

*April 30, 2017
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
Sammy Collura Permanent Deacon
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin Parish Secretary
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
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

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread. - Lk 24:33-35

Dear Parishioners,

Our second graders celebrate their First Eucharist this Sunday, April 30, 2017, 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.

We are sponsoring an organizational meeting for a new ministry at St. John the Baptist. The ministry is being organized by parishioner Jake Gaudet and is focused on helping others discover or rediscover a lived relationship with Jesus Christ as intentional disciples. This ministry seeks to serve our community through prayer and a combination of individual and group activities. Interested young adults are invited to learn more about this new ministry this Sunday, April 30, at 4:00 p.m. in Classroom 5.

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 5, and ends with 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, May 6. 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.

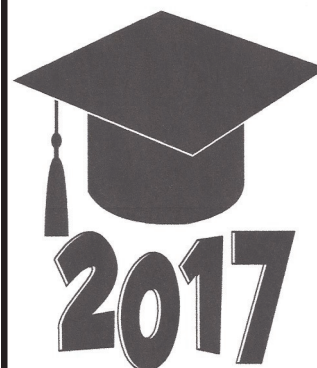
We plan to honor all of our high school seniors at the 11:00 Mass next Sunday, May 7, and then treat them and their parents to lunch in our Parish Activity Center. We are extremely proud of their accomplishment and wish to assure them of our continued prayers as they plan for the next phase of their 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 likewise honor our Blessed Mother with a traditional May crowning ceremony on Sunday, May 14,

at the conclusion of the 9:00 Mass. We will walk in procession to our Lourdes Grotto and then ask one of our second graders to place the crown on Mary. We will then offer prayers and hymns to our Blessed Mother as an expression of our love and devotion. This date was chosen to coincide with Mother's Day since Mary is the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of the Church. In honoring her we honor all of the mothers of our community on this special day.

The Parish Activity Center will be closed beginning May 8 so that we can install new flooring. It should take about a week but we are blocking out two weeks just to be safe. The new flooring is being financed with a portion of the proceeds from the 2016 *Feast on the Levee*.

In Christ,
Father Matt



*All of our Seniors will be honored at
11:00 Mass on Sunday, May 7th.
Lunch will follow in the Activity Center
for all Seniors and their families. Please
RSVP to Karen or June at 749-3387*

Please Note!!

We will be re-surfacing the Activity Center Floors during the weeks of May 8th thru May 19th. Floors cannot be walked on at that time. All meetings scheduled for those weeks have been moved and none will be scheduled during that time.



The Sanctuary Candle is now burning in Memory of Brittany Ledford

Rest in Peace

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Marie Richard and family upon the death of her husband, Ronald. Please keep them in your prayers.



JUST MARRIED

*Albert Charles Hebert, Jr. & Ainsley Elizabeth Steib
Congratulations and best wishes in your future life together!*

THANKS!

*Karen Cordell wishes to thank the following people who helped clean the church during the month of April:
Virgie Hannah, Opie Vidrine and Eldon & Josie Delaune.*



A VOCATION VIEW

“They recognized Him in the breaking of the bread.” Through the ministry of priesthood, brotherhood or sisterhood, people will continue to find Jesus. If you think He may be calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, or email amerrick@diobr.org.

CRISTO REY BATON ROUGE FRANCISCAN HIGH SCHOOL

Applications are being accepted for 9th and 10th graders for the 2017-18 Academic Year.

Crisco Rey Baton Rouge Franciscan High School is a Catholic learning community that educates young people to become men and women of faith, purpose and service. Through a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum, integrated with a relevant work-study experience and small class sizes, students graduate ready to succeed in college and in life.

This unique education model is part of a larger network of 32 schools through the Cristo Rey Network. Cristo Rey schools have a 100% college acceptance rate.

Campus tours are available at their temporary location on the back side of the Bon Carre' Business Center, 7173 Florida Blvd., Suite 200, B.R., next to Theatre Baton Rouge.

CATHOLIC HIGH FOOTBALL Skills & 7 on 7 Camp and Lineman Camp (Grades 7-8) YOUTH CAMP (Grades 4-7)



June 1st thru June 3rd (1-7PM)
June 12th through 15th (12:30—2:30 pm)
For details, including the full brochure and Registration link, visit

WWW.CATHOLIC.HIGH.ORG/SUMMERAT CHS



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*“I am with you once more”
(Luke 24:34)*

Our Blessed Lord has indeed risen and awaits our visit in Eucharistic Adoration
All night Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, May 5th at 8pm thru Saturday, May 6th at 8 am.
Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of church
For more info, contact Julie @749-8260 or Mary @324-5289



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.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

April 23, 2017

REGULAR:

186 Identified- - - - - \$6,192.00
Loose Collection- - - - - 857.00
TOTAL- - - - - \$7,049.00

Catholic Home Missions—\$429.00

Readings for the Week of April 30, 2017

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/
1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/
Jn 6:22-29
Joseph the Worker Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/
Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16/Mt 13:54-58
Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17,
21ab/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a/Jn 14:6-14
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/
Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-17/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/
Jn 10:1-10

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3rd Sunday of Easter

"Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." Can you imagine this scene? Jesus comes up next to these two disciples, walks with them, talks with them, even goes so far as to explain the Scriptures about him to them, and they still fail to notice who he is. Understandably, they were sad, "looking downcast" because of Christ's death. Maybe their eyes glumly watched their feet as they trod along instead of taking in the sights around them. But at some point they must have looked at their companion's face. Why didn't they recognize Jesus until "he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them"?

In everything else during their encounter, Jesus had appeared to be just another man. But when he broke the bread, in fact celebrating the Eucharist, they realized who he was. And then, he "vanished from their sight." Could it be that the risen Lord wanted to teach his followers about the new way in which he was present? He may have vanished from sight, but he did not leave them. He was there, as we Catholics profess, through his real presence in the Eucharist. We are not so different from the disciples on the road to Emmaus. We may at times become downcast, wishing that Jesus was with us in a more obvious, traditional way. But in fact, the risen Lord comes to join us every time we go to Mass, remaining with us through his presence in the Eucharist. We only need the eyes of faith to believe that it's true. This is not the same as physical sight, to be sure. But he is there. As Jesus himself said in last Sunday's Gospel, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29).