



*April 27, 2014  
Second Sunday of Easter  
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# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

• catholic church •



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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.

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,

Thank you for your prayerful participation in all of our special services for Holy Week and Easter. Many parishioners heeded the Lord's call to be reconciled for Easter and it showed in the quality of our services. The Holy Spirit is always ready to lead us to a deeper relationship with Christ if we but open our hearts and ask for his encouragement. Please continue to pray for one another that these days of resurrection and new life will bring additional blessings to our parish family.

Special thanks to Celeste Veillon and our choir and instrumentalists for the beautiful music throughout Holy Week and Easter. Thanks as well to the Altar Society and to the many volunteers who decorated the church and prepared it for all of the liturgies. The new wooden cross that we used on Good Friday was made by Ford Thomas, the same craftsman who built many of the altar furnishings in our sanctuary. Also new this year is a paschal candle stand fabricated from metal by Jay LeBlanc and given in memory of Peggy LeBlanc from her whole family. We are very blessed to have such beautiful furnishings with which to celebrate our important feast days.

I would be remiss if I did not also thank Carolyn Dupuy and our RCIA Team for assisting our new Catholics in their journey to the Easter sacraments. Sacramental preparation involves prayer, catechesis, and spiritual mentoring of those discerning entrance into the Catholic Church. Carolyn and the team met weekly with our candidates to introduce them to Catholic teaching and practice, and I congratulate them on another season of grace-filled ministry. The same should also be said for Julie Cilano and our many catechists and retreat leaders who prepared our 11<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders for Confirmation and First Eucharist respectively. Congratulations all around.

Please continue to help welcome our new Catholics who were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Adults *Ashley Batts, Boone Pierce, Joshua Pinkston, and Deana Tullier*, and youth *Natallie Champagne and Sydnie Luke* 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.

We have another Parish Pot-Luck supper this Thursday evening, May 1, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center. This is our second to last dinner of the school year and our theme this month is Cajun/Seafood. Bring your favorite dish and join us for good food and friendly conversation. Also, don't forget about the jambalaya dinner next Sunday, May 4, to benefit our Catholic Daughters and their many charitable activities. Please give them your support by treating yourself to a good meal.

Finally, our Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus invite everyone to spend an hour in prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament this First Friday, May 2, starting at 8:00 p.m. and ending just prior to our 8:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass. Happy Easter once again!

In Christ,  
Father Matt

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*"I have risen: I am with you once more."* - Luke 24:34  
Our Blessed Lord has indeed risen and awaits our visit in Eucharistic Adoration.

All night Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, May 2nd at 8pm thru Saturday, May 3rd at 8am.

Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of Church  
For more info contact Julie @749-8260 or  
Mary at 324-5289.

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The Catholic Daughters Annual Jambalaya Dinner will be on Sunday, May, 2014 from 11 am - 1 pm. Tickets are \$7.00 each and will be on sale after all masses this weekend. Tickets can also be purchased at the door on the day of the dinner. Please support this CDA fundraiser so that they can continue to help the church and community.



*The following children were baptized here on Easter Sunday. We send congratulations to them and their families. Porter James Betz, son of James & April Betz; John Garlington, son of Chace & Rachel Garlington; Carter Wesley Hendrick, son of Jams & Chelsea Hendrick and Weston Paul Mouch, son of Brady & Jaci Mouch. Welcome into our faith community!*



# YOUTH ACTIVITIES

## **GARAGE SALE—DONATIONS WELCOME!!!**

**Sale will be held on Saturday, May 3rd.  
6:00 am—11:00 am**

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

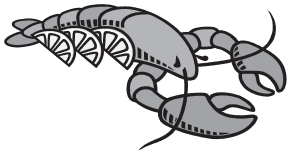
*The following young people received the Holy Spirit through the sacrament of Confirmation last week. We send our congratulations to them and their families.*

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| <i>Gabrielle Aubin</i>   | <i>Gaven Devillier</i>     |
| <i>Madison Aucoin</i>    | <i>Jake Dunn</i>           |
| <i>Patrick Beard</i>     | <i>Abigail Eilers</i>      |
| <i>Zachary Bellelo</i>   | <i>Victoria Genusa</i>     |
| <i>Brogan Benoit</i>     | <i>Gabriel Hunt</i>        |
| <i>Christian Benoit</i>  | <i>Hailey Landry</i>       |
| <i>Landon Blank</i>      | <i>Jordan Rose LeBlanc</i> |
| <i>Kali Brown</i>        | <i>Koby Mancuso</i>        |
| <i>Brandon Bourgoyne</i> | <i>Brennan Moore</i>       |
| <i>Kynlee Bourgoyne</i>  | <i>Austin Morain</i>       |
| <i>Ausin Cain</i>        | <i>Savannah Oubre</i>      |
| <i>Cody Carline</i>      | <i>Taylor Quebedeaux</i>   |
| <i>Katie Cazes</i>       | <i>Alex Rabalais</i>       |
| <i>Rebecca Cazes</i>     | <i>Tony Richard</i>        |
| <i>Connor Clouatre</i>   | <i>Santiago Rios</i>       |
| <i>Kennedy Cullen</i>    | <i>Drake Sharp</i>         |
| <i>Claire Daigle</i>     | <i>Austin Watt</i>         |
| <i>Cody Daggett</i>      | <i>Andrew Wilson</i>       |

### **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.



**NEXT POT LUCK DINNER**  
Thursday, May 1  
Theme: Cajun/Seafood

### **STEWARSHIP OF FINANCES**

April 13, 2014  
 260 Identified- - - - - \$7,999.00  
Loose Collection- - - - - 947.00  
 TOTAL- - - - - \$8,946.00

April 20, 2014  
 266 Identified- - - - - \$7,939.00  
Loose Collection- - - - - 1,749.00  
 TOTAL- - - - - \$9,688.00

Priests' Retirement—\$4,118.00  
 Holy Land Collection—\$1,540.00

### **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. Matt Dupre' at 336-778, dupre@diobr.org.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

#### **Sunday, May 4**

- ⇒ Communion Service for K.C. Members and their families at 7:30 am Mass
- ⇒ Coffee & Donuts will be served after 7:30 am Mass

**March Calendar Winners:** Pat Davidson, Julius Mabile, Mike Cazes, Roy Zito, Pamela Rhodes, Bonnie Kleinpeter, Gary Ourso, Thomas Treuil Andrew Zito, Shonda Alleman, Bennett Barber, B.E. Fitzgerald, Keith Ashford, Johnny Mabile, Shelley Landry, Jessica Allain, Hollie Mallet, Meredith Landry, Jacob Cordell, Christine Hagius, Charles Wooders, Laura Daigle, Dillon Soniat, Kim Lemoine, KC Council 5352, Myron Comeux, Stephen Morgan, Christine Hagius, Kennedy Landry, Tommy LeBlanc

### **BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Thanks to Sandra & Gerald Fitzgerald for chairing the committee during the month of April. Chaircouple for the month of May will be Beverly & Haraold Babin. Please give them a call at 749-2027 with any concerns.

Thanks to the family of Chuck Mouch for their recent donations.

### **ALTAR SOCIETY**

Thanks to Cindi Breaux and her group for cleaning the church during the month of April. Cleaning for May will be done by that same group. Please call 749-3842 to offer your help.



### **BAPTISMAL SEMINAR**

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

6:30 pm—Classroom #5

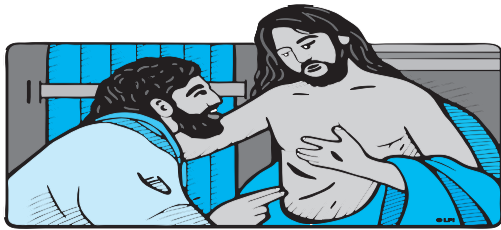
Mandatory for baptism of your child.

### **Readings for the Week of April 27, 2014**

- Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
- Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36 or  
Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15,  
17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
- Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/  
Lk 24:13-35

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2013-2014**

Donna Badon  
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David Landry  
Jules Lefeaux  
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Fr. Matt Lorrain  
Andrea Smicker  
Toni Tolar  
David Toups, Vice-Chairman  
John Windham, Secretary



**2nd Sunday of Easter; Sunday of Divine Mercy**

"Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" Three times in today's Gospel, Jesus speaks these words to his disciples. He knew they were in need of peace! Following the Crucifixion, they had huddled in fear, hiding behind locked doors, "for fear of the Jews." But the risen Christ burst into this prison of anxiety to set the disciples free.

We may wonder why, after his first greeting of peace, Jesus immediately showed the disciples the wounds of his crucifixion, still present in his now glorified body. Why would he speak of peace and then show them the scars from the violence of the cross? Perhaps it is because those wounds earned our forgiveness. And this forgiveness is our peace.

Although we may not suffer from the fear of martyrdom as these first disciples did, we all need the peace that comes from being forgiven, and from forgiving. Our sins enslave us by preventing us from experiencing the fullness of life. But Jesus' mercy is greater than our sins. He wants to forgive us. And, as he taught us, we are supposed to "forgive those who trespass against us" as well. Perhaps we harbor grudges towards neighbors or family members who have hurt us. We are called to extend forgiveness to them, just as Christ extends forgiveness to us. In this way, we can cooperate with Christ by spreading peace to others. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you," he told the disciples gathered in the room. We too are sent to be messengers of Christ's peace and mercy.

Especially today, on this Sunday of Divine Mercy, may we accept from Jesus his promise of forgiveness. Then, we will truly be able to "go in peace."