



*April 15, 2018  
Third Sunday of Easter  
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# 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.  
Tuesday, 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.  
Tuesday thru Friday..... 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

### PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain ..... Pastor  
Carolyn Dupuy ..... Bookkeeper  
Pat Durbin..... Parish Secretary  
June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
Karen Lemoine ..... Christian Formation  
Celeste Veillon ..... Music Director  
Wayne Delapasse..... Maintenance  
Katie Roettger..... Mothers’s Day Out

### OFFICE HOURS

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

### BAPTISM

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00 am Mass. Also celebrated during Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of the 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 – Call the Parish Office

### 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 immediately, if possible. Communion calls to homebound and hospitals weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

### CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Family should contact the pastor to begin funeral arrangements.

### PRAYER LINE

Call Judy Thousand, 749-9257 or the Parish office

*He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled. You are witnesses of these things."*

**- Lk 24:44, 48**

Dear Parishioners,

Our second graders celebrate their First Eucharist next Sunday, April 22, 2018, at a special 2:00 p.m. Mass. Next to Christmas and Easter, the celebration of First Communion is one of the most cherished moments in the life of a Catholic community. Our second graders finally get to join us at the table of the Lord and receive the wonderful gift of the Eucharist. Their excitement reminds us of the great privilege which is ours in being able to partake of so great a Sacrament – the gift of Christ himself in his body and blood. Please pray for them and their parents.

From its earliest days, the Church has taught and believed in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The visible signs of bread and wine point to a greater reality which is hidden, namely the sacrificial love of Christ by which we are saved and made one with God and others. The Eucharist is a sign of our unity, our oneness with Christ as members of his body. Our reception of Holy Communion nourishes and strengthens our sense of identity as the Body of Christ. We are called to become what we receive in the Eucharist.

This is a great mystery which can be difficult to understand without the gift of faith. And yet even children as young as our second graders can appreciate in their hearts this special gift of Christ to his Church. Their innocence and trust helps all of us to reaffirm our faith and reawaken a sense of gratitude for the Eucharist.

Our last Christian Formation classes for this current school year are Monday and Tuesday, April 16 & 17. I thank June Hebert, Karen Lemoine, and all of our dedicated catechists for giving so generously of themselves this past year. I also thank all of our parents and students for making the commitment to learn more about our faith in order to grow closer to God.

Our special Confirmation classes for adults aged 18 and older begin this Thursday evening, April 19, and continue on the evenings of April 26, May 3, and 10. I encourage any who might have missed their Confirmation to attend the classes so as to be confirmed by Bishop Muench on May 20, Pentecost Sunday, at St. Joseph Cathedral. Please call the parish office for

more information or to register.

I have signed up to lead a group vacation entitled "Romantic Danube" aboard a Viking River Cruise ship. We start in Budapest, Hungary and end in Nuremberg, Germany with stops in Vienna, Krems, Passau, and Regensburg. We then leave the cruise ship and conclude our vacation with three nights in Prague, Czech Republic. The trip is scheduled for June 14-23, 2019 which is about 14 months away. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend a meeting this Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at Pearson's Travel on Jefferson Hwy in Baton Rouge.

Our Catholic Daughters are holding their annual Jambalaya dinner fundraiser on Sunday, April 29, so please support them and their good work by purchasing a dinner or two. Jambalaya tickets are available from CDA members and will also be sold after all Masses this weekend and next.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

## *Christian Formation Info*

### LAST CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

MONDAY, APRIL 16TH AND TUESDAY, APRIL 17TH

MANY THANKS TO ALL OF OUR DEDICATED CATECHISTS WHO MADE THIS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR OUR YOUTH HERE AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

### FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

SATURDAY, APRIL 21ST 9–12 IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER

### FIRST COMMUNION

SUNDAY, APRIL 22ND 2:00 P.M. IN CHURCH

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN ACTIVITY CENTER





Plans are being made for classes to prepare any adults who for some reason are not yet confirmed. The actual Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018.

Anyone wishing to be confirmed must attend the classes which will be held on Thursdays, April 19th and 26th and May 3rd and 10th.

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO REGISTER!

## K.C.'s/C.D.A.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, April 18, 2018—Activity Center  
Officers' Meeting—6:00 pm  
Regular Meeting—7:15 pm

### PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Saturday, April 21, 2018—4:00 pm in Church

### MARCH CALENDAR WINNERS

Ronald Sanchez, Sr., Rick Acosta, Jack Franklin,  
April Duhe, Jill Lamothe, Warren Hebert,  
David & Melissa Touns, Roberto Sandoval,  
Wayne D. Blanchard, Jody Cazes, Candace Williams,  
Lou Didier, Kynzli George, Conrad Gauthreaux,  
Jeanne Acosta, Ryan Pruitt, Antoine Landry,  
Katherine Bergeron, Cecile Blanchard,  
Ashley Marionneaux, Terry Simms, Jessica Landry,  
C.J. Berthelot, Henry Daigle, IV, Cory Taylor, Jr.,  
Denise Jarreau, Gene Bertrand, Buster & Brandi Diaz,  
Toni Tolar, Robert Wilson, Lynn Brown

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, April 18—Activity Center  
Dinner with K.C.'s—6:30 pm  
Meeting—7:00 pm

*If you are a Catholic Woman, 18 years or older and are interested in joining a charitable organization, meet new people and fellowship, we invite you to be our guest to come and see what we're all about!*

### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

April 18, 2018

#### REGULAR:

211 Identified- - - - - \$8,937.00  
Loose Collection- - - - - 1,107.00  
TOTAL- - - - - \$10,044.00

Rice Bowl Collection—\$765.98



### A VOCATION VIEW

What could convince someone to turn to God? The story that God became himself? The story that Jesus cured the sick? The story that Jesus forgave sin? The story that Jesus rose from the dead? Or, perhaps, the story of the witness of your own life! If you have the continuing inclination that God is calling you to be His priest or religious, call of email Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com.



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF MEHELLE ELLIOTT, DORIS, CURTIS & BUTCH CULLEN, GERTRUDE & RAYMOND THIOBDEAUX**

### *Rest in Peace*

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Jeanne Brignac & family upon the death of her sister Noel Read. Please keep them in your prayers.

### **CREIGHTON FERTILITY CARE SERVICES**

#### **INTRODUCTORY SESSION**

Thursday, April 19, 2018—6:30 pm

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

To register: email [katieroeettger.crms@gmail.com](mailto:katieroeettger.crms@gmail.com)

*If you are struggling with infertility, looking to avoid pregnancy in any way or want to monitor your health, this system is for you!*



### FILL A PRESCRIPTION FOR THE NEEDY!

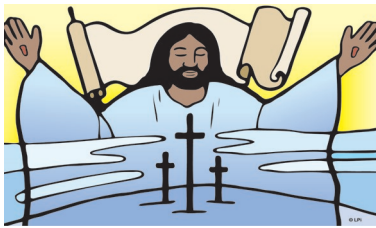
Containers are on the shelf in the back of church. Take a bottle from the small container, place your donation in it and put the bottle in the large container.

### Readings for the Week of April 15, 2018

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/  
Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48  
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30  
[1ab]/Jn 6:22-29  
Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and  
8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35  
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/  
Jn 6:35-40  
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/  
Jn 6:44-51  
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/  
Jn 6:52-59  
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17  
[12]/Jn 6:60-69  
Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28,  
29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018**

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**3rd Sunday of Easter**

"Why do questions arise in your hearts?" After the Resurrection, the Apostles experienced their fair share of incredulity. Jesus had died-John had been there-and now the tomb was empty. What should they believe? Was the Jesus before them truly real? And who was Jesus really? It's no surprise that the Apostles were initially "startled and terrified" to the extent that they "thought that they were seeing a ghost."

Jesus has compassion on his confused friends. Once he affirms his non-ghostly identity--"look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself"--Jesus gets down to business. He has risen from the dead, but life would not continue as normal. Throughout Jesus' ministry, he spoke in parables and veiled prophetic language. His followers likely thought much of his words were metaphors, some symbolism for the person and their relation to God. Now Jesus has something else in mind. He "opened their minds to understand the scriptures," making known the connections between his own words and deeds and "everything written about [him] in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms."

Why now? Why this increased depth of understanding? The answer lies in the shifting role of the Apostles. "You are witnesses of these things." The treasury of truth is no longer Jesus' responsibility alone but our own. Then and there, the Apostles are appointed to proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus, the forgiveness of sins and the mercy of God. This message is no longer for only the Jewish people but "all the nations."

This is our invitation! We have the rich heritage of the Church's teaching. By sacramental grace, God's "peace" is "with [us]." We, too, are sent to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and the hope that belongs to his call.