

Most Blessed Sacrament

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Parish News

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Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 p.m./Confessions 3:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Communion Service - Monday 8:45 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 8:45 a.m.
Thursday School Mass - 8:15 a.m.

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
(Closed 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.)
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon

MBS Early Learning Center

Director: Laurina Conger 752-8829

MBS SCHOOL

Principal: Cheri Gioe
School Phone 751-0273/Fax: 753-7259

Extended Care: Sheena Gauthier 751-0023

•**BAPTISMS:** Twice a month, after 11:30 Mass. Call office during pregnancy to sign up and for class information.

•**MARRIAGE:** Law of Diocese requires 6 month preparation period prior to wedding. Call church office for more information.

•**FUNERAL:** Please call the priest for prayer and before setting date/time.

•**RCIA:** If interested in becoming Catholic, call the church office.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalm — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

Second Reading — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

Jesus spoke to the crowd in parables



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DERBY DAYS

MBS \$10,000 Raffle - Saturday, July 29, 2017

Please join your M.B.S. family and friends as we gather once more for the annual \$10,000 Raffle & Dinner in the M.B.S. Gym. Each purchase of a \$125 ticket comes with a delicious dinner for two, a live band from 9:00 p.m. - midnight, and a chance to win the grand prize drawing of \$10,000. Only 350 tickets will be sold. **The doors will open at 6 p.m. and the drawings will begin at 7:00 p.m.**

NEW THIS YEAR: *Cowboy Chicken will cater the event. Ticket purchasers will be offered a choice of 1/2 rotisserie chicken or a ribeye steak, along with sides and dessert.*

FOR ADULTS ONLY - Wear your favorite casual "themed" attire

Tickets are available at the parish office.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
 Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28;
 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56;
 Mt 13:10-17
 Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
 Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or
 Lk 10:38-42

Collections — July 8-9, 2017

Identified Contributions	\$23,636.00
Unidentified Contributions	\$ 2,328.00
Total	\$25,964.00

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. 22	4:30 pm	Bonnie Trude Shirley Lewis Francis Van Mol Michael Yurik Peter & Verdie Couvillion Audrey & Cleveland Banquer Thelma Lombard John Rinaudo Sam & Mary Lou Crifasi Corine LeBlanc Jack Gautreaux John Gautreaux, Jr.
Sun. 23	8:00 am	Irene Berthelot Linda white Lena Godso Shannon McAlister Anna Joyce Donald Vidrine William Lahners Bill & Thelma Bailey
	9:45 am	Leland & Alberta Hevert Henry Tolusso Donald Menard Tom LeBlanc Bert Gremillion
	11:30 am	For The People
Mon. 24	8:45 am	Communion Service
Tue. 25	8:45 am	Jarrod Kimble Zachary Miller
Wed. 26	8:45 am	Fr. Mao Nguyen
Thurs. 27	8:45 am	
Fri. 28	8:45 am	Helen Cumbo

PARISH LIFE***MBS Mission Appeal... This Weekend***

This weekend, July 22nd-23rd, Fr. Arockiam Arockiam, SVD from Sivagangai, India and residing at St. Paul the Apostle Church in New Orleans will preach at all masses as part of this mission appeal.

It is in Tamiladu (Chennai) where St. Thomas the Apostle was martyred and buried; his tomb is there. Christians are still a minority in India, making up only 2.3 percent of the total population of 1.2 billion people. Your donations to this mission appeal will help fund all the ministries in this Diocese where the majority of the people are farmers and coolie workers.

The special second collection next weekend will be for this mission appeal. We encourage your generous response. If contributing by check, please make payable to Most Blessed Sacrament with the notation "Mission Appeal" and place in the second collection. All contributions will be forwarded to the Diocese of Baton Rouge and then to the Diocese of Sivagangai. Please don't give directly to the priest or society. It must go through the proper Church channels.
Thank You

Volunteers Needed for PSR Elementary/High School Classes

With plans to open our PSR program in mid-September, we are in need of several adults to teach and assist in the Elementary and High School grades. Classes for elementary are on Sunday mornings twice a month and high school classes are once a month on Sunday evenings. We need to have volunteers trained to teach and have completed a background check under the current Child Protection guidelines of the Diocese before PSR opens in September. Training will be provided for our volunteers if they have never taught before, and the teaching materials are user-friendly. While most of our volunteers are *non-professional teachers* and *parents* of children in our program, it would also be a great asset to have the assistance of any *retired* or *currently practicing educators* for our program. Please consider this opportunity!

If you are interested in serving the children of our parish as a PSR Catechist or Classroom Aide, please contact Judy Carr at 225-335-6563. A meeting for new Catechists and Aides is scheduled for Wednesday, August 23rd at 6 p.m.

**Italian Heritage Festa
at the Belle of Baton Rouge Casino**

**Sunday, July 30th, 2017
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Free Admission & Open to Public

**Food, Drinks, & Desserts
Celebrity "Grape Stomp"**

Live Music

Exotic Italian Cars on Display

St. Joseph's Altar

Vino Stroll for Charity

Shopping Village

Children's Activities

and much more...

THE MERCY, POWER, AND LOVE OF GOD

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God's power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God's people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God's might, but is a direct result of God's primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God's mercy, power, and love.

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PARISH LIFE

MBS Parish School of Religion (PSR) Registration 2017-2018 **Grades K-10 Registration, 2nd Grade First Reconciliation, 2nd Grade Communion Preparation and 11th Grade Confirmation Registration**

All Catholic children are called to deepen their relationship with God and His Church. All children are invited to grow in the understanding and knowledge of their faith either in a Parish School of Religion (PSR) program or a Catholic school.

MBS parish offers faith formation and sacramental preparation in our Parish School of Religion program. These programs meet on designated Sundays during the school year. We welcome new families and returning families to join us in all our faith formation areas.

Registration for all these programs will be held the weekends of August 5th-6th and August 12th-13th after all Masses in the St. John Room of the parish office. *Please note that there are pre-requisites that must be met for both First Reconciliation/Communion and Confirmation preparation.* If your family is new to MBS parish, please bring a copy of your child's Baptism certificate to registration.

PSR GRADES K-8: Classes meet approximately two Sunday mornings a month from 9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the MBS school classrooms. Kindergarten is offered as a Religion readiness program but **FIRST GRADE** becomes **mandatory** in order to prepare for Sacraments in the Second Grade.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/COMMUNION: Second grade is a sacramental preparation year. In order to be eligible for sacramental prep, a child **MUST HAVE** received a **FIRST GRADE** religion curriculum in PSR or a Catholic school.

GRADES 9-10: Classes meet once a month on Sunday evenings from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the MBS school classrooms. Both 9th and 10th grade religious education classes are required to enter Confirmation in the 11th grade.

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation in our Diocese is celebrated in 11th grade. In order to be eligible, a Candidate must have both 9th and 10th grade Catholic religious education in a PSR program or Catholic high school. Classroom sessions are held once a month on Sundays from September to January. Our Candidates are required to participate in our group service project and weekend retreat in preparation for the reception of the Sacrament in February.

*For additional information, please visit the **Office of Christian Formation** website at <http://mbsocf.weebly.com> or email us at mbspsr@gmail.com or call us at 751-5867.*

Mass Time - July 22-23, 2017	4:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Arockiam	Fr. Arockiam	Fr. Arockiam	Fr. Arockiam

July 22-23, 2017 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time				
	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	
4:30 pm	H Hotard, S Werling, T Oudit	M Gaudet, A Torregrossa	C Edelen, B LaBorde, B Landry, G Landry, B Magill, C Rabalais, Deacon Mark, R Rinaudo	
8:00 am	J Torregrossa, A Betbeze, A Torregrossa	V Schexnayder, T Schexnayder	S Vermaelen, M Vermaelen, B Webre, J Webre, E Barber, C Bargas, J Dietrick, L Bayhi	
9:45 am	L Leger, S Harvey, A Esposito	S Adolph, D Davis	M Hiller, R Rossi, J LaBar, B LaSalle, C LeBlanc, J Stevens, Deacon Mark, P Mistretta	
11:30 am	E Naquin, H Rounds, O Naquin	L Duplantis, K Joubert	L Pierotti, T Powell, B Wallbillich, K Bell, A Arledge, K Aucoin, Deacon Mark, K Browning	

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