



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
Julie Ginther Cilano Christian Formation
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 at weekend Masses. Parents should call the office early to enroll in our baptismal preparation program. Parents should be registered and actively practicing the 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.

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." **Mt 21:9-11**

Dear Parishioners,

Father John Kavanaugh, S.J., (1941-2012) was a Jesuit priest, writer, and professor of philosophy at St. Louis University. He was a regular contributor to *America Magazine* and had a rare gift for applying the insights of our Catholic faith to the challenges of the modern world. Here is an excerpt from one of his reflections for Palm Sunday:

Our human circumstance, grand and grotesque, is at issue in the Passion. Our predicament is the healing of the wounds without the cover of cosmetics. Our problem is the solving of sin without endless stratagems of denial.

If only there were a way out. But unexpectedly, wondrously, the one who need not have been like us, yet chose to be, did not flee. He entered the Garden of Gethsemane to rectify the Garden of Eden. Not clinging to the robes of divinity, he took the towel to wash our feet. And we, with Peter, might murmur, "not just our feet, Lord, but our whole being, our pains and terrors, our aging and fading, our agonies and death."

Good Friday's wood, on which hung the Savior of the world, waits for our kiss. It bore the one who says to us, now and eternally, from the cross: "Yes, you needed this. And yes, you were worth it." We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

This week is holy to Catholics because of our collective memory and belief in our Savior's unconditional love for all humanity. Christ is our king who leads us from death to new life, and who nourishes our faith with the gift of his body and blood. You are invited and encouraged to participate in the beautiful Holy Week liturgies of the Catholic Church.

Please note that the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening will be at 6:00 p.m., an hour earlier than last year. It is a beautiful Mass but normally runs a little longer than a Sunday Mass so thus the earlier start time. (We will move it back to 7:00 p.m. next year if the time turns out to be too early for your family.) Mass is followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for one hour.

On Good Friday, the Way of the Cross will be led by Deacon Sammy at 12:00 noon. I will be in the confessional during the Way of the Cross in case anyone missed the opportunity for confession. The Celebration of the Lord's Passion will begin at 3:00 p.m., and we will use a new cross we recently had made especially for the Good Friday veneration. Remember that Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

On Holy Saturday, the Easter Vigil will begin after nightfall at 8:00 p.m. as required by the Church. The Vigil begins in the front of the church with the blessing of the Easter fire and the lighting of our new paschal candle. Our Masses on Easter Sunday will be at the regular times of 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. Have a blessed Holy Week!

In Christ,
Father Matt



HOLY WEEK
Holy Thursday, April 17 (6 pm)

Good Friday, April 18
Way of the Cross—12 noon
Services—3:00 pm



Easter Vigil, Sat. April 19 (8pm)
Easter Sunday, April 20
7:30 am; 9:00 am; 11:00 am

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Three Month Developing Baby

Your baby is quite active in the womb now although his mother won't feel him for another couple of months. He is kicking and flipping around in his safe little world. If his mother's womb had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, smile, swallow, hiccup and suck his thumb. He can hear outside noises and react to changes in his environment. The baby you are praying for weighs about one ounce and is about three inches long. What a miracle he is!!!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS
July 14—17—Vacation Bible School

GARAGE SALE—DONATIONS WELCOME!!!
Sale will be held on Saturday, May 3rd.
6:00 am—11:00 am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
UPCOMING DATES

- ⇒ **CONFIRMATION DAY OF REFLECTION**
 Sunday, April 13th, 11 am Mass—5:00 pm
- ⇒ **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**
 Thursday, April 24, 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **FIRST EUCHARIST RETREAT**
 Saturday, April 26th, 9am—12:00 Noon
- ⇒ **SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST**
 Sunday, April 27th, 2:00 pm

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Plans are being made for classes to prepare any adults who for some reason are not confirmed. The actual Confirmation will be on June 8, 2014 at 3:00 pm at Our Lady of Mercy Church.

Anyone wishing to be Confirmed must attend the classes. Please call the Christian Formation Office (749-3387) to register.



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Ms. Hazel Roy & family upon the death of Her sister, Lois Bienvenu. Please keep them in your prayers.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has requested that we support Christians in the Holy Land through our Good Friday Collection. Please support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to that special collection. The pontifical collection allows for care of Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people living there.

PLEASE TURN IN RICE BOWLS ALSO

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

April 6, 2014

REGULAR:

289 Identified- - - - - \$12,721.00
Loose Collection- - - - - 761.11
TOTAL- - - - - \$13,482.11

A VOCATION VIEW

Blest are they who come in the Name of the Lord! Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, brother or sister? If so, call Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org.

MANRESA RETREAT

Men of St. John the Baptist who are 18 years of age or older: Have you ever made a Manresa Retreat? If you haven't, you owe it to yourself to take advantage of this special time with other men from our parish, as well as time with the Lord. Please consider joining us this year. For further information about the retreat, please contact Deacon Sammy (603-9635) or Grayson Brewer (975-3603). You won't regret this retreat experience!



The Great Adventure Bible Study
On the book of James
(Pearls for Wise Living)
Begins on April 21st for 10 weeks
Each Monday at 7:00 pm
SJB Activity Center—Room #1
Material Fee: \$25.00
Contact Parish Office (749-2189) or
Brenda Gomez (225) 276-3490

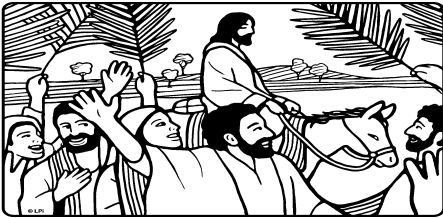


Readings for the Week of April 13, 2014

- Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/
 Mt 26:14--27:66 or 27:11-54
- Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9/
 Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
- Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8,
 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
- Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/
 Jn 18:1--19:42
- Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1,
 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a,
 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15--15:1/Is 54:5-
 14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/
 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/
 Mt 28:1-10
- Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or
 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10
 or Lk 24:13-35

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

"Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: 'Before the cock crows you will deny me three times.' He went out and began to weep bitterly." Today's Gospel traces two tales of betrayal and remorse. At the Last Supper, Peter pledges his fidelity to Christ. He sincerely cannot imagine himself denying Jesus. Judas, on the other hand, is a liar who professes loyalty while knowing that he has already betrayed the Lord. Both men come to regret their actions. But their responses are different. Peter recognizes his failure, feels the bitterness of his actions, and weeps over them. Judas, however, does not weep. He tries to undo his action, and when he can't, he gives up hope.

Although Peter felt the weight of his sins, he did not give up. He got up after he fell and moved forward, remaining a loyal disciple, if an imperfect one. He learned from his mistake and, through his eventual martyrdom, fulfilled his promise to die for Christ. Judas of course could have reconciled with the Lord as well. Even at the moment of betrayal, Jesus extended his mercy by calling Judas, "Friend." And he does the same for us. Even when we declare, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" one day and, "I do not know the man!" the next, Jesus still forgives us. Although we may waver when the Gospel challenges us to change, when our Christian witness means social stigma, or when our faith is tested by trial or temptation, nonetheless Jesus' offer of friendship never expires. During this Holy Week, let us pray for the grace to be good friends in return. May we be willing to accompany Christ on his path to Calvary, and remain steadfast with him all the way to the foot of the cross.