



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

"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again." - Jn 10:16-17

Dear Parishioners,

Our second graders celebrate their First Eucharist this Sunday, April 26, 2015, at a special 2:00 p.m. Mass. Our whole community shares in their joy as they gather around the altar to receive the sacrament which will nourish and sustain them throughout the years of their childhood, adolescence, and adulthood. The Eucharist is the most important "food" that we can offer to our children for it is a gift from God which promotes spiritual health and wellbeing. May their first reception of the sacrament be an occasion for our own growth in holiness through commitment to prayer and frequent reception of the sacraments.

Each month the Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus invite us to join them in prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Their monthly 12 hour period of adoration begins at 8:00 p.m. this Friday, May 1, and ends with 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, May 2. All are invited to sign-up for an hour of prayer and adoration during the night or early morning. You are free to sit or kneel in silent prayer, or pray the rosary, or engage in spiritual reading and meditation while in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

We will honor all of our high school seniors at the 11:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, May 3, 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.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops recently released a report on the priestly ordination class of 2015. There are 595 seminarians who are completing their seminary formation and on track to be ordained priests this spring and summer. The number of ordinands is up from 477 in 2014 and 497 in 2013, so this is wonderful news for our Church.

The average age of this year's new priests is 34. Two-thirds are Caucasian; 10 percent are Asian or Pacific

Islander; and 14 percent are Hispanic. One-quarter were born outside of the United States, with the largest numbers coming from Columbia, Mexico, the Philippines, Nigeria, Poland, and Vietnam. Sixty percent had completed college before entering the seminary.

We are blessed to have three young men being ordained for our Diocese this year. Brad Doyle, Reuben Dykes, and Matthew Graham will be ordained on Saturday, May 30, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge. All are invited to attend.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Baton Rouge is hosting a multimedia presentation on the "Shroud of Turin," believed to be the burial cloth of Jesus. The presenter is international expert Russ Breault who has studied the shroud for 25 years and appeared on the History Channel and Discovery Channel. The presentation begins at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, and is free to the public. This particular presentation comes very highly recommended by those who have seen it so you may want to mark the date and attend.

In Christ,
Father Matt



You've worked hard and we're proud of your accomplishments!

Fr. Matt, Staff & Parishioners of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church invite you and your family to Mass and a reception in your honor

on

SUNDAY, MAY 3rd at 11:00 am

We will gather for mass in the church with a reception to follow in the Parish Activity Center.

Please call the parish office with the number of family members attending by THURSDAY, APRIL 30th to RSVP



HUGE GARAGE SALE
 Saturday, May 2, 2015
 6:00 am—12 noon—Activity Center
 All proceeds will go to the SJB Youth Group

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

“Christ now raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has power over Him.” Alleluia! (Rom 6:9)

Our Risen and Glorified Lord is present in our church.
 Come adore Him!!

All night Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, May 1st at 8 pm thru Saturday, May 2nd at 8 am.

Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of Church
 For more info contact Julie@64807259 or Mary@324-5289.

SENIOR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Are you over 55 and out of work? Perhaps you’ve been retired for a while, but need to get back to work? Catholic Charities is accepting applications for the Senior Employment Program. Our staff will assess your job skills and place you in a paid training position at a nonprofit or government agency. You can learn new skills and get help finding a permanent job Call (225) 336-8700, ext. 309 to see if you qualify.



WEEKEND RETREAT



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.

EMBARK ON A PILGRIMAGE WITH MARY

Thursday, May 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2015
 1:30 pm—3:00 pm or 6:30 pm—8:00 pm
 St. John the Evangelist Church
 5805 Main Street
 Plaquemine, LA

In Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother, you will experience an extraordinary pilgrimage through Mary’s life and see why she is an essential part of our Faith. You will be introduced to the sorrows, anxieties, and joys Mary would have felt in her heart.

Please call to register: 687-2402 or 776-3205.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

April 19, 2015
 208 Identified- - - - - \$7,402.00
 Loose Collection- - - - - 657.00
 TOTAL- - - - - \$8,059.00

Building Fund (March) \$14,189.00

A VOCATION VIEW

This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The church needs good leaders as well, leaders that will unselfishly care for the needs of God’s people and minister to them. If you feel God is calling you to His priesthood or religious life, call or email Father Matt Dupre’ at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org. or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

CONGRATULATIONS

Adalyn Victoria Pierce, daughter of Randy Boone & Melissa Pierce was baptized here last weekend. Welcome into our faith community.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Sandra & Gerald Fitzgerald for chairing the committee during the month of April. Chaircouple for May will be Beverly & Harold Babin. Give them a call at 749-2027 with any concerns.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Karen Cordell for cleaning the church during the month of April. Cleaning for May will be done by Cindi Breaux (749-3842). Please give her a call if you want to lend a hand!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, May 3

Communion Service for KC Members and their families at 7:30 am Mass.
 Coffee & Donuts will be served after 7:30 am Mass.

March Calendar Winners

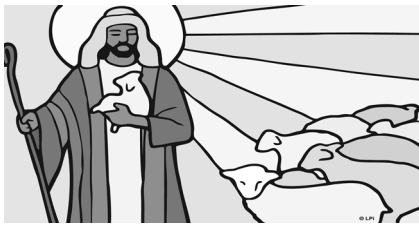
Mr. & Mrs. Augustin Templett, Brad Diaz, Charlotte Smith, Jenna Oubre, Emma Perkins, Dr. & Mrs. Johnny Shelley, Janet Landry, Norma & Curtiss Stelly, Wendy Daniel, Beatrice Curry, Clayton Brown, Gleeda Zeringue, Rene Paul Scott, Sean Hebert, Ruth Mouch, Jonah Couvillon, Joseph Ducote, Tommy Landry, Lisa Ware, Donald L. Jones, Kerrilyn Breaux, Joshua Duplantis, Gregory Rowland, Gary K. Pruitt, Dennis Hebert, Barry Riggs, Leslie Millard, Ian Barber, Carroll Fontenot, Derwin & Kathy Simoneaux, Jeremy Pipsair

Readings for the Week of April 26, 2015

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
 Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24--13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
 Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/ Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
 Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2014-2015

Donna Badon
Maria Bertrand
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Chris Buckle, Chairman
Deacon Sammy Collura
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Jules Lefeaux
Mark Loreno
Fr. Matt Lorrain
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4th Sunday of Easter

"And I will lay down my life for the sheep." Jesus himself gave us the image of himself as the Good Shepherd. In trying to teach us about who he was, his love for us, and his mission to save us, he chose to speak in these terms. The picture is a comforting one. We can imagine the natural beauty of a shepherd on a hillside, gently leading and guiding his sheep to the places where all their needs are met. The shepherd makes sure they are fed, watered, rested, and, of course, safe. This last element is what separates a good shepherd from a bad one. When a threat approaches his flock, the good shepherd will do whatever is necessary to save them, even at risk of his own safety. The bad shepherd, on the other hand, thinks only of himself and abandons the sheep in order to protect his own skin.

It's important, in understanding the analogy, for us to realize that we, the sheep of Christ's pasture, do face real threats, though they may be the kind that are hard to recognize. The wolves that prowl around our souls are the vices of anger, jealousy, lust, greed, gluttony, vanity, and laziness. We traditionally call these the seven deadly sins, and they are truly deadly. When we give in to them, we cut off our souls from the source of real life: God. But Jesus is the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for us, literally. Jesus suffered and died on the cross, taking away the deadly consequence of sin. This selfless act has saved us by offering the forgiveness and reconciliation that our souls, weak and weary from the attacks of evil, desperately need. What a gift to be in the care of such a shepherd. What a joy to be in this flock where, as Jesus says, "I know mine and mine know me."