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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
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

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

Dear Parishioners,

As I mentioned last week, I am away on vacation this weekend so please welcome Father Thomas Karachira who is visiting our parish to make an appeal on behalf of the *Missionaries of Compassion*, a relatively new religious institute founded in 2003 in India. Father Karachira's visit is coordinated by our Diocesan Propagation of the Faith Office and provides an opportunity for us to support the pastoral ministry and missionary activity of the Church. The second collection this weekend is for the *Missionaries of Compassion*.

Now that the new school year is up and running, it is time once again to register all of our school age children for religion classes. Our Office of Christian Formation will be open next weekend, August 29-30, after all Masses to help facilitate the registration process. Please take advantage of this opportunity or if you prefer you may stop by the Christian Formation Office during regular business hours. Parents are also encouraged to attend the Parent Orientation gathering on Monday, August 31, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Jason Romero, Director of Christian Formation at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Baton Rouge. Our Christian Formation staff will also be available starting at 5:30 p.m. that same evening to accept any last minute registrations.

The RCIA process for people interested in joining the Catholic Church has an Open House this Wednesday, August 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory, so please invite any interested parties to attend. We will provide an overview of the process and try to answer any questions before enjoying some light refreshments. Please pray for our inquirers and the RCIA team who will guide them on this journey of faith.

The *Traveling Chalice* program of family prayer for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life begins on the first Sunday in September. A schedule is located in the back of church for families to sign-up. You merely select any available week and indicate which Mass you normally attend. I will then invite you forward after communion on that particular Sunday and present you with a box containing a chalice, books on family prayer, and various other resources related to religious vocations. You can then look over the material and select prayers to pray each evening

for an increase in vocations.

We had a beautiful turnout for the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick last Saturday after the Vigil Mass. Father David Allen from Holy Family Church in Port Allen was kind enough to join us so that no one had to wait very long to be anointed. I normally schedule the Anointing of the Sick twice each year in February and August, but it is also celebrated monthly at St. John Church in Plaquemine and at St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge. St. John celebrates it on the first Tuesday of the month after their 6:00 p.m. Mass, and the Cathedral celebrates it on the last Sunday of the month after their 12:00 noon Mass.

Many thanks to Mimi Clouatre for volunteering to chair this year's Feast on the Levee. It's a big job for just one person so I also thank Curtis and Evelyn Clouatre for their generous assistance.

In Christ,
Father Matt

Calling ALL catechists!

If you are currently a catechist and plan on continuing in this wonderful ministry please contact June or Karen at 749-3387. If you think God may be calling you to be a catechist please contact us as well. There will be a Catechist Meeting on Thursday, Aug. 27th at 6:00 P.M. in the Activity Center.



Registration
Christian Formation
K-11th
After all Masses
August 29th and 30th.
Sacramental Preparation also
First Reconciliation and First
Eucharist for children in
public and Catholic schools.
Parent Meeting August 31st
Activity Center at 6:30 P.M.

Contact
June or Karen
749-3387

A black and white line drawing of three children (two girls and one boy) holding a long banner that says "We Love You Jesus". The children are smiling and looking towards the banner.



IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!
Feast on the Levee
Sunday, October 25, 2015
PLEASE HELP US MAKE THIS YEAR'S
FEAST THE BEST EVER !!!

- ⇒ NEED: Volunteers, Cooks, donations, Ideas.
- ⇒ Please contact Mimi Clouatre at 603-8782 or email: cmimiclouatre@cox.net
- ⇒ If you'd like to draw up a design for the T-shirt this year...please do so and either email it to us or drop it off at the parish office or at my home, 2210 Live Oak Dr., Brusly. Make sure you put your name, address and phone number on the back of your design.
- ⇒ Fun Run/5K in the morning.
- ⇒ Get your dancing shoes out and enjoy the afternoon with Penalty Box & Don Rich Bands.
- ⇒ ATTENTION STUDENTS: Get your Service Hours.
- ⇒ If you would like to continue the job you had last year, please let me know...we really appreciate your hard work and dedication in making this a successful event for our church and community!

Thank You,
...MiMi Clouatre

CONGRATULATIONS to the following children and their families: Harper Mae Loup, daughter of Randall & Hayley Loup and Graham Michael Brown, son of Michael Brown & Adrienne Stokes. These children were baptized here last weekend. WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!



JAMBALAYA BENEFIT

Ava & Jacob Saucier Memorial Scholarship to Holy Family School
 Sunday, August 30, 2015
 Holy Family Parish Hall (10:30 am—1:00 pm)
 \$7.00/Ticket—Dine In or Take Out

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

August 16, 2015
 248 Identified- - - - - \$11,603.83
 Loose Collection- - - - - 980.00
 TOTAL- - - - - \$12,583.83
 Feast of the Assumption—\$1,267.00

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus teaches us to live optimistically. If it weren't for the peak experiences of love, the small and sometimes big miracles in our lives, we could disappear. Thank God our doubts of faith ultimately strengthen our love. And just as true, our doubts that God could call us to His priesthood or religious life also demand an act of faith. If you feel a call to this, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 336-8778, mdupre@diobr.org.



WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

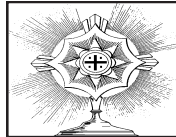
Jr. High Retreat - Rosaryville Sept. 11-13

If you are a 6th—8th grader interested in going please contact June Hebert 749-3387. Deadline to register, Tuesday, Aug. 25th. Cost \$150

Pray for Vocations



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF LEONA MAYEUX



"Come to Me, all you that labor and are burdened and I will give you rest, says the Lord" (Mt. 11:28)

We all get tired. Many of us have situations in our lives that cause us concerns. The One Who consoles and has the answers is waiting for you. Go to Him, listen to Him, trust in Him!

All night Eucharistic Adoration—Friday, Sept. 4 (8pm thru Saturday, Sept. 5 (8am).

Sign-up sheets in the foyer of church.

Call Julie @ 749-8260 or Mary @ 324-5289 for more info.



PACK 39 RECRUITING NIGHT

Wednesday, September 2nd

St. John the Baptist Activity Center-6:30 pm

All boys in 1st—5th grade are invited

Questions? Call Kendul Michel (225)776-0778.

Readings for the Week of August 23, 2015

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
 Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26
 Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mk 6:17-29
 Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." These departing disciples followed Jesus to a point, but when they encountered a teaching they didn't like, they decided to leave. That was their free choice. And Jesus respected their freedom by letting them go. Then, he turned to the Twelve Apostles and asked, "Do you also want to leave?" Thankfully for us and the entire history of Christianity, Peter replied, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

We have the same choice to make. Will we follow Jesus no matter what, or will we abandon our faith in him if his ways become too uncomfortable? Our decision, too, makes an impact on history. What we choose--how we live our lives, how we witness to the world around us, how we minister to our friends and neighbors, and how we raise our children--all makes a difference. If our faith only goes as far as our comfort zone, then our witness will be a weak one. But if we stand firm, aligning ourselves with Christ even when being Christian means being unpopular or countercultural, then we will make a difference. We won't just be swept along in a stream of indifferent, lukewarm people who are more interested in maintaining the status quo than in living a life that bears witness to the truth.

In today's Old Testament reading, Joshua speaks about choices to the Jewish people. He urges them, and us, "Decide today whom you will serve." And then, he courageously declares, "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." May we have the courage of Joshua to make the right decision and stay faithful to the Lord.