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**CHRISTIAN FORMATION:** 225-749-3387

**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.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE  
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini reflection:** “Increase my faith.” I’ve said it to God plenty of times, imagining a prayer life that is effortless and a sacramental life that is uncomplicated. Easy faith: that’s what I’m asking for, and lots of it, please. But easy faith isn’t faith at all.

### The Father Who Knows What You Want

It’s easy to give your kid what he’s asking for. It’s hard to give him what he wants.

If a kid asks to eat an ice cream cone, there’s nothing wrong with giving him one. But if he’s grumpily demanding an ice cream cone at 7:45 in the morning, what he wants — whether he realizes it or not — is some protein and whole grains and a little encouragement to get him going on his day.

So you give him eggs and toast, and you watch him struggle to accept it. Sometimes he does and sometimes he doesn’t, but either way, you’ll be here. You’ll forgive him for whatever names he calls you and you’ll put the healthy breakfast in the fridge, waiting for him when he’s ready to eat it.

“Increase my faith.” I’ve said it to God plenty of times, imagining a prayer life that is effortless and a sacramental life that is uncomplicated, an acceptance of truth that is unshakeable. Easy faith — that’s what I’m asking for, and lots of it, please.

But easy faith isn’t faith at all, and faith that you aren’t strong enough to hold will break your arms. And what God will never do is say, “Sure, kiddo, here you go,” and pass off a false gift as the real thing, just to make us both feel good. He won’t hand me something I’m not strong enough to hold.

That would be a classic lazy-father move. That would be an ice-cream-cone-at-7:45 a.m. move.

Instead, He watches carefully while I navigate the bumpy terrain of the spiritual life, ready to whisper directions in my ear. He holds his breath while the challenges of this world create deep grooves in my soul — and then He irrigates those grooves with the life-giving waters of grace, transforming them into valleys of consolation and respite.

Sometimes I call Him names. Sometimes I refuse what He’s offering. It’s not what I asked for, after all.

But it’s what I want. Luckily, He knows that better than me.

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### Readings for the week of October 5, 2025

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/  
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/  
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/  
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/  
Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/  
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/  
Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/  
2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19



### 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.

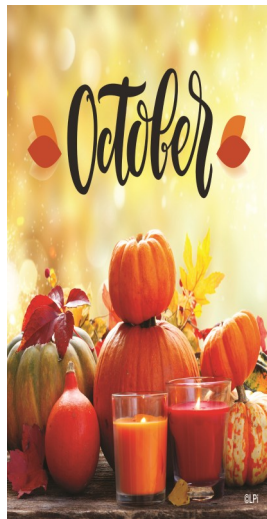
Pre-registration is required.

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

While Father John is at the Diocese Priest Formation Classes this week, we will have Communion Services at 8:00am on October 6th, October 8th and October 9th.

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the families of Jesus Hernandez, Alfred Bourgeois, and Edgar Blanchard upon their deaths.

*The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Dee & Rosie Hernandez, and Brennan Bujol.*



### 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 September 28th:

151 Identified Givers:	\$8,465.00
Loose Collection:	+885.00
Total Collection:	\$9,350.00

Thank you for your generosity!

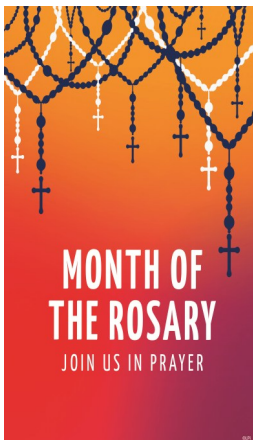
**Zipper's Fall Brunch at Andrea & Joey Normand's home on September 26th**



**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!**



**The Catholic Daughters will host a Rosary after 9:00am Mass on Sunday, October 12th for Our Lady of Fatima. Please join them!**

**Please join the Ladies of our Church to pray the Rosary at 3:00pm every Tuesday in Church. All are welcome!**

**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.**

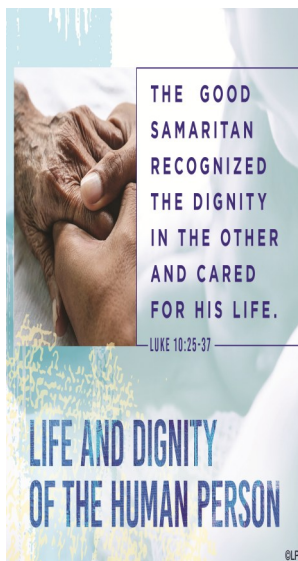
**Magnificat, Ministry for Catholic Women**  
**Prayer Breakfast with speaker, Denny Charbonnet on Saturday, October 25th**  
**From 9:00am-12:00pm at Oak Lodge Reception Center in Baton Rouge**  
**To register: [MagnificatOCT2025.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/magnificat-oct-2025) or call: Dianne Lencse, 225-235-3021.**

**Apparition Hill, Medjugorje on September 24th**



**Pray for Vocations**

**Will you serve others and lead others as Jesus did? Are you the Good Samaritan? If you can answer this call 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](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org) or visit: [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations)**



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

