



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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Easter Sunday of  
The Resurrection of the Lord  
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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  
Pedro Garcia ..... 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 the Parish Office

The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. -

-Lk 24:1b-3

Dear Parishioners,

I wish to thank everyone who contributed to our beautiful liturgies during Holy Week whether by decorating the church, washing the linens, singing in the choir, serving at Mass, or sponsoring an RCIA candidate. Please continue to help welcome our new Catholics who were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Madisen Allain, Deborah Ansley, Melanie Chauvin, Mattie Cutrer, Michael Hebert, and Carol O'Pry are now one with us at the Eucharistic table. May their enthusiastic reception of their new faith help us to renew our own sense of gratitude in being chosen by God for membership in his family.

I am taking a small mini-vacation this Monday–Wednesday, April 22–24, so please watch over the parish while I am away. This will allow me to rest up a bit after the busy Lenten schedule. We will have Communion Services in place of the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Football fans get to enjoy a taste of the upcoming season by following the NFL Draft this week. Round 1 takes place this Thursday night, rounds 2 & 3 are held on Friday, and rounds 4 – 7 on Saturday. The New Orleans Saints traded their 1<sup>st</sup> round pick in order to move up to select Marcus Davenport in last year's draft. They don't have a selection until round 2 on Friday. But LSU players Devin White and Greedy Williams should both go in the 1<sup>st</sup> round.

We will honor all of our high school seniors at the 11:00 Mass next Sunday, April 28, and then treat them and their parents to a catered lunch in our Parish Activity Center. We are extremely proud of their accomplishment and wish to assure them of our continued prayers as they plan for the next phase of their life's journey. We ask the graduates or one of their parents to please call the parish office (749-2189) if they can attend so that we can prepare the proper amount of food.

We will be offering a short course on the Sacrament of Confirmation for any adult aged 18 or older who has not yet been confirmed and wishes to receive the sacrament this spring. The course is comprised of four sessions to be held on the evenings of May 9, 23, 30,

& June 6. Those completing the short course will be confirmed by Bishop Duca on June 9, Pentecost Sunday, at St. Joseph Cathedral. Please call the parish office for more information or to register.

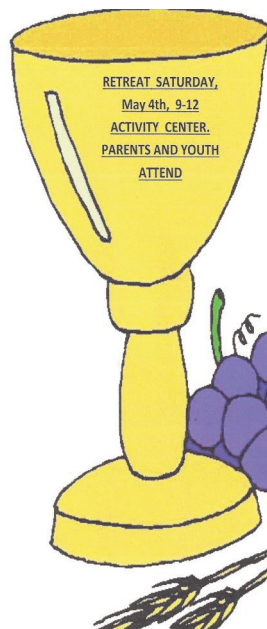
Easter is the high point of the liturgical year for Catholics. We return to singing the Alleluia and the Gloria at Mass, we feel the cool drops of baptismal water during the sprinkling rite, and we participate in the new life that is so visible in nature this time of year. Our rebirth is a gift of the Holy Spirit resulting from our Lenten practice and Christ's sacrificial love. I pray that the Holy Spirit may strengthen and renew our parish community throughout this coming year. Happy Easter!

In Christ,  
Father Matt

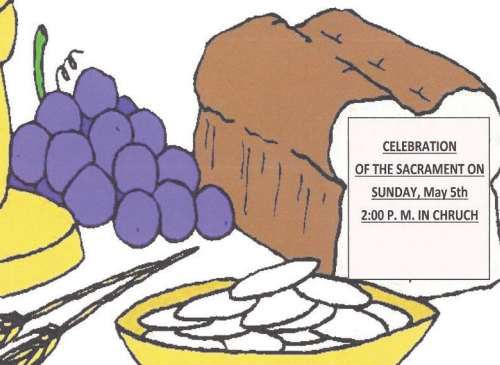
## CHRISTIAN FORMATION INFO



*All of our Seniors will be honored at 11:00 Mass on Sunday, April 28th. Lunch will follow in the Activity Center for all Seniors and their families. Please RSVP to Karen or June at 749-3387*



**FIRST EUCHARIST RETREAT**  
**AND**  
**CELEBRATION**  
**OF THE SACRAMENT**



**CELEBRATION**  
**OF THE SACRAMENT ON**  
**SUNDAY, May 5th**  
**2:00 P. M. IN CHURCH**



# 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, June 9, 2019.

Anyone wishing to be confirmed must attend the classes which will be held on Thursdays, May 9, May 23, May 30 and June 6.

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO REGISTER.

## Organizations

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Sunday, May 5**

- ⇒ Communion Service for K.C. Members & their families at 7:30 am Mass
- ⇒ Coffee & Donuts will be served in the Activity Center after 7:30 am Mass

### MARCH CALENDAR WINNERS

Brantley Mouch, Edwina Morales, Linwood Guillot, Carolyn Bourgeois, Dale Lamothe, Chris Delrie, Mike Cazes, C.J. Breaux, Bonnie Betters, Sarah Babin, Lilla LeBlanc, Jonatan Aucoin, Dal Parker, Troy Theriot, James Vidrine, Brody LeBourgeois, Bonnie Betters, Haley Marcantel, Beverly Prejean, Paula Combs, Vic Blanchard, Terry Simms, Henry J. Daigle, IV, Beau Mancuso, Anne Reeves, Chris Landry, Dal Parker, Thomas Mabile, Jessica LeBlanc, Lynette Tucker, Ray A. Crochet

### ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Karen Cordell and her group for cleaning the church during the month of April. Cleaning for May will be done by Wendy Daniel (687-1653). Give her a call if you want to help.

### BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Gerald & Sandra Fitzgerald for chairing the committee during the month of April. Chaircouple for May will be Janice & Joel Hebert (749-3863). Please give them a call with any concerns.

### FILL A PRESCRIPTION FOR THE NEEDY!

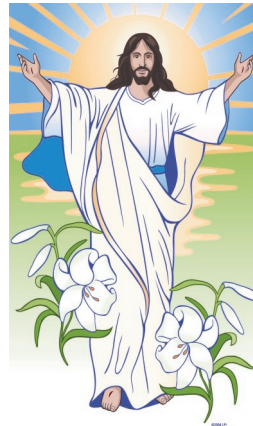
Containers are on the shelf in the back of church. Take a bottle from the small container, place your donation in it and put the bottle in the large container.



## Pray for Vocations

### A VOCATION VIEW

The Lord is risen it is true! Through our baptism, He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters. If God is calling you to minister in His Church as a priest or religious, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).



*WISHING YOU AND YOURS A BLESSED AND HAPPY EASTER!*

### A PRAYER FOR EASTER

*Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope.  
Help us live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.  
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, And the strength to complete it.  
-- New St. Joseph People's Prayer Book*

### Readings for the week of April 21, 2019

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
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**Easter Sunday**

Can you imagine that moment? Can you imagine the stomach drop with dizzying realization: "It's all true. All of it is true! The past three days weren't a dream that ended horribly wrong." Can you imagine all the doubts and despair of the past days chased away like smoke on the wind by a rolled up burial cloth? By an empty tomb?

It didn't start that way, of course. "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." This frantic news from Mary Magdalene would have been another unexpected blow. After all that happened, now his body has been stolen? The love and devotion in Peter and John is apparent. They don't wait to collect more information or stop by the tomb when they have a chance. They run to the site. When is the last time you ran for something? This isn't a run for exercise, but a huffing and puffing bolt fueled by desperation. Can you imagine that moment? The fear pounding in their temples, matching their accelerated heart rate. Can you imagine the impatient affection of John, who outruns Peter but refuses to enter the tomb alone? And then, upon entry, "He saw and believed."

This is the drama of our great feast! The promise that seemed lost has been found. The dead are raised. Long before the Easter eggs and ham, we are invited to meditate on this divine reality. We are invited to feel the desperation and joy of that first Easter Sunday deep in our bones. Because it is not just Mary's story. It's not Peter and John's story. It's our story. From the greatest defeat can come the most awe-inspiring victory, and this is true not just for our God, but for each one of us. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!