunday, November 9th  
at 5:00pm in the Activity Center



All Saints Day, Saturday,  
November 1st, Mass at 10:00am with  
distribution of Crosses  
11:00am Blessing of the Graves

There will be NO 8:00pm All Night  
Eucharistic Adoration on October 31st  
and NO 8:00am Mass on Saturday,  
November 1st.

Prayers and Sympathy are  
extended to the family of  
Marjorie Schexnayder  
upon her death.

*The Sanctuary Candle  
burns in memory of  
Larry Ducote.*



## Pray for Vocations

Please pray for peace and for priests. Please ask all Saints to pray for those contemplating the priesthood. 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)



Please welcome these children to our faith community who were baptized on October 12th:

Skyler Elizabeth Aillet  
daughter of John & Bailee Aillet

Audrey Ann Bourg  
daughter of Brock Bourg & Daleigh Simoneaux

Helen Marguerite Hebert  
daughter of Brandon & Julia Hebert

Grant Alexander Freeman  
son of Shawn & Hannah Freeman



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

## St. John the Baptist Church Card Party

Monday, October 27th  
10:00am-3:00pm  
Church Activity Center  
Come and join in the fun!  
Lunch will be served.  
Pre-registration is required.  
Please contact Stacy Gauthreaux,  
225-439-2282, or Betty Cain, 225-776-1160,  
with any questions.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

We need more Liturgical Ministers at the  
following Masses:

Altar Servers are needed at all Masses  
Eucharistic Ministers are needed at 4:30pm & 9:00am  
Lectors are needed at 4:30pm  
Ushers are needed at all Masses

Please consider one of these Ministries!

## Church Floor Repair

Due to long term water intrusion and termites, serious damage has occurred to the floors at the back of Church where the candle altars are located. The repairs will be ongoing for an extended period of time and the candle altars have been relocated. For your safety, please do not enter the repair area.



## 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” - Lk 18:7-8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. OLR

### Readings for the week of October 19, 2025

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/  
2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8  
Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/  
Lk 12:13-21  
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a,  
8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38  
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/  
Lk 12:39-48  
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/  
Lk 12:49-53  
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/  
Lk 12:54-59  
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9  
Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23  
(7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

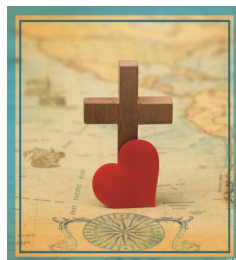


**Children's Church**  
9:00am & 11:00am Masses  
October 26  
November 2 & 16

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

**S.A.L.T.: Seniors and Law Enforcement Together  
with the W.B.R. Sheriff's Department will host:  
Senior Health Expo from 9:00am-1:00pm  
Wednesday, November 5th  
Addis Community Center  
Lunch, Guest Speaker & Entertainment  
Please join this Community Event!**

**Do you want to take a trip to  
Portugal and visit  
Fatima in April of 2026? If  
so, please contact Donna  
Kirkland, 225-803-6013.**



**Attention Shoppers!**  
Zippers/Rita's Closet Thrift Shop will have a  
Fall & Christmas Sale on Friday, October 24th  
from 7:30am-10:30am at the Lion's Club on  
St. Francis Street in Brusly.

### Organizations

**The Catholic Daughters will have a meeting in the  
Activity Center at 7:00pm on Thursday, November 20th.**

**They will host a Rosary after 9:00am Mass on the  
Second Sunday of each Month, November 9th.**

### Knights of Columbus:

**Meeting at 6:00pm in the Activity Center on  
Thursday, November 20th**

**Donuts after 7:30am Mass, November 2nd, in the  
Activity Center**

**Pro-Life Rosary at 4:00pm on Saturday, November 15th**

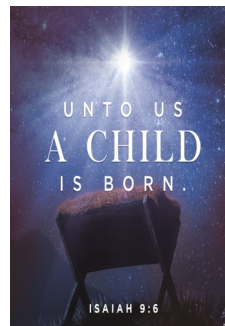
### Stewardship of Finance

October 12th:

136 Identified Givers:	\$9,221.00
Loose Collection:	+831.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$10,052.00</b>

Thank you for your generosity!

**Household Hazardous  
Materials Collection Day**  
Saturday, October 25th  
8:00am-12:00pm  
Alexander Park at  
250 Elaine Street, Brusly  
Go to: [wbrCouncil.org](http://wbrCouncil.org) for a  
list of acceptable items.



### Christmas Cards

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

**Magnificat, Ministry for Catholic Women  
Prayer Breakfast with speaker, Denny  
Charbonnet on Saturday, October 25th  
From 9:00am-12:00pm at Oak Lodge Reception  
Center in Baton Rouge  
To register: [MagnificatOCT2025.eventbrite.com](http://MagnificatOCT2025.eventbrite.com) or  
call: Dianne Lencse, 225-235-3021.**