



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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Easter Sunday  
Resurrection of Our 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  
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.

*"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you." - Mt 28:5b-7*

Dear Parishioners,

The joy of Christ's resurrection is celebrated for fifty days, from Easter Sunday through Pentecost Sunday. This season is a particularly good time to celebrate the sacraments, beginning with the reception of our new Catholics at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, then the baptism of infants on Easter Sunday morning, and continuing with Confirmation for our 11<sup>th</sup> graders this Thursday evening, and the celebration of First Eucharist with our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders next Sunday afternoon. Bishop Muench will also celebrate a special Mass of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Baton Rouge for any adults who missed being confirmed when they were younger. Please watch the bulletin or contact our Christian Formation Office if you would like more information on being confirmed at Pentecost.

Pope Francis will canonize Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II next Sunday, April 27, the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday. A Mass of canonization is usually quite grand but Vatican watchers are speculating that this one might be more restrained in keeping with the emerging style of Pope Francis who favors simplicity. In any case, it will be a great occasion for our Catholic Church as we remember and honor two outstanding examples of spirit-filled leadership and holiness. I imagine both new saints will be popular choices for confirmation names as well as the naming of new Catholic Schools and Parishes.

The example of Pope Francis as well as our own experience of the forty days just ended, remind us that we need not be afraid of simplicity and humility. Doing without certain material comforts during Lent has once again shown us that we do not need a great deal of things in order to be happy and satisfied. We do however need experiences of resurrection for our faith to grow and develop, and these experiences are usually preceded by occasions of loss or surrender. There is no rising without dying. Something new cannot be born without something old being surrendered. We pray with St. Paul that both the dying and rising of Christ may be visible in our lives.

I am hoping to lead a 12 day pilgrimage to Italy and

France a year from now in April of 2015. The trip will start in Rome and finish in Paris, with overnight stays in Venice, Florence, and Nice, plus day excursions to many other towns. We will travel by bus through Italy and along the French Riviera, and then take the TGV fast train to Paris. Representatives from *Globus Tours* and *Vacations by Crown* will be here this Wednesday, April 23, at 10:30 a.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. to provide more information on the trip for those who are interested. I don't have a price yet but hopefully will have some numbers to present at the informational meeting. The trip is open to anyone to attend.

Happy Easter and thanks for all that you do for our community!

In Christ,  
Father Matt



*Congratulations to [Natallie Champagne](#) and [Sydnie Luke](#) who received the sacrament of First Eucharist and to [Ashley Batts](#), [Boone Pierce](#), [Joshua Pinkston](#) and [Deana Tullier](#) who received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation and brought into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please welcome them into our great Family of Faith here at St. John the Baptist!*

## PLEASE NOTE

### Sick & Shut-Ins

If you know of someone who is hospitalized or homebound, please call the Parish Office to let us know if they want to be visited.

We are not being notified by the hospitals anymore when people are admitted.

Our ministers visit the homebound on Fridays and Sundays.





**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**

- ⇒ **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.



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
**IS NOW BURNING IN MEMORY**  
**OF PEGGY LEBLANC**

**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!

**HOME MISSIONS APPEAL**

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place next week. One way that the Appeal works to support mission dioceses here at home is by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses which educate each seminarian at a cost of \$35,000-\$40,000 per year. Your support is needed for these young men, so that they can return to serve their parishes. Please strengthen the Church at home by making a generous gift next week.

**A VOCATION VIEW**

The Lord is risen; let us rejoice! Could Jesus be calling you to help proclaim the Good News to the world through the priesthood or religious life? If so call Father Matt Dupre' at 225.336.877 or email [atdupre@diobr.org](mailto:atdupre@diobr.org).

**EMERALD FESTIVAL TO BENEFIT**  
**REDEMPTORIST HIGH SCHOOL**

The First Annual Emerald Festival will be held on April 26, 2014 (10am—10pm) at 4000 St. Gerard Ave. and will feature live music, food, 5K run, crafts, bingo and more. All proceeds will benefit Redemptorist High School's facility fund. Admission into the festival is \$5.00. 5K registration is \$25 and can be found at [www.rhsbr.org/emerald5K](http://www.rhsbr.org/emerald5K).

**ST. JULES CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**BELLE ROSE LA**

**Allons Manger Food Festival**  
 Sunday, April 27, 2014

Food will be served beginning at 11:30 am. Plenty of food and fun for all ages. Games for children and live entertainment will be featured. Also featured will be a Money Raffle, a Gun Raffle and a Silent Auction.

**BLESSED SEELOS HEALING MASS**

*Sunday, April 27 (1:00 pm)*  
**St. Mary's Assumption Church**  
**919 Josephine St., New Orleans, LA 70130**  
*Confessions before Mass*  
*Veneration of Relic Missionary Crucifix*  
**For more info call (504) 525-2495 or 525-2499**

**ROSARYVILLE'S "NUN RUN"**

Saturday, May 10, 2014 (8:00 am)  
 The day will feature a 5K walk, a 1-mile fun run, and tons of activities for the whole family. If both parents want to run, walk, hobble, or skip their way through the tracks, the Camp Kateri Staff will provide a "Kids Zone" to entertain the kids.

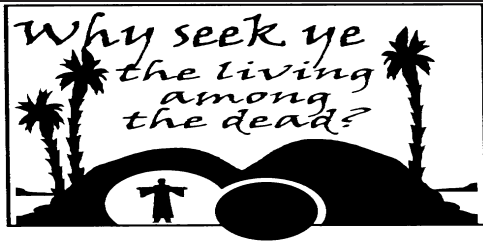
Follow this link to register:  
<http://www.catholicretreatcenter.org/nun-run.html> or call (985) 277-1112 for Jenni or Charlotte .

**Readings for the Week of April 20, 2014**

- 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
- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2013-2014**

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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." Mary of Magdala, seeing the stone rolled away from Christ's burial place, runs to tell the disciples what she thinks is bad news. The grave is empty. Jesus' body must have been stolen. Clearly, resurrection isn't on her radar. As it says at the end of the passage, "They did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Only later, when Mary saw Jesus again face-to-face, did she come to understand what had actually happened.

We, of course, know that the empty tomb really means good news! We know that the cross was not the end of the story, that Jesus conquered death, walked again amongst his followers, and ascended into heaven where he reigns even now. Unlike the first Christians, we have the testimony of history, the record of Scripture, and the benefit of tradition at our disposal. We have more reason to believe than Mary, Peter, or John did on first seeing the tomb! We need not waste any time "running" around like they did in search of the Savior. We know that Jesus is alive, and that sin and death have met their match.

"Where, O death, is your victory?" we can now proclaim with St. Paul. "Where, O death, is your sting?" (1 Cor 15:55). Jesus has won! He is triumphant! This is the joy of Easter, based in fact and bolstered by faith. And we are the heirs of this great joy. As we sing in the Easter psalm, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." On this most glorious of holy days, as we gather to feast with friends and family, let us be sure to recall the reason for our celebration: Christ is risen! Truly he is risen! Alleluia!