



*April 6, 2014
Fifth Sunday in Lent
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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.

And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." - Jn 11:43-44

Dear Parishioners,

This is the last week for the *Light is On For You* program, so please make plans to come to confession in preparation for Easter if you have not already done so. The time is from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. this Wednesday, and Father Todd Lloyd will be here to assist us with confessions. I am also available from 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. this Friday evening, and from 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

Our schedule for Holy Week is the same as last year with one exception. I moved the time for the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening up one hour to 6:00 p.m. It is a beautiful Mass but normally runs a little longer than a Sunday Mass so I wish to try the earlier start time. We can 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 about one hour.

The rest of the Triduum schedule is the same as in past years. On Good Friday the Way of the Cross will be led by Deacon Sammy at 12:00 noon, and then the Celebration of the Lord's Passion will begin at 3:00 p.m. 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.

Palm Sunday is next weekend so we will be cleaning and trimming palm branches this Thursday morning, April 10, at 8:30 a.m. under the rectory carport. Volunteer help is always appreciated, as are donations of sago palm branches if you have some in your yard. Many hands make a tedious job quick and easy, but you might want to bring a pair of gloves to protect against the thorns. (Thursday is also the third anniversary of the dedication of our restored church. If you remember, the church was rededicated on April 10, 2011.)

Congratulations to our new Columbian Squires Circle which had its investiture last Saturday. The Columbi-

an Squires are the youth branch of the Knights of Columbus, and their local units are called "Circles" rather than "Councils." Our founding members chose to name our circle after Father Lloyd Caballero, pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish from 1957 – 1973, who is buried in one of our cemetery mausoleums. The guys are just getting started and invite other young men to join them.

Our two-night Lenten Mission begins at 7:00 p.m. this Sunday evening, April 6, and ends with the 7:00 p.m. talk on Monday evening, April 7. Our presenter is Mr. Cooper Ray, former Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Baton Rouge. The theme of the mission is "The Call" and Cooper's talks will explore the Gospel call to holiness, relationship, and mission. Please make plans to join us!

In Christ,
Father Matt



We will be cutting and cleaning palms after 8:00 am Mass on Thursday, April 10th. If you can help, please bring your shears and gloves and meet under the rectory carport..

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday through Thursday—8:00 am

Friday Schedule:

Adoration: 2:30 pm
Confessions—5:00-5:30 pm
Benediction—5:40 pm
Mass— 6:00 pm
Way of the Cross—6:30 pm

Holy Week

Holy Thursday, April 17—6:00 pm

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

Easter Vigil—Saturday, April 19—8:00 pm

Easter Sunday—Sunday, April 20
7:30am; 9:00 am; 11:00 am



JUNIOR HIGH LOCK-IN

Friday, April 11 (8pm—8am)

\$30 Fee covers food, activities & inflatable

SJB Activity Center

If any parents are available to help, please call

Julie at 749-3387

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

NO JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH NIGHT ON THURSDAY, APRIL 10th DUE TO THE JUNIOR HIGH LOCK-IN ON APRIL 11th. HIGH SCHOOL WILL MEET (6—7:30 PM)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPCOMING DATES

⇒ SNOW DAY MAKE-UPS

11th Grade: Tues., April 8th, 7—8:30 pm

10th Grade: Tues., April 15th, 7—8:30 pm

⇒ 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

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

March 30, 2014

REGULAR:

226 Identified- - - - - \$6,780.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 685.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$7,465.00

Catholic Relief Services—\$547.00

A VOCATION VIEW

Out of love Jesus gave Lazarus life. You too can offer God's love through ministry as a priest, sister or brother. If you think God is calling you, call Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org.



CDA SCHOLARSHIP 2014

CDA Court St. John the Baptist #2079 will award a \$500 undergraduate scholarship to a graduating female high school senior who is a parishioner of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Parish in Brusly. The deadline for returning the scholarship form is Monday, April 7, 2014.

For more info and forms, contact Laura Mayeux at 749-2144 or 278-3563 (texting available with this number.)



*THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
IS NOW BURNING IN
MEMORY OF CARLYS SIBILLE*

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to the family of Charles "Chuck" Mouch upon his recent death. Please keep them in your prayers.



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

RECONCILIATION



A Sacrament
of HEALING

*LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR
THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU
LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE
Wednesday, April 9 (6—6 pm)
Great opportunity for reconciliation
during Lent.*

Readings for the Week of April 6, 2014

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45
or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

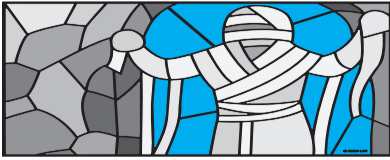
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/
Mt 26:14--27:66 or 27:11-54

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2013-2014

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5th Sunday of Lent

"The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth." His heart had started to beat again, breaking the somber silence of the tomb. His lungs were breathing the air once more. The blood had begun to flow through his veins for the first time in four days. Lazarus rose from the grave, a living paradox: literally a dead man walking. Having done nothing by his own power, he once again knew life: a new life. This resurrection at the hands of Christ was an undeniable testimony to a power even greater than death.

For all our technological prowess and all our medical expertise, humanity has yet to pull off a stunt like this. Near death experiences we've heard plenty about. But four days gone? Even his sisters didn't want to approach their brother in a state like that, "Lord, by now there will be a stench." But Jesus wasn't concerned. Can you hear him yelling, "Lazarus, come out!" Can you see the deceased man emerging from the tomb? What a sight! What a miracle! What a God!

Nothing is beyond the reach of our God. Nothing can trump his power, not even death itself. This was confirmed for us on the first Easter Sunday when, unlike Lazarus, Jesus rose by his own power. And now, he wants to bless us with this same power! "I am the resurrection and the life," he told Martha. "Whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." Then, he asked her a question that applies to us as well: "Do you believe this?" As we continue our journey towards the great triumph of Easter, may we have the faith to answer with Martha, "Yes, Lord, I have come to believe."