



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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

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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
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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: The parable of the rich man and Lazarus highlights a reality that we often wish to ignore: at some point, we will run out of chances, and it's not because God tires of giving them to us.

Snow Days and Second Chances

Yesterday morning, my kids were playing outside in the snow, and I decided to take advantage of the quiet house to make a few important phone calls.

Fool. I forgot Murphy's Law of Parenting, which dictates that as soon as you dial a phone number, a bomb of irritation and neediness explodes within the heart of your loudest child. Sure enough, as soon as the person on the other end of the line picked up, my son was at the back door, whimpering loudly. Horror of horrors, he had snow in his boot.

I gestured to the phone. He whimpered more loudly. I mouthed and mimed threats. He threw his boot at me. I gave him The Look. He started to scream.

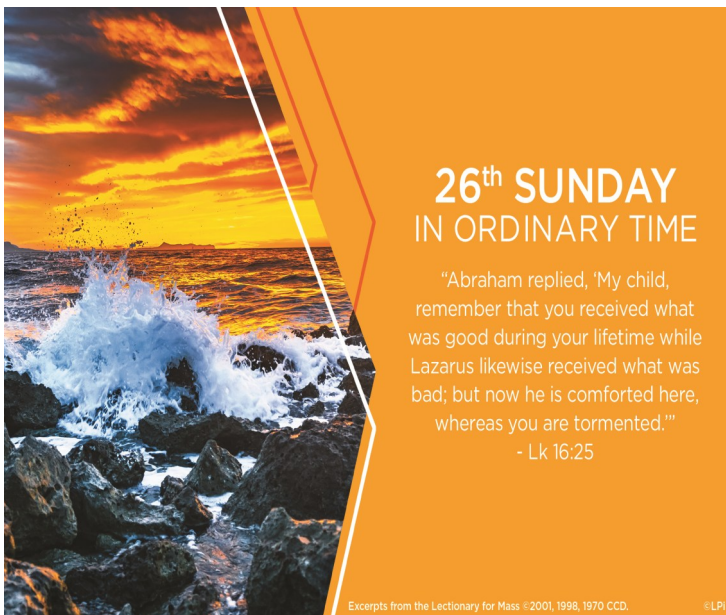
Well, needless to say, the phone call didn't go well, and my son's snow day was cut short. He begged for a second chance, but I explained to him that life doesn't always give you second chances. The phone call was over. Ruined. I couldn't get it back.

But that's when I remembered that moms have a superpower: creating second chances where none had existed before. So I told him that if he could be quiet while I made the rest of my calls, he could go back outside.

My son is young right now. I give him lots of second chances because second chances help him learn. Second chances are the training wheels of life.

I dread the day when the training wheels come off, and I can't save him from his bad decisions. I think every parent does.

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus highlights a reality that we often wish to ignore: at some point, we will run out of chances, and it's not because God tires of giving them to us. It's because a truly endless supply of chances would strip us of our free will. It would deny us the right of being taken at our word — and God respects us too much to do that.



26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'" - Lk 16:25

Readings for the week of September 28, 2025

- Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/
1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
- Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
- 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 (458)/Ps 19:8, 9,
10, 11/Mt 18:1-5, 10
- 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: 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



Please welcome these children to our faith community who were baptized on September 21st:

Aubrey Grace Fulenwider
daughter of Kyle & Amanda Fulenwider

Isla Camille Ourso
daughter of Deric & Ellie Ourso

Eloise May Rayburn
daughter of Christopher & Savannah Rayburn

Rowdy Kane Willis
Parker & Marki Willis

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

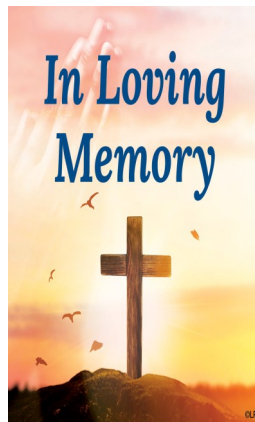


Race Day is Sunday, October 19th.
Registration is at 1:00pm. Cost is \$25.
20 Mile Bike Ride on the River Road is at 2:00pm.
One Mile Fun Run & 5K is on top of the Levee at 3:30pm.

You can register with the QR code, 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 John Henry Weiler upon his death.

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Katherine & Roy Mouch, Sr.



Christian Formation

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



Food Pantry Distribution Dates:
October 13th
November 10th
Distribution takes place at 8:30am from the Activity Center. Thank you for your donations.

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.

SIGN-UP SUNDAYS

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

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

T-Shirts will be available for purchase on 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 to volunteer your culinary skills.

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.

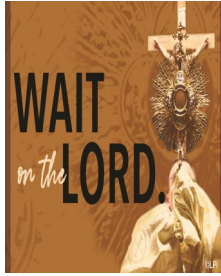
St. John the Baptist Church Card Party



**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 in Medjugorje, we will have
Communion services at 8:00am on October 1st,
October 2nd and October 4th. We will have Mass
on September 29th and October 3rd at 8:00am.
Regular weekend Mass schedule occurs on
October 4th and 5th.**



**All Night Eucharistic Adoration
begins at 8:00pm on Friday,
October 3rd and ends with
8:00am Communion Service on
Saturday, October 4th. Sign up
sheets can be found in the back
of Church.**



**THANKS to Lisa Beraud and her group for
cleaning the Church in September. Please contact Pat
Blanchard, 225-687-3752, to help during the month of
October.**

**THANKS to Ella Dean & Scrap Thibodeaux and their
team for the Bereavement meals in September. Please
contact Josie Theriot, 225-405-0531, to assist in October.**



**Children's Church
9:00am & 11:00am Masses
October 5 & 26
November 2 & 16**

**Please call Jayne, 225-749-3387,
if you can volunteer to help with
this ministry.**

**Bioethics Lecture Series on
"Is Brain Death Really Death?"
Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University
St. Francis Hall, 5414 Brittany Drive,
Baton Rouge
October 1st at 6:30pm & October 2nd at 9:00am
Please email: Christopher.ragusa@franu.edu**

**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 or
visit their facebook page: Sardine Point/Cut Off**

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



Pray for Vocations

**Thank you for all our Priests!
Thank you for answering
God's call. Please pray for
our Priests. 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**



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



<u>Stewardship of Finance</u>	
September 21st:	
100 Identified Givers:	\$0.00
Loose Collection:	+00.00
Total Collection:	\$00.00
Religious Education Collection: \$0.00	
Thanks for your generosity!	