



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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Divine Mercy Sunday  
Second Sunday of Easter  
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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

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - **Jn 20:26-27**

Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to our new Catholics who joined the Church at the Easter Vigil. We were blessed to welcome five new adult members to our church family: Preston Causey, Eric Greene, Steven Landry, Vanessa Pardo, and Delia Tijerina. We give thanks to God for their journey of faith which has enriched our own experience of God's call and guidance. We also congratulate four younger parishioners who celebrated their First Eucharist on Easter Sunday: Darren Foster, James Foster, Amanda Romero, and Cody Wonnacott.

On a related note, each year the Church also offers assistance to those members who were born and raised Catholic but who somehow missed the opportunity to be confirmed. In some cases school or work schedules interfered with sacramental preparation, or their family moved to a new town, or they did not feel ready to celebrate the sacrament with their classmates in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. No matter the reason, we invite and encourage all of our unconfirmed adults, young or old, to complete their sacraments this spring.

The process is very simple. We offer a short course on the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults aged 18 or older beginning this week. The course is comprised of four sessions to be held on the evenings of April 27, May 4, 11, and 25. Those completing the short course will be confirmed by Bishop Muench on June 4, Pentecost Sunday, at St. Joseph Cathedral. Please call the parish office for more information or to register.

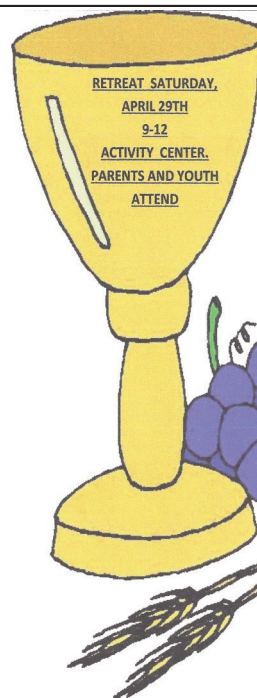
Our second graders celebrate their First Eucharist next Sunday, April 30, 2017, at a special 2:00 p.m. Mass. Next to Christmas and Easter, the celebration of First Communion is one of the most cherished moments in the life of a Catholic community. Our second graders finally get to join us at the table of the Lord and receive the wonderful gift of the Eucharist. Their excitement reminds us of the great privilege which is ours in being able to partake of so great a Sacrament – the gift of Christ himself in his body and blood. Please pray for them and their parents.

Later that same day 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 next Sunday, April 30, at 4:00 p.m. in Classroom 5.

Finally, I received a letter from Father Matthew Bonk, CSSR, asking me to thank all of you for your generous support. Our collection on the final night of the mission was \$4,035. That money will be used to support the preaching ministry of Father Matthew's Redemptorist Evangelization Team. Please say a prayer for Father Matthew and the continued success of his Parish Missions.

In Christ,  
Father Matt



FIRST EUCHARIST RETREAT

AND

CELEBRATION  
OF THE SACRAMENT

CELEBRATION  
OF THE SACRAMENT ON  
SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH!  
2:00 P. M. IN CHURCH



*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 on June at 749-3387*

# 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, June 4, 2017.

Anyone wishing to be Confirmed must attend the Classes which will be held here on Thursdays, April 27 and May 4, 11 & 25.

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO REGISTER!



**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY** are extended to Sally Short and her family upon the death of her husband, Dempsey Short. Please keep them in your prayers.

## K.C. CALENDAR WINNERS FOR MARCH

Donnie Beatty, Randolph Willis, Annie LeBlanc, Patricia Hergruder, Donald Hebert, Angelique McGlothlin, Joan Cox, Billy Story, Shannon Plauche, Ruel Seneca, Nadine Theriot, Linda Levert, Sophia Barber, Margaret Pritchard, Hanson Leonard, Drew Hebert, Nicole Williams, Bonnie Landry, Sherrill Armand, J.D. & Shelly Pellerin, Sydney Whitted, Connie Brown, Yolanda Taylor, Larry Wille, Sylvia Bush, Albert & Joan Dugas, Gina Verret, Lloyd Landry, Terwin Gibson, Mike Cazes, Charlotte Clouatre



## STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

April 9, 2017

### REGULAR:

213 Identified-----\$8,562.00  
**Loose Collection----- 860.00**  
**TOTAL-----\$9,422.00**

April 16, 2017

### REGULAR:

224 Identified-----\$11,410.83  
**Loose Collection----- 1,640.00**  
**TOTAL-----\$13,050.83**

**Priests' Retirement---- \$ 4,865.00**



## A VOCATION VIEW

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit we are sent to share the peace of Christ. Could it be that Jesus is now asking you to be willing to be sent forth with the Good News as a priest, brother or sister? If so, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, [amerrick@diobr.org](mailto:amerrick@diobr.org).



## **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.

## GROWING UP GRACEFULLY

*"A Mother/Daughter Event for Young Ladies (8th—12th Grade) and their Mothers"*

May 2, 2017 (6:00—8:00 pm)

Westerfield Conference Center  
 (Catholic Life Center Campus)

Parents are the primary educators of their children. Mothers have a unique responsibility to teach and guide their daughters as they make the journey from little girl to young woman. The goal of this program is to give Moms the tools they need to help their daughters not only survive the journey, but become the women God created them to be—fully alive and full of grace.

Sponsored by the Office of Marriage & Family Life and Woman's New Life Center  
 Call (225) 242-0323

## Readings for the Week of April 23, 2017

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/  
 1Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31  
 Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-9/Jn 3:1-8  
 Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk  
 Mk 16:15-20  
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21  
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-  
 Jn 3:31-36  
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-  
 Jn 6:1-15  
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/  
 Jn 6:16-21  
 Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/1 Pt  
 1 Pt1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

"Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" This greeting from the resurrected Christ must have been a profound one for the disciples. They were living behind locked doors "for fear of the Jews," which really meant for fear of their own lives. They had seen what happened to Jesus and didn't want to face the same fate. Imagine the paralysis of this fear, keeping them locked inside a prison of their own making.

But even the walls and the locks could not keep Jesus out! He came "although the doors were locked" and brought them a message of peace. And then their fear turned to gladness for they "rejoiced when they saw the Lord." This transformation from sadness to joy, from fear to peace was not just a gift for these first disciples. It is a gift for all of the followers of the Lord, ourselves included! When we are afraid of what might happen in our lives, where we are trapped or paralyzed by the burdens of our own habitual sins, Jesus wants to step in and offer us peace. This is what we celebrate today on this feast of the mercy of Christ. His love and peace--the gift of his mercy--is meant for all of us, weak, sinful, and scared though we may be.

And we who receive this great gift of mercy from the Lord are also called to be merciful to others. We are called to be peacemakers and to forgive others as we have been forgiven. Our celebration of Divine Mercy need not stop at the doors of our own hearts. We can seek ways to be ministers of God's mercy to others, reaching out with the love of God, bringing comfort and consolation to those who need it most.