



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
Wayne Delapasse..... 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 Judy Thousand, 749-9257 or the Parish office

He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

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.

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. Gloria Murphy, Arron Pierre, Jason Poole, Zachary Roettger, Emily Rubio, and Aimee Tircuit 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 2–4, 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.

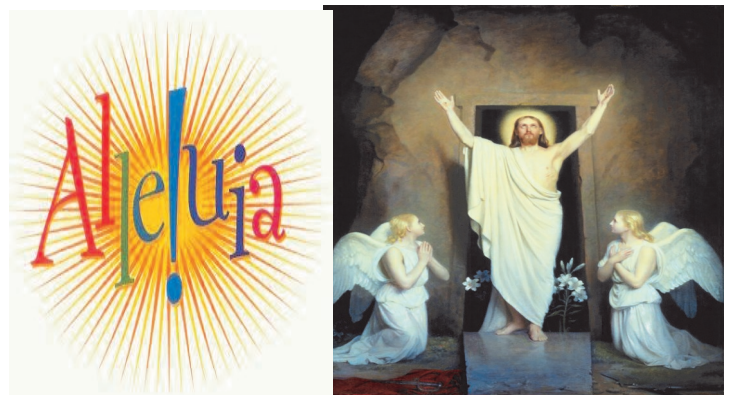
We will be offering a short course on the Sacrament of Confirmation for any adult aged 18 or older who has not yet been confirmed and wishes to receive the sacrament this spring. The course is comprised of four sessions to be held on the evenings of April 19, 26, May 3, & 10. Those completing the short course will be confirmed by Bishop Muench on May 20, Pentecost Sunday, at St. Joseph Cathedral. Please call the parish office for more information or to register.

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, April 6, and ends with 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, April 7. All are invited to sign-up for an hour of prayer and adoration during the night or early morning.

I have signed up to lead a group vacation entitled “Romantic Danube” aboard a Viking River Cruise ship. We start in Budapest, Hungary and end in Nuremberg, Germany with stops in Vienna, Krems, Passau, and Regensburg. We then leave the cruise ship and conclude our vacation with three nights in Prague, Czech Republic. The trip is scheduled for June 14-24, 2019 and anyone who is interested is invited to attend a meeting on Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at Pearson’s Travel on Jefferson Hwy in Baton Rouge.

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.

In Christ,
Father Matt



***Wishing you and your family and friends
a Most Blessed & Joyful Easter!***





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 20, 2018.

Anyone wishing to be confirmed must attend the classes which will be held on Thursdays, April 19th and 26th and May 3rd and 10th.

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO REGISTER!



Did We Miss Your Call???

Please Call Again!

Our Feast on the Levee is scheduled for October 28th this year! Time's getting closer for booking bands, ordering raffle tickets, planning set-up, and general food booths, cooks & workers.

We need a chairperson or couple to get it going. Please call the office (749-2189) to help!



May 5, 2018
Hilton Baton Rouge
Capitol Center
6:30 - 7:30 Patron Party
7:30 - 11:00 Plates for Life

Sit-down Dinner | Entertainment by Pelican 212
Live & Silent Auctions
Patron & Underwriting Opportunities Available.

All proceeds will support Woman's New Life Center, providing services to women in unplanned pregnancies.

www.platesforlife.com



Keynote Pam Tebow



A VOCATION VIEW

The glorious feast of the Resurrection of Christ proclaims forever that life is greater than death. Jesus commanded us to preach the Good News to all peoples in all places at all times. If you feel that God is calling you to be His priest or to minister in His Church as a religious, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

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.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF WAYNE KNOTTS

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM

Juke Joint Exhibit will open on April 6 at 6:30 pm. This new permanent exhibit will interpret the rich blues heritage of West Baton Rouge. The Juke Joint grand opening is a tribute to Slim Harpo with living legends Henry Gray and Carol Fran along with tomorrow's legends Carter Wilkerson and the Riverside Blues Band and Rudy "Trey" Richard, III. They will be frying fish and serving up Juke Joint beer from Tin Roof and the all new "Baby Scratch My Back" cocktail invented just for the museum by Cane Land Distilling Company.



SENIOR SPIRIT HERITAGE TOUR
Saturday, April 21 (8:30 am—5:30 pm)
Deadline to register has been extended to Friday, April 6th. Call Carolyn at 749-2189 to register. Registration Fee: \$45.00/person.

Readings for the Week of April 1, 2018

- 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 Mk 16:1-7or Lk 24:13-35
- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 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 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

CARDS FOR A CAUSE FUNDRAISER

Purchase a box of greeting cards to support a playground for SJB Mother's Day Out. There are four different sets of cards, each for \$30 with 30 cards in each box.

To order a box, please contact:

mdo.stjohn@gmail.com
or call (225) 955-2748.

Handcrafted Greeting Cards

Cards for a Cause Fundraisers

Handmade cards for all occasions with coordinating envelopes in a keepsake box. Birthdays, Celebrations, Thank You's & More!

Amazing Value! \$30 per box

Cards for All Occasions (Box 1) - Curious register box includes children and 30 beautifully embossed cards with envelopes designed for all types of occasions.

Happy Birthday Card Box for Kids - Gift register box with 30 beautiful, printed and novelty cards with envelopes designed for all types of occasions.

Cards for All Occasions (Box 2) - Beautiful register box includes children and 30 beautifully embossed cards with envelopes designed for all types of occasions.

Thanks & More Box - Attractive register box full of uniquely handcrafted greeting cards with colored envelopes. Includes 10 blank cards and 11 Thank You cards.

Save money now and time later...Have cards on hand for every occasion.

USBORNE BOOKS & MORE

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EASTER SUNDAY

The first light of Easter dawn had begun to creep over the horizon. The steadfast women from Friday's gory events are returning again to the body of their Lord. "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" How quickly we return to mundane concerns and how thoroughly God wants to surprise us! Imagine the utter shock upon seeing the stone rolled away, the tomb empty, and a stranger clothed in light proclaiming the impossible. "You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here." He is risen indeed and the world will never be the same.

We know from other Gospel passages that Mary Magdalene made haste to the disciples to proclaim the Good News. We know that Peter and John rushed to the tomb to see for themselves. We know that the wonder and awe of the Resurrection permeated the lives of the apostles until their own dying day.

Can we comprehend the utterly world-changing nature of this surprise? The historical reanimation of a dead man is of no real value to us. But we know that Easter Sunday is so much more. By the Resurrection of Jesus, life has triumphed over death for us all. The gates of heaven are opened and the treasury of graces is poured out upon the here and now. This Resurrection Day, let us draw near, amazed yet unafraid, to the risen Christ. Let us recall the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, "Jesus is not a character from the past. He lives, and he walks before us as one who is alive, he calls us to follow him, the living one, and in this way to discover for ourselves the path of life" (Easter Vigil, April 15, 2006).