



*April 19, 2015  
Third Sunday of Easter  
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# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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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  
Sammy Collura ..... Permanent Deacon  
Carolyn Dupuy ..... Bookkeeper  
Pat Durbin..... Parish Secretary  
Karen Lemoine ..... Christian Formation  
Celeste Veillon ..... Music Director  
Larry Durbin..... Maintenance Supervisor  
Richard Rabalais..... Maintenance

### 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

*Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46*

Dear Parishioners,

I am very pleased to announce that Mrs. June Hebert will become the new Director of Christian Formation for our parish effective June 8, 2015. June has taught at Holy Family School in Port Allen for the past 30 years and currently serves as the Coordinator of Religious Education for the school. She has a wealth of experience teaching religion at the elementary and middle school grade levels, and I know she will be a great asset to our students and volunteer catechists.

In addition to her classroom experience, June was also responsible for planning retreats, school Masses, the living rosary and the living way of the cross, and numerous prayer services. She will be responsible for directing and guiding all of our Christian Formation and sacramental preparation programs. We look forward to her arrival and the many gifts she will bring to our community. June already serves as a lector and Eucharistic minister for our parish so please congratulate her on her new position the next time you see her.

June will need some time to evaluate our program and then propose ways of strengthening it, so please give her some time to become familiar with our people and traditions. She will especially need the cooperation of our parents and the continued support of our volunteer catechists in order to be successful, so please give her your support. I once again thank our Christian Formation secretary, Karen Lemoine, for keeping the office up and running during this interim year.

Our Confirmation classes for adults aged 18 and older begin this Thursday evening, April 23, and continue on the evenings of April 30, May 7, and 21. I encourage any who might have missed their Confirmation to attend the classes so as to be confirmed by Bishop Muench on May 24, Pentecost Sunday, at St. Joseph Cathedral. Please call the parish office for more information or to register.

Our second graders celebrate their First Eucharist next Sunday, April 26, 2015, 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.

I am half way through my two-week pilgrimage to Italy and France so please welcome Father Jon Koehler and Father Henry Gautreau who are celebrating the Masses for me this weekend. Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer the 8:00 a.m. weekday Mass again this week. We will have a Communion Service in place of the Mass on Tuesday through Friday, and of course you also have the option of attending a weekday Mass in Baton Rouge or at one of our neighboring parishes.

See you next weekend!

In Christ,  
Father Matt

## Adult Confirmation

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 24, 2015 at St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge.

Anyone wishing to be Confirmed must attend the classes which will be held here on Thursdays, April 23 & 30 and May 7 & 21, 2015. Please call the Parish Office to register.

**Deadline to register: Monday, April 20th.**



### LOUISIANA EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

**Sunday, April 19, 2015**

**North Boulevard Town Square**

**Baton Rouge, LA**

**12 Noon—6 p.m.**

*"Celebrate and Educate"*

Come out and view creative exhibits and activities produced by over 400 volunteers that will inspire and educate festival-goers on how best to protect our environment at home and at work. Regional music and food provide a chance for all ages to celebrate the unique culture of our state.

Admission is FREE! Education and Children's activities will be from 12 Noon—5 pm. Live entertainment (bands and dancing) from 12 Noon—6 pm. NO PETS by City Ordinance, and NO Ice Chests allowed.





**Mark Your Calendars!!!**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**July 13—17, 2015**  
*“Exploring Mt. Everest, With  
 God Everything is possible.”*

**Retreat**



**MEN OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH...**

Treat yourself to a rewarding weekend of spiritual growth and time with the Lord, by making a retreat with a group of men from our parish beginning July 2nd and ending July 5th at the Manresa House of Retreats in Convent, LA. For more details and registration information, please contact Deacon Sammy Collura (225) 603-9635 or Grayson Brewer (225) 975-3603.



**BAPTISM**

*CONGRATULATIONS to Hadley Lou Lemoine,  
 daughter of Zachary & Erin Lemoine.  
 Hadley Lou was baptized here this past weekend.  
 Welcome into our faith community!*



*The Sanctuary Candle is now  
 burning in Memory of  
 Cyril John Doiron by the Family.*

**ROSARYVILLE SPIRIT LIFE CENTER  
 Ponchatoula, LA**

*A Day of Prayer for Women & Mothers  
 May 7, 2015 (8:30 am—2:30 pm)  
 \$35 Fee—Lunch will be served*

The theme is “A Journey with Mary: Exploring Key Scenes in Mary’s Life Drawn from the Mysteries of the Rosary” with Marie Louise Guste Nix, poet and author of “Being There: Reflections from the Scenes of the Mysteries of the Rosary.”

Call Stephanie Davis at (225) 294-5039 for more info or to register.

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

April 12, 2015

REGULAR:

217 Identified- - - - - \$9,067.00  
 Loose Collection- - - - - 371.00  
 TOTAL- - - - - \$9,438.00

**A VOCATION VIEW**

What could convince someone to turn to God? The story that God became human? 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 or email Fr. Matt Dupre’ at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

**SHROUD ENCOUNTER**  
*“Explore the Mystery of  
 The Shroud of Turin”*

Coming to Sacred Heart of Jesus Church located at 2250 Main St., Baton Rouge, LA on Saturday, May 9th at 6:00 p.m. Admission is FREE. A museum quality life-size replica will be on display.

Shroud Encounter is a production of the Shroud of Turin Education Project, Inc. and will be presented by international expert Russ Breault. The presentation is a fast moving, big-screen experience using over 200 images covering all aspects of Shroud research.

Mr. Breault has been featured in several national documentaries seen on CBS, History Channel and Discovery. He was interviewed last year for Good Morning America to discuss the latest research. He has presented at numerous colleges and universities, including Duke, West Point, Johns Hopkins, Penn State and many others. See ShroudEncounter.com for more information.

**27th ANNUAL SEELOS HEALING MASS**

*Celebrate the Healing Sacraments  
 Of Penance and Anointing*

Sunday, April 26, 2015 (1:00 pm)

Corner of Josephine & Constance Sts., N.O., LA  
 Celebrant: Fr. Byron Miller, C.Ss.R.,

Vice Postulator for the Seelos Canonization Cause  
 Sacrament of Penance before Mass; Veneration of Relic Missionary Crucifix; One-on-One Intercessory Prayer in back of church and in Shrine, starting at 11:45 am—venerate Seelos relic as you and your loved ones enter. Wheelchair accessible/Free Parking Lot

**Readings for the Week of April 19, 2015**

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/  
 Lk 24:35-48  
 Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29  
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Jn 6:30-35  
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40  
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51  
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59  
 Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20  
 Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2014-2015**

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**3rd Sunday of Easter**

"He stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and terrified." What was so terrifying about being wished peace? How ironic that the disciples were so scared right at the moment that Jesus was offering them peace.

The fact is that they didn't understand what was going on. They were already aware at this point that Jesus had risen from the dead, and two of them had just had a powerful encounter with him on the road to Emmaus. But now, he suddenly appeared before them, in a manner that was not only totally unexpected, but also apparently physically impossible. This is why they thought they were seeing a ghost. It just didn't make sense.

Jesus reassured them with concrete actions. He told them to look at him and to touch him. He wanted his disciples to be comforted by his real physical presence among them. He wanted them to come into contact with his entire being, not just the abstract idea of his presence. Once they did this, they were "incredulous for joy and were amazed." The peace that he wished for them was now complemented by great joy. It just took a while to sink in.

This may be the case for us at times too. We may not understand the mysterious ways in which Jesus is present in our lives. Sometimes he is hidden in what Mother Teresa called "the distressing disguise." His Spirit may be present, wishing to bring us peace right in the midst of stress, sickness, anguish, or pain, but we may not recognize him at first. But just because he may not "show up" in the way we expect doesn't mean he isn't with us. The risen Christ also wants to give us the gift of peace.