



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

catholic church



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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
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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,

Though the Gospel this weekend speaks about the need to be grateful and thankful, we can also pick up the message of the universality of salvation. In most of the parables and miracles of Jesus in Luke's Gospel, He stresses the universality of Salvation: that salvation is not meant for a particular race or nation, and that it is not guaranteed to anyone. Rather, it is a gift offered to everyone regardless of one's race, color or nationality, and so we have to make a choice if we want to accept this gift or reject it. If we choose to accept it, then we have to work towards it, as it not guaranteed to anyone. We will review today's Gospel to understand this point. During the time of Jesus, any sickness like leprosy, was considered to be God's curse or punishment. Lepers in those days were considered untouchables, ritually impure, and so they were treated as outsiders and not part of society. We can not imagine what it feels like being ostracized from one's own family and society. The book, *MIRACLE AT CARVILLE* written by Betty Martin, is a beautiful book that gives the real picture of what agony a leper went through up until recent times. So, we can only imagine what it was like during the time of Jesus. The ten lepers in today's Gospel were going through this agony. That is why they did not even dare to come close to Jesus, but stood at a distance and raised their voices saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us." This was not a profession of their faith, but the presentation of the fact that they deserved mercy. They somehow knew that Jesus was a kind, gentle and loving person. Moreover, it was not sure what they in fact wanted or expected from Jesus when they uttered those words. Was it Jesus' love and compassion, or was it a total healing from their sickness?

Look at the way Jesus responds, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." Nothing had happened to them yet. Why did Jesus ask them to show themselves to the priests? In those days, even after the lepers or people with such serious illnesses were cured, the priests had to certify that they were clean, and only then did society accept them. That is what Jesus wanted them to do, and Jesus knew what was going to happen to them, that they would be healed if they obeyed him. At this point they had a choice either to obey Jesus and be healed, or to reject His command and remain a leper.

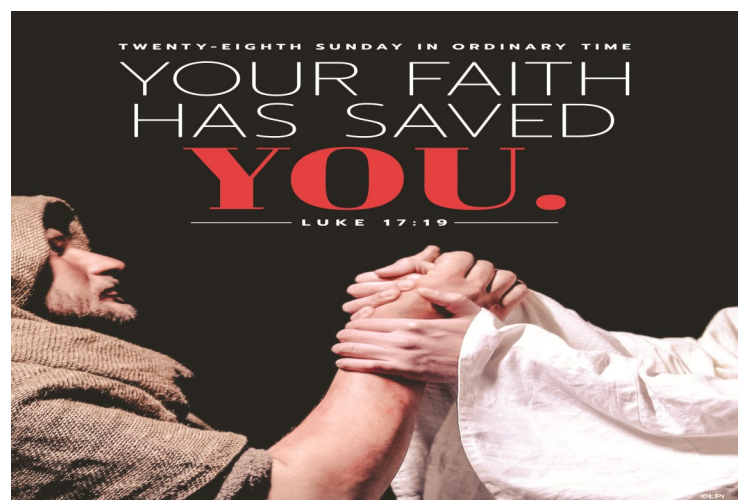
In the first reading, Naman had to make a similar choice. He did decide to follow the word of the Prophet Elisha and he was healed. The Gospel also shows that all ten of the lepers decided to obey Jesus' command. And as they were going, they were cleansed. The lesson for us is that only when we believe and do what Jesus tells us, can we be on the road to salvation, and not otherwise.

As we read the Gospel further, it says: "One of them realizing that he was healed, returned glorifying God in a loud voice and fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him." Then, Jesus says, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." The man, was a Samaritan (an outsider), who came back to thank Jesus because he realized that he was cleansed and he was healed. This leper was attentive to what was happening to him and the other nine were not. Once he realized that he was healed, he was not just uttering some words of thankfulness. The Gospel says: "He fell down at His feet and thanked Him." He surrendered himself in faith to God. Only at this juncture Jesus says, "Stand up and go, your faith has saved you." The other nine received the healing from the Lord, but this did not guarantee them salvation. Salvation is the result of the response to God's invitation, His gifts and blessings in our lives. This reiterates the fact that salvation is offered to all, but not guaranteed to any. To attain salvation, we have to realize God's blessings and gifts and respond positively to those blessings of the Lord with grateful hearts, and with a surrendering attitude to His will. The lesson for us is: We cannot be complacent with just having a Christian name, or faith, or just being blessed with gifts and talents. We have to realize this and respond positively like the Samaritan leper, who was healed and who responded positively. So, thank the Lord for His gifts and blessings in your life and pray that the Lord gives you the grace to respond positively, and experience the salvation that Jesus offers to all of us.

God Bless You,
Fr. John

Readings for the week of October 12, 2025

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/
2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/
Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/
Lk 10:1-9
Next 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



Christian Formation

There will be no Religion Classes for grades K-8 from October 13-15 and October 20-22.

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

St. John the Baptist Church Card Party

Monday, October 27th

10:00am-3:00pm

Church Activity Center

Please join in the games!

Lunch will be served.

Pre-registration is required.

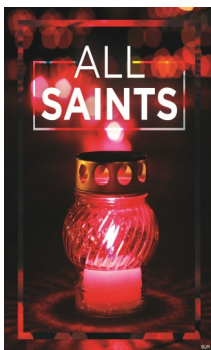
Please contact Stacy Gauthreaux, 225-439-2282, or Betty Cain, 225-776-1160, with any questions.

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of
The Deceased & Living
Members of Catholic
Daughter's Court #2079.*



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.

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

Feast on the Levee

Our Feast on the Levee is scheduled for Sunday,
October 19th. Masses will be at 7:30am &
10:00am that day.

We will have delicious Cajun food, a Silent
Auction, Parade of Prizes, Sweet Shop, Bingo,
Kid's Games, Raffles and live entertainment.
Cash, Debit or Credit Cards will be accepted.
Event is from 11:00am until 6:00pm.

Please join us!

Raffle Tickets

Please return your raffle ticket stub and
monetary donation to the drop box at the
Church Office or to the lock box located in the
back of Church.

Service Hours

Please call the Church Office to volunteer to get
your service hours.

Offices for F.O.L. Committees

The Administrative Office for the Feast on the
Levee Committee will be located in Christian
Formation Room Two.

The Auction & Prize Office will be located in
Christian Formation Room Four. You can
contact Bob Bewick, 225-603-2528, or Eddie
Guidry, 225-573-5244, for these donations.

**SJB Annual Feast on the
Levee Bike/Fun Run/5K
Race Day is Sunday, October
19th. The Bike Ride begins
at 2:00pm and the Fun Run
& 5K begins at 3:30pm. You
can register on Race Day or
you can register with this
QR code.**

See you at the Race!



Stewardship of Finance

October 5th:

152 Identified Givers:	\$20,497.00
Loose Collection:	+928.00
Total Collection:	\$21,425.00

September Building Fund Collection: \$8,879.00

Thank you for your support!

St. Francis Church in Croatia on September 26th



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!



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

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.

K.C. Calendar October Winners

Kayne Theriot; Wayne Talbot; Juan Bustos; Darrell
Landry; Beryl Raffray; Michael Wall; J.B. & Ann
Landry; Bennett LeBlanc; Walter Gauthreaux;
Ronald Doyle; Josephine Landry; Grant Smith; Greg
Tilyou; Nicky Migliacio; Neil Prejean; Terry Ourso;
Toni Willeford; Broc Blanchard; Ron Dupree; Sheila
Rills; Yvonne Bourgoyne; Jean Crites; Beth Vaughn;
Ryan Broussard; Jeff Haydel; Nicole Williams; Jill &
Steve Ritzmann; Letty Blanchard; Chris Hebert;
Chris Kershaw

St. Sharbel Healing Mass at St. Isadore, Baton Rouge

Father Charbel will hold a monthly Healing Mass on
the 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm. The next
Mass is October 28th. For more information, please
call 225-775-8850.

Pray for Vocations

Please pray for all those who
have answered God's call for
a life of service to the Church.
If you can follow Jesus to 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

“We are not asked
merely to call
ourselves Christians;
we are asked
to be Christians
through our deeds.”

St. Ignatius of Antioch

Church Floor Repair

Due to long term water intrusion from under the
back doors of the Church near the candle altars,
serious damage has occurred to the floors. The
repairs will be ongoing for an extended period of
time and the candle altars have been relocated to the
south exit doors. For your safety, please do not enter
the repair area.

The Saucier Family and Holy Family
School would like to thank all of you
for your support of their
Scholarship Benefit for students that
seek a Catholic education.



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!