



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-1:30pm

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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,

An angel appears at a faculty meeting and tells the dean that he has come to reward him for his years of devoted service. He was asked to choose one of three blessings: either infinite wealth, or infinite fame or infinite wisdom. Without hesitation, the dean asked for infinite wisdom. "You got it!" says the angel and disappears. All heads turn toward the dean, who sits glowing in the aura of wisdom. Finally, one of his colleagues whispers, "Say something." The dean looks at them and says, "I should have taken the money." A certain priest seeing an old lady devotedly lighting a candle at the feet of Saint Michael the Archangel, and another at the devil's tail, asked her, "Madam, will you tell me what this means?" Listen Father," she said, "I have lit the candle for Saint Michael because he is now up high and winning, but also a small candle to the devil in case someday they switch roles. I am playing it safe." Wisdom in the sense of being smart or shrewd as we see in today's parable of the dishonest servant, is not an end in itself. One can be smart and use his smartness to do mean things. Many con artists and terrorists are smart people who use their smartness to create unhappiness in the world. Today's smartness challenges us to be smart in the pursuit of the Kingdom of God, just as godless people are smart in their pursuit of selfish goals and ambitions. Jesus uses the example of a smart manager in his master's business to teach us the need to be smart in the Lord's service. We are challenged to imitate the manager's shrewdness, not his dishonesty. The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly.

Why did the master who had made up his mind to fire the manager now commend him? Probably because the manager had been running his master's business in a routine and lifeless manner, devoid of creativity and imagination. As a result, the business was failing, so the master decides it is time to fire him. The master says, "Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." This manager is facing the real danger of being dismissed from service. He knows the seriousness of the situation. He knows that his master is not kidding. He knows exactly how helpless he is going to be out there. So, he says to himself, "What shall I do now that my master is taking this position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg." He knows he is in a very difficult situation. He scratches his head and comes up with this ingenious plan to safeguard his future. For this, his master praises him. If the manager had been using the same smart thinking in the daily running of the business, he would have made a much more successful manager, rather than a failure. The parable challenges us all to be smart managers. In fact, we are all called to be managers. God has entrusted the whole of His creation into our hands as His managers. In addition, God entrusts into our hands as managers his Kingdom: the Kingdom of love, justice and peace. We are all entrusted with the business of bringing peace and harmony into the world, and the renewal of all things in Him. Jesus calls this the Kingdom of God. Our business as followers of Christ, non-ordained and ordained believers, is to help bring about the Kingdom of God, starting with ourselves. We all have been given the necessary resources to do this.

We have been equipped with the truth of faith. We have been empowered by the Holy Spirit who dwells in our hearts. We have been given time, and sooner or later we shall all be called upon to render an account of how we have been invested and how we have managed these resources. Events in our world show that we live in difficult times like the manager in the parable. The manager faced the truth squarely of helplessness and vulnerability, and did something about it. We cannot be complacent with the feelings that we are safe and secure and that nothing can ever happen to us! We all will face situations of vulnerability and helplessness in our lives, especially in our spiritual life. Therefore, we do not have to wait like the dishonest servant, for a last-minute display of smartness to fix our eternal concerns. The time to be smart is now. The smart manager used what he could not keep, to get what he needed so badly, friendship with his business associates. We should likewise invest all our temporal and spiritual resources to gain the only thing that matters in the end: The Kingdom of God.

God bless you,

Fr. John



SJB Annual Feast on the Levee Bike/Fun Run/5K



Race Day is Sunday, October 19th.

Registration is at 1:00pm. Cost is \$25.

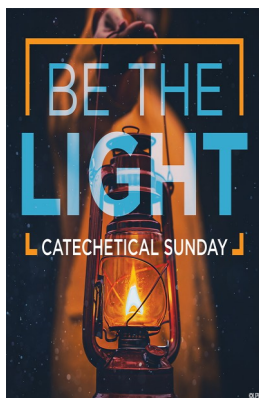
20 Mile Bike Ride on the River Road is at 2:00pm.

One Mile Fun Run & 5K is on top of the
Levee at 3:30pm.

You can register with the QR code above, or by
obtaining a registration form on the Church website
or from the back of Church. Please sign up and join us
for the Race!

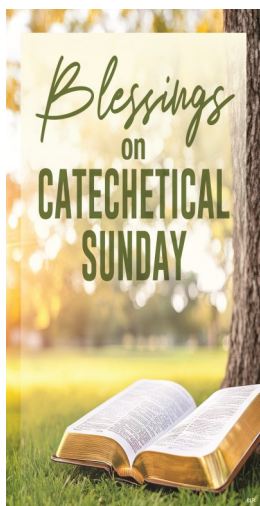
**Prayers and Sympathy are
extended to the family of
Roland Guidry
upon his death.**

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of
Ardyce Wyn Dupuy.*



Pray for Vocations

Thank you for serving the Lord
and your Church Community as
a Catechist! Will you consider a
vocation as a priest, deacon,
sister or brother? If so, 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](http://www.diobr.org/vocations)



It's Catechetical Sunday!

All of our Catechists will receive a blessing and a token
of our appreciation at all Masses this weekend. Please
extend your thanks to all of these volunteers for
helping our children along their faith journey.

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.
Come out and have fun!

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.

SIGN-UP SUNDAYS

Our Committee Members will be available to
sign-up all volunteers at the following Masses:
Saturday, September 27th & October 4th
Sunday, September 28th & October 5th

You can also order a whole turkey for \$50 at
sign-up Sundays.

Service Hours

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

Food Booth

Can you cook shrimp fettucine for the Feast? If
so, we need you! Please contact Alena Prejean,
Food Booth Organizer, 225-235-1709, or email
her: alenaprejean@yahoo.com

Please volunteer your culinary skills to make
the Feast on the Levee a huge success!

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.



Readings for the week of September 21, 2025

- Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/
1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
- Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/
Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/
Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/
Lk 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/
1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Safe travels to Father John and all of our parishioners who are going on the Nativity Pilgrimage trip to Medjugorje & Poland! Please keep them in your prayers.

While Father John is in Medjugorje, we will have Communion services during the week of September 22nd at 8:00am on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. We will have Mass on Friday, September 26th. We will have a Mission from Father Rich with Cross Catholic Outreach on the weekend of September 27-28 at all Masses. During the week of September 29th, we will have Mass on Monday and Friday; and Communion Services on Wednesday and Thursday.

Children's Choir Rehearsal will be on Sunday, September 28th, from 10:00am-10:45am.



Stewardship of Finance

September 7th:

170 Identified Givers:	\$11,623.00
Loose Collection:	+755.00
Total Collection:	\$12,378.00

September 14th:

196 Identified Givers:	\$14,695.00
Loose Collection:	+\$986.00
Total Collection:	\$15,681.00

Catholic University Collection: \$997.00

Thanks for your generosity!

Organizations

The Catholic Daughters will have a meeting in the Activity Center at 7:00pm on Thursday, October 16th.

They will host a Rosary after 9:00am Mass on the Second Sunday of each Month, October 12th.

Knights of Columbus:

Meeting at 6:00pm in the Activity Center on Thursday, October 16th

Donuts after 7:30am Mass, October 5th, in the Activity Center

Pro-Life Rosary at 4:00pm on Saturday, October 18th

Dedication Ceremony of the Beauty of Life Garden for Breast Cancer Awareness

Wednesday, October 1st at 10:00am
West Baton Rouge Garden & Civic Club to host
Father Jerry Martin for the ceremony
WBR LSU Agricultural Center, 720 Turner Road, Port Allen (next to Louis Mouch Multiplex Arena)

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 September 23rd. For more information, please call 225-775-8850.

**Mass of Creation with Bishop Duca
Thursday, October 2nd @ 7:00pm
St. George Catholic Church,
Baton Rouge
All are welcome!**

St. Francis Hall

St. Francis Hall will be open after all weekend Masses through the end of September. The Friends of St. Francis Hall will be there to take your pledges to support them in their campaign to move and restore St. Francis Hall to the Bourgeois property. You can contact Debbie and L.J. Dupuy, 225-247-0052, about your support of this project.