



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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August 12, 2018
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin..... Parish Secretary
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Karen Lemoine Christian Formation
Celeste Veillon Music Director
Wayne Delapasse..... Maintenance
Katie Roettger..... Mothers’s Day Out

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

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." - Jn 6:51

Dear Parishioners,

I had a very nice vacation in Quebec City so thanks for taking care of things while I was away. The culture of Quebec reminded me of New Orleans except that it is even older. But the Catholic and French influences are still very visible throughout the city. There are numerous churches including the very beautiful Saint-Jean-Baptiste in the St. Jean neighborhood. Unfortunately, it closed as a parish church in 2015 due to a long list of needed repairs estimated at \$10 million.

I am happy to report that my French held up better than expected. My pronunciation is nothing to brag about but at least I was able to remember the right words when touring and dining. I attended Sunday Mass in English at a small church serving the English speaking community of Quebec, as well as a Mass in French at the large Saint-Roch Church near my hotel.

Please remember that our Christian Formation classes resume this month, beginning with the 11th grade Confirmation Class which meets on Sunday, August 12. Registration for all other grades takes place this weekend, August 11-12, immediately following each of our Masses. Our Parent Meeting for all grades is scheduled for Monday, August 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. Religion classes for children in grades 1-10 are set to begin on Monday, August 20, Tuesday, August 21, or Wednesday, August 22.

The schedule is slightly different this year in that we are moving 5th and 6th grade classes to Wednesday evenings. This will allow them to start class at 5:15 p.m. rather than at 7:00 p.m. as in the past. Please consider volunteering to serve as a catechist on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays, and please pray for all of our students, parents, and teachers.

Our R.C.I.A. process for people interested in joining the Catholic Church also starts back up this month. We have an Open House planned for Wednesday, August 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory. Please invite your relatives, friends, or neighbors who may have expressed an interest in learning more about the Catholic faith or who wish to join the Church. Refreshments will be served as we distribute information on the upcoming classes.

This Wednesday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a holyday of obligation. We will celebrate our regular 8:00 a.m. Mass that morning and then an evening Mass at 6:00 p.m. in honor of the feast day. Holy Family Parish in Port Allen has a 6:00 p.m. vigil Mass on Tuesday evening if it works better with your schedule. Holydays sometimes involve sacrifice on our part but we know that such sacrifices also bring blessings to our lives.

The Baton Rouge Diocese accepted six new seminarians for seminary studies this fall: Deacon David Dawson from Sacred Heart Parish in Baton Rouge; Nick Wylie from St. Joseph Parish in Ponchatoula; Justin Cornett from St. Joseph Parish in French Settlement; Blair Stewart from St. Jean Vianney Parish in Baton Rouge; Wesley Adolph from St. Anne Parish in Napoleonville; and Kolbe David from Immaculate Conception Parish in Denham Springs. Pray that God will one day call a young man from our parish to join them.

In Christ,
Father Matt

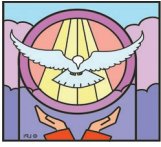
Christian Formation Info

REGISTRATION AFTER ALL MASSES
THIS WEEKEND!





Congratulations to Joseph Daniel Murtagh, son of Bradford & Maureen Alford Murtagh. He was baptized here last weekend.



Congratulations also to his Dad, Bradford who received the sacrament of Confirmation here last weekend!

Thank You



A VOCATION VIEW

The divine presence is often symbolized in the bread and wine, water, oil, candles, fire and light. However, each of us must be a living sign and symbol of God's presence within us. If you are willing to witness Christ with your life-as a priest or religious –then call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank everyone who made donations in memory of Ryan Robicheaux and Don Baucum.

Thanks to the Zippers for donation of the plants on the altar. The are beautiful!



**R.C.I.A. OPEN HOUSE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22ND
6:30 PM
IN THE RECTORY**

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CHURCH??

In response to those who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith and receiving the sacraments, we are having an *Open House on Wednesday, August 22 at 6:30 pm in the Rectory*

This meeting is especially for -

- ⇒ *Someone who wants to become Catholic and has never been baptized.*
- ⇒ *Someone baptized into another faith and now wants to become Catholic.*
- ⇒ *Someone baptized Catholic wishing to receive Eucharist and Confirmation.*

This meeting is a great time to come, listen, ask questions. If you feel better bringing someone with you, please do so. We are happy to welcome them, too. There are no obligations for attending. If you come and then decide this is not right for you, that's fine. We welcome you anyway!

Please call the office at 749-2189 for more info.



Rest In Peace

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of Mary Lou Traigle upon her recent death. Please keep them in your prayers.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

August 5, 2018

REGULAR:

286 Identified- - - - - \$17,580.50

Loose Collection- - - - - 868.41

TOTAL- - - - - \$18,448.91

Readings for the Week of August 12, 2018

- Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/ Eph 4:30--5:2/Jn 6:41-51
- Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/ Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday: Ez 2:8--3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132: 6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56
- Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf 7b]/Mt 18:21--19:1
- Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mt 19:13-15
- Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [9a]/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

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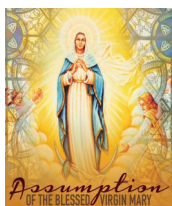


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Have you ever approached a hushed group and were certain they were talking about you? It's an uncomfortable feeling to catch people murmuring about what you did, said, or didn't do. It breeds division and exclusion. In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to just the opposite.

The reading opens with the crowds "murmuring" their doubts about Jesus after he has proclaimed himself the Bread of Life. "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? how can he say 'I have come down from heaven'?" In his response, Jesus brings up the Israelites and the manna God brought them in the desert. If you turn back to the story in Exodus, you'll see another similar word: murmuring. As the going got tough, the Israelites doubted Moses and God's plan to protect and care for them as a chosen people. Here, Jesus proposes a difficult theological concept. Jesus himself is "the living bread" and "flesh for the life of the world."

This is not an exclusive concept. "Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me." Why? Because "the Father who sent me draw[s] him." The next time you're at Mass, take a few moments to watch the communion line. Young and old, families and singles, diverse races and cultures and stories? we are all drawn to the Eucharistic table. Catholic doctrine may require faith, but it is a faith possible for anyone who seeks truth. Christianity does not hide behind locked doors in an exclusive clubhouse, whispering behind the backs of nonbelievers. Jesus compels us to share the love of God the Father for his children, that we one day be joined with Him and "live forever."



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
Wednesday, August 15, 2018

MASS TIMES
8:00 am & 6:00 pm