



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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Easter Sunday  
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  
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

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

Dear Parishioners,

I give thanks to God for another grace-filled Lenten season spent with you at St. John the Baptist Parish. God has sustained us with his love throughout these forty days and prepared our hearts to celebrate the joy of Easter. Thank you for your dedication to prayer and to the many treasured Lenten devotions which deepen our relationship with the Lord.

Our parish mission led by Father Blaise Czaja was especially timely coming as it did during the fifth week of Lent. His morning sermons and evening talks over the four day period created the atmosphere of mini-retreat for our community. Thank you for your great attendance in support of this annual retreat. I am in the process of booking our mission director for next year so we can keep the tradition going.

I wish to thank everyone who contributed to our beautiful liturgies during Holy Week whether by cleaning the palms, decorating the church, washing the linens, singing in the choir, serving at Mass, or sponsoring an RCIA candidate, now a new Catholic. The dying and rising of Christ was on full display as we celebrated the deepest mysteries of our faith. His death and resurrection are also present in the lives of all believers who have been baptized into this sacred mystery.

I leave next Saturday with 19 other parishioners and friends on a pilgrimage to Italy and France. We will be gone for two weeks, from April 11 – 24, so please watch over the place while I am away. Our trip begins in Rome and then continues north through Assisi, Venice, Florence, and Pisa, before crossing into France and the Riviera, and then speeding to Paris via the high speed train. I will try to keep you posted on our progress via Facebook.

Father Jon Koehler will celebrate the 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass and the 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Masses on both of the weekends that I am away. The 11:00 a.m. Mass will be celebrated by Father Tony Russo next Sunday, April 12, and by Father Henry Gautreau the following Sunday, April 19. All three priests are retired and generously help out in various church parishes around the Diocese whenever priests take vacation or become ill, so please welcome them to St. John.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer the 8:00 a.m. weekday Mass the two weeks that I am away. We will have a Communion Service in place of the Mass on Tuesday through Friday each week, and you also have the option of attending a Mass in Baton Rouge or at one of our neighboring parishes. Be sure to offer a prayer for vocations in either case so that we can help ensure future priests for our Church.

Our second graders celebrate their First Eucharist on the Sunday after I return, April 26, 2015, at a special 2:00 p.m. Mass. Please say a prayer for them as they approach this special day.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

## NOTICE - LAST CHANCE

### GUIDE BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED

Be sure to call the Office if you have any updates on your census information such as changes in phone number, address, children who have moved out of your home. Publication will begin this month!



## 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.



**Mark Your Calendars!!!**

**Vacation Bible School**

**July 13—17, 2015**

**"Exploring Mt. Everest, With  
God Everything is possible."**

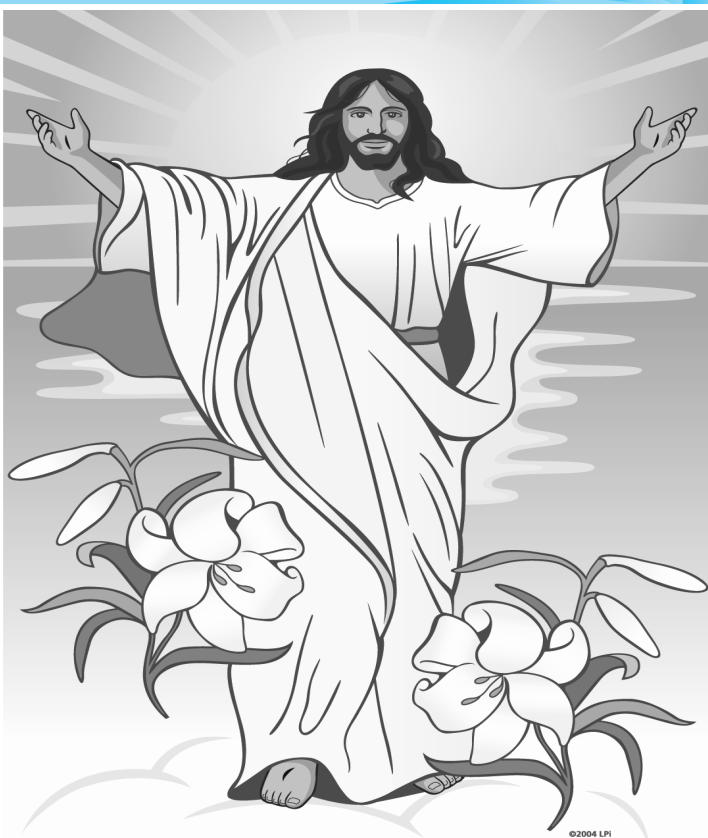
## FILL A PRESCRIPTION FOR THE NEEDY

St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy is again asking you to participate in this effort geared toward helping the pharmacy secure the funding it needs to provide the thousands of prescription they fill in a year.

You can participate by removing the label from an empty prescription bottle from home, inserting your donation and placing it in the container in the back of church or in the collection. Empty bottles are also available near the container in church.

THANK YOU!

# Hallelujah!



### **Resurrection Prayer**

*God of all life, your Son conquered sin and death and revealed the glory of the resurrection. May all who are baptized in his name share the abundance of his life.*

*May our suffering be transformed, our crosses be turned to signs of victory, and the death we experience in this life reveal the fullness of eternal life in your presence. As we celebrate Christ's Resurrection, give us the grace to see that death is not the end. Strengthen our resolve to be witnesses to the life which Christ bestows on all who are baptized and believe in Him.*

**AMEN.**

## A VOCATION VIEW

The glorious feast of the Resurrection of Christ proclaims forever that life is greater than death. Jesus commanded us to preach this good news to all peoples in all places at all times. If you feel God is calling you to be His priest or to minister in His Church, as a religious, call or email Father Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, [mdupre@diobr.org](mailto:mdupre@diobr.org).



*THE SANCTUARY CANDLE  
IS NOW BURNING  
IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF L. J. BERTHELOT*



ARCHDIOCESE OF  
NEW ORLEANS

*Retreat Center*

### **Upcoming Retreats**

**April 10-12, 2015**

Faith in Trial and Transition  
*Rev. Paul Hart*

**April 24-26, 2015**

Stations for a New Creation:  
Rest Stops on the  
Resurrection Road  
*Rev. Joseph Nassal*

**April 17-19, 2015**

The Joy of the Gospel  
*Archbishop Alfred Hughes*

**May 15-17, 2015**

Seeking the God of Mercy  
*Rev. Simeon Gallagher*

5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie, LA 70006  
(504) 267-9604 \* [retreats.arch-no.org](http://retreats.arch-no.org)

## ROSARYVILLE

### *"A Run Like Nun Other"*

On May 9, 2015 Rosaryville will have it's second annual Nun Run 5K: A Run Like Nun Other! You and your whole family are invited to this event. Wear your most creative nun outfit and go out for this trail run through Rosaryville's beautiful grounds. The Fun Run begins at 8:30 am and the 5K Trail Run begins at 9:00 am. Proceeds go to renovating Kateri Hall for its various uses during the year for youth retreats and reunions to Camp Kateri.

For more information or to register call Rosaryville at (225) 294-5039 or email [scallais@oppeace.org](mailto:scallais@oppeace.org).

### Readings for the Week of April 5, 2015

Sun.: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/  
Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

Mon.: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

Tues.: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

Wed.: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

Thurs.: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

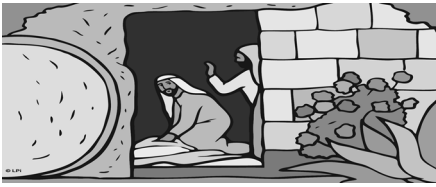
Fri.: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

Sat.: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sun.: Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

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**Easter Sunday of the  
Resurrection of the Lord**

"They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." This must have felt like adding insult to injury. Mary Magdalene had stood faithfully by Jesus up to his last moment on the cross. She had seen him laid in the tomb and she had already visited his body there to mourn and pay her last respects. But today, on her arrival, she finds the body missing. Wasn't it enough to torture and crucify her innocent Lord? Why did they have to take away her one last bit of consolation? Why did they steal his body?

Imagine the despair she must have wrestled with at this moment. As if the events of Good Friday had not been enough, now she faced another tragic moment. From Mary's perspective, things could not have gotten any worse. Every bit of evidence around her converged to make her feel completely powerless and afraid. Her eyes could only see the darkness of the empty tomb.

Here now, into this rock-bottom moment when no human hope remained, here burst in the risen Christ. Just when there was no possible solution, when everything was far beyond repair, suddenly Jesus appeared, glorious, victorious, and completely and utterly unexpected. His triumph over death was more than that: it was also a triumph over human hopelessness and despair. It was proof that God is bigger than our biggest problems. He is more powerful than the most threatening evils and all the fears that lurk around in our lives.

The joy of Easter is ours, today and every day. As Christians, we can rejoice in belonging to a God who is ready and able to break through the toughest barriers of sin and death, even when we least expect it.