



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

catholic church



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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil .....	4:30 p.m.
Sunday .....	7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday .....	8:00 a.m.
Friday .....	8:00 a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.
First Saturday of the month only .....	8:00 a.m.

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday .....	3:30–4:15 p.m.
Monday, Wednesday thru Friday .....	7:40 a.m. or by appointment

### PARISH STAFF

Rev. Arun John, IMS .....	Pastor
Dana Babin .....	Bookkeeper
Candice Breaux .....	Youth Group Minister
June Hebert .....	Director of Religious Education
Sara Hernandez .....	Janitorial
Jayne Jason .....	Child Protection
Layne Mire .....	Parish Secretary
Lil Stutes .....	Mother’s Day Out
Celeste Veillon .....	Music Director

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
Office closed for lunch 12:00–1:00 p.m.

### BAPTISM

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00 am Mass and also celebrated after the 11:00am Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord and Easter Sunday. Parents should call the office to enroll in our baptismal preparation program, preferably early in pregnancy. Parents are encouraged to register in the parish and actively practice their faith.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Inquiries: Please call Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.

### MARRIAGE

Contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to 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,

The most important word we find in today's Gospel is the inconspicuous adverb "afterwards". This word signifies a change of mind. In today's parable we have two kinds of people, and though both are imperfect and unworthy, the one who finally obeyed is better than the other. The first son represents those people who profess something and do something else, and their promise is only lip-service. The second son represents people who promise little, but performs better. They may seem to be hard hearted, but ultimately generous. They may appear to be irreligious but are closer to God, than those who profess to be God-fearing. That's because they think about their actions, their lives, their answers and afterwards, change their minds.

Today's first reading and the Gospel speak of this change that each of us has to make in our lives. The prophet Ezekiel invites his people to change their lives, to turn away from sin and to turn to the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus says that "no", need not be the final answer. There is a chance for us to change our minds, to make the "no" into a "yes". However, we must learn to say yes to others, to ourselves, to life and to God. Do we say yes to ourselves in carrying out our responsibilities in obedience to God? Perhaps we need an inner conversion so that we may go from "no" to "yes" to God. A man turned to drink and turned away from God and his family. One day while walking along, repenting for how life turned out, he saw a bent, rusty nail in the gutter. He picked it up and took it home. Placing the nail on an anvil, he began to straighten it out and clean it up. An hour later it looked almost new again. Then it occurred to him that he could straighten out and clean up his own life in the same way. That thought triggered his conversion. He turned away from drink and tuned to God and to his family. Today he keeps that nail, straightened and cleaned in his wallet. It is good to ask ourselves if we are like that bent and rusty nail. We must have hope that we can straighten and clean up our lives. All that we need to do is to say a sincere yes to God and to His ways, and God will take care of the rest.

God's call is an invitation to each one of us. If we repent and say "yes" to Him, we will say yes to eternal life. Jesus said yes to the Father, even unto his death on the cross. His yes was to do the Father's will and to serve His Father. Moreover, our happiness and salvation consist in saying yes to the Father as Jesus did, and remaining faithful to that yes. Let us today spend some time to honestly evaluate the "yes" we have uttered. Not merely the yes directed to God alone, but in our human relationships, too; such as the yes you have said to your spouse, the yes we have uttered to our children when we begot them, the yes uttered in friendships, the yes we professed when we accepted an office and its job ethics, etc. Have we become a generation that honors God and people more with our lips than with life? Mahatma Gandhi, the Indian freedom fighter, once remarked that he loved and honored Christ, but not many Christians, for many of them did not practice what Christ taught. In other words, the Christians through their baptism, say "yes" to the Lord, but like the second son in today's parable, we are only committed in words and not in deeds.

In the Gospel, neither of the sons was the kind that would bring joy to God. Both were unsatisfactory, but the one who finally obeyed is better than the other. The ideal son would be one who accepts the orders of the father willingly and fully carries them out. God wants us to be ideal sons and daughters, who always say yes to Him and to His will. But we know that as humans, it's not always easy to be ideal children of God, though we want to be. We are always given a chance to reflect on our responses and change our responses if need be, and thus change our lives for good. Let us pray today that the Good Lord may help us always say "yes" to Him and to His will in our lives, and for the grace that we be faithful to the "yes" we pronounce.

God Bless You,

Father John



**Eucharistic Revival**  
 The following Sessions will take place in the Activity Center from 6:30pm-7:30pm:  
**October 19th:** God is with us  
**November 16th:** Story of the Eucharist  
**January 25, 2024:** Bread for the Journey  
**February 22, 2024:** The Eucharist: Source & Summit  
**March 21, 2024:** The Eucharist as Sacrifice  
**April 25, 2024:** Eucharistic Miracles  
**May 23, 2024:** Adoration/Holy Hour

**Feast on the Levee is Sunday, October 8th.**



**Fun Run, Bike, 5K**  
**Saturday, October 7th at 8:00am**  
 Registration begins at 7:45am in the Church Parking Lot.

Please scan the QR code to register or get a form in the back of Church.

**Masses on October 8th are at 7:30am and 10:00am.**

**Join us for Beignets at 8:00am.**

**Cajun cuisine, jambalaya, desserts and the BBQ cook off is available from 11:00am-7:00pm.**

**Activities to enjoy include Bingo, Corn Hole Tournament, Raffles, Silent Auction and Bouncy Houses for the Children.**

**Please enjoy the music of Origin Story, Cajun Fire, John Foster & Rhodes, Maurer & Bourgeois Band with Gaylen Martin & Kenny Altazin throughout the day.**

**Come out for food, fun and fellowship!  
 No outside ice chests are allowed.  
 Parents & Guardians are responsible for the safety and behavior of their children during this event.**

**October is the month of the Rosary**  
 Thank you to the 30 families who signed up to recite the Rosary in their homes!

On Saturday, October 14th at 12:00pm, you are invited to join the Catholic Daughters to say the Rosary in front of the Grotto to pray for peace around the world.

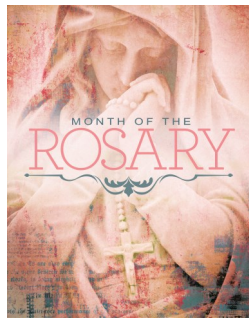
At 5:30pm on November 2nd, all families and our Parishioners, are invited to the recitation of the Rosary for their petitions and adoration. This will conclude the month of the Rosary celebration.



*The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Neil J. Daigle.*

**Vocations**

October is the month of the Rosary. Please add an intention of prayer for all Priests in our Diocese. If God is calling you to a religious vocation, please contact Father Josh Johnson 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)



**Christian Formation**

**There will be NO Religion Classes for K-8 grades from October 9th-11th.**

**There will be NO Religion Classes for K-8 grades from October 16th-18th due to school break.**

Things happening at our Church.....

**Eucharistic Adoration** begins at 8:00pm on Friday, October 6th and ends at 8:00am on Saturday, October 7th.

**First Saturday Mass** is at 8:00am on October 7th.

**Food Pantry distribution** is Monday, October 9th at 8:30am at the Activity Center.

**The Zippers** will be closed to donations through October 9th. Their next Sale Date is October 12th at 7:30am.

**Church Card Party** takes place on Monday, October 30th from 10:00am-3:00pm in the Activity Center. Please call Terry Guidry, 413-5418, or Stacy Gauthreaux, 439-2282, to register your group.

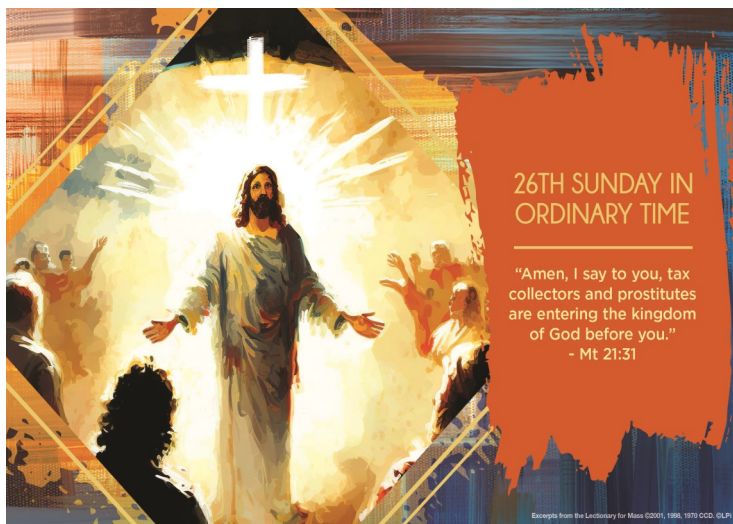


**There will be Altar Server Training at 6:30pm on Tuesday, October 3rd in Church. All children in 4th grade and older are welcome to attend.**



**Readings for the week of October 1, 2023**

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11  
or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32  
Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/  
Mt 18:1-5, 10  
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56  
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62  
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/  
Lk 10:1-12  
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16  
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/  
Lk 10:17-24  
Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah  
5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43



**26TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

"Amen, I say to you, tax  
collectors and prostitutes  
are entering the kingdom  
of God before you."  
- Mt 21:31

**St. John the Baptist Parish  
Finance Committee Members**  
**Dana Babin**  
**Carolyn Dupuy**  
**Father Arun John**  
**Drew Maciasz**  
**Laurie Moreau**  
**Arron Pierre**  
**David Toups**

**St John the Baptist Parish Council Members 2023-2024**

**Christian Benoit**  
**Bob Bewick, Vice Chairman**  
**Grayson Brewer**  
**Christie Chapman, Secretary**  
**Justin Clouatre**  
**Horace Crochet, Chairman**  
**Paige Fitzgerald**  
**Janice Hebert**  
**Fr. Arun John, IMS**  
**Mary Claire Meyer**  
**Joey Normand**  
**Edana Robnett**  
**Derek Scott**

**A Pilgrimage to the International Shrine of St.  
Jude in New Orleans is planned for Monday,  
October 23rd. The bus will leave at 7:45am from  
St. John the Evangelist Church parking lot in  
Plaquemine. The cost is \$50. per person. For more  
information, please contact Cecilia Blanchard,  
985-513-2252.**