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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,

We would consider the most serious breaches of God's commandments as murder, adultery, theft, etc. What was Jesus' attitude towards those who committed these sins? We see that Jesus was very compassionate and forgiving to sinners. He was very hard on a particular group of people: The Pharisees. Why was Jesus so harsh on them? It was because of their self-righteousness, pride and over confidence; they had no desire for conversion. The prayer of the Pharisee in today's Gospel is an example of pride and a self-righteous attitude of these people. In the Gospel, we read, "The Pharisee took up his position (a sign of pride) and spoke this prayer to himself (not to God), "O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity: greedy, dishonest, adulterous, or even like this tax collector." (He thinks that everybody, except him, is a sinner). He was not praying to God, but to himself. In fact, it wasn't a prayer, but his own praises, as if God needed detailed information of him. In his self-righteousness he did not show any sign of repentance, and so goes home empty handed. He was more worried about the sins of others than his own. This pride, self-righteousness and lack of desire for repentance, must have been the reason why Jesus found it easier to relate to sinners than the hypocritical religious leaders.

Self-righteousness is a problem with most devotees. Sometimes we come across like this Pharisee, always over-worried about what others do, and fail to notice our own sins. People who are self-righteous have little chance of knowing their own true selves, and there is the danger of them becoming proud. A very religious-minded elderly lady was dissatisfied with all existing religions, so she founded one of her own. A reporter, who genuinely wanted to understand her point of view, said to her, "Do you really believe, as people say you do, that no one will go to heaven except you and your housemaid?" The elderly lady pondered the question carefully and said, "Well, I am not sure of Mary." (Mary was her housemaid). For her, no one but she alone would go to heaven. Pride and self-righteousness create a barrier between God and man, and between humans. Although, for the Pharisee, what he did was a prayer; he wasn't really interested in God, or in others, but in himself. In contrast to the self-righteous and proud Pharisee, the prayer of the tax-collector showed humility. The Gospel says, "He stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven (a sign of humility), and beat his breast (a sign of repentance) and prayed, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." He directed his prayer to God and was humble enough to accept his own sinfulness. He did not despise or condemn others. He could easily say, "Here is a Pharisee before me, a pious hypocrite," but he did not. On the other hand, he was willing to ask God's mercy. Similarly, our attitude in prayer must be one of humility, of recognizing our own sins rather than the mistakes of others. And instead of condemning or despising others, we should include them in our prayers. There are two things which make our prayer void and of no effect: a proud sense of our own righteousness, and a contempt for others.

As William Barclay would say, "True prayer comes from setting our lives beside the life of God," and not with someone else's. All that the Pharisee said might be true; he fasted, gave tithes regularly, and he was not like other men, much less like the tax-collector. But the question would have been, not if he was as good as other fellow men, but was he as good as God? And once we begin to set our lives beside the life of Jesus, we can't but say, "God be merciful to me, a sinner." Hence, today's gospel is about God's divine mercy. The tax collector saw this clearly: "Be merciful to me, a sinner." Let us also implore the mercy of God for us, and also for all others in the world. Let us conclude with the divine mercy prayer: "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us, and on the whole world." Amen.

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 a Religion Mass for grades K-8 at 9:00am on Sunday, November 23rd. The Eucharistic Procession will follow this Mass.

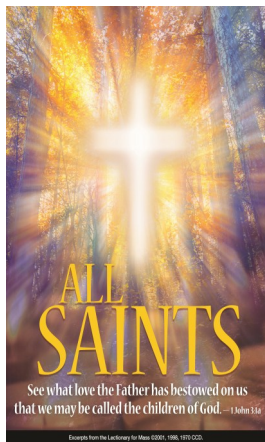
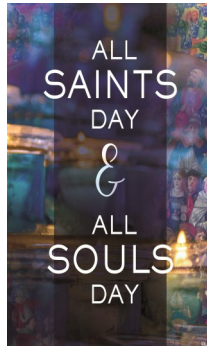


Come join the Youth Group!

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

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 Ida Mae Hebert LeBlanc upon her death.**

*The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Wayne & Barbara Knotts.*



**THANKS to Pat Blanchard and her group for cleaning the Church in October. Please contact Jackie Morain, 337-945-4773, to help during the month of November.**

**THANKS to Josie Theriot and her team for the Bereavement meals in October. Please contact Becky Cavanaugh, 225-933-2219, to assist in November.**



The 2026 Books for Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Candles will open at 9:00am on Monday, November 3rd in the Activity Center.

## FEAST ON THE LEVEE



THANK YOU to the Feast on the Levee Committee for a spectacular event! Everyone enjoyed a day of fun, fellowship and community. We appreciate all your time and hard work! (Your 2025 Feast Committee is pictured on the front page of this bulletin.)

### Raffle Ticket Winners

**Congratulations to all of our Winners!**

#### Super Raffle Winners:

1st Prize of \$4,000: Mark Mouch  
2nd Prize of \$1,000: Catherine Chustz  
3rd Prize of \$500: Leigh Gauthreaux

#### Raffle Winners:

1st Prize of \$1,000: Blake Manola  
2nd Prize of \$500: Karen Ardoin  
3rd & 4th Prize of \$250 Benedetto's/Hubben's Gift Card:  
Janet Tassin & Paula Bernard  
5th Prize of \$100: Brian Young

#### BBQ Cook Off Winners:

##### Chicken:

1st Place: Jailbreak BBQ  
2nd Place: Brothers BBQ  
3rd: Allene Street Pit Masters

##### Ribs:

1st Place: Allene Street Pit Masters  
2nd Place: Jailbreak BBQ  
3rd Place: Reigning Champs BBQ

##### Pulled Pork:

1st Place: Allene Street Pit Masters  
2nd Place: Jailbreak BBQ  
3rd Place: Reigning Champs BBQ (Dustin Troxclair & Brad Winkert)

##### Brisket:

Tie: Brothers BBQ & Jailbreak BBQ  
3rd place: Sugar Smoke (Cinclare/Drew Maciasz)

##### Overall:

1st Place: Allene Street Pit Masters (Jimmy Dunn & Todd Dexter)  
2nd Place: Jailbreak BBQ (Anatole Vincent, Justin McCoy & Michael Ramagos)  
3rd Place: Brothers BBQ (Nic & Matt Catlett)



**Readings for the week of October 26, 2025**

- 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
- Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
- Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-35
- Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
- Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
- Next 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

**St. Francis Hall**

The Parish Administration has approved a plan to preserve St. Francis Hall by moving it to the Bourgeois property. The Friends of St. Francis Hall Preservation Group will fund the restoration and renovation of this building. To donate to this effort, you can contact Debbie and L.J. Dupuy, 225-247-0052.



**Fall Back!**  
Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 2nd.

**Stewardship of Finance**  
October 19th:

164 Identified Givers:	\$14,973.00
Loose Collection:	+892.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$15,865.00</b>

World Mission Sunday Collection: \$625.00  
Thank you for your generosity!

**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!**

**Pray for Vocations**  
Please ask all holy men and women to pray for us and 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)



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

**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. Thank you for your donations.



The Baton Rouge Diocese of Archives & Records Center will host an Open House from 10:00am-2:00pm on Friday, October 31st, 1919 Parker Street in Baton Rouge. Please join them to tour the facility, explore exhibits, ask questions and enjoy refreshments.

**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