



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 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

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come". Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord save me!" - Mt 14:28-30

Dear Parishioners,

This Friday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a holy day of obligation. We will celebrate a Vigil Mass at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, and then a morning Mass at 8:00 a.m. on Friday in honor of the feast. Please check the Mass schedule at our neighboring parishes if you cannot make either of our two Masses. We will also have Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the Friday morning Mass as usual.

Please note that we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick next Saturday, August 16, immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass. Any person who is seriously ill because of sickness, old age, or injury may be anointed. The illness may be either physical or mental, and can include addictions. Anointing is also allowed prior to undergoing surgery. Please spread the word to your family and friends who may be in need of the healing graces provided through this special sacrament. And please pray for your fellow parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound, or struggling with cancer or some other serious illness.

We received some wonderful news last month in the form of a very generous gift from the estate of Mr. Leighton Delahaye who died in February at the age of 87. Leighton was living in Thibodaux at the time of his death, but was a devoted and long-time parishioner of St. John the Baptist, and was brought home to our parish for his funeral and burial. Leighton's brother Alfred wrote that Leighton was a private person who would not want much public recognition but simply to be remembered in our prayers and Masses.

I called a special meeting of the Finance Committee and Parish Pastoral Council to discuss his bequest and we decided to apply 75% to the principal of our loan and 25% to our Building Fund savings for future needs. I also used a small amount to order two more gold chalices to match the ones that we use on most Sundays. This will enable us to have four chalices for large occasions and will also provide a visible reminder to pray for Leighton and for our many other benefactors. Gifts of this nature are signs of God's providence, so please remember our parish community when you do your own estate planning.

Our R.C.I.A. process for people interested in joining the Catholic Church starts back up at the end of this month. We have an Open House planned for Tuesday, August 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory, so please invite your relatives or friends or neighbors who may have expressed an interest in learning more about the Catholic faith or in possibly joining the Church.

Information meetings on the trip I am leading to Italy and France next April will be at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 27, in the Parish Activity Center. The trip is a little expensive but we are going to visit some wonderful places in two beautiful countries, including Rome, Florence, Nice, and Paris.

Many thanks to Father Tony Russo and Father Clarence Waguespack for celebrating our Masses this weekend while I am on vacation. I will be back at the end of this week.

In Christ,
Father Matt



Interested in being more engaged in the parish? Come get involved with passing on the Catholic Faith to our young people! They need role models like YOU! Contact the Christian Formation Office for more info.

CATECHISTS NEEDED!!!

MONDAY:

- ◇ One Kindergarten Class
- ◇ One 3rd Grade Class
- ◇ One 4th Grade Class
- ◇ One 5th Grade Classes

TUESDAY:

- ◇ One 2nd Grade Class
- ◇ Two 3rd Grade Classes
- ◇ One 4th Grade Class
- ◇ One 6th Grade Class

ALL CATECHISTS MEETING:

Monday, August 25th at 6 pm in the Activity Center
Dinner will be served, so please RSVP by
Monday, August 18th

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

A big THANK YOU to all volunteers and participants who attended the Confirmation Retreat. It was a beautiful experience of faith-sharing and fun. We truly have some modern day saints among us at St. John the Baptist.



(Candlelight gathering of Confirmation students at the Retreat.)

Confirmation classes begin **AUGUST 12**
at 7 pm!

11th Graders—See you then!



ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW
SOMEONE WHO...

- ◊ Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- ◊ Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For more information please contact the parish office at 749-2189.



R.C.I.A. OPEN HOUSE
Tuesday, August 26, 2014—6:30 pm
Parish Rectory
PLEASE JOIN US!!!

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

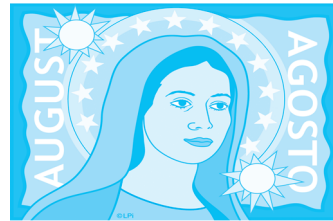
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REGULAR:

279 Identified- - - - - \$12,920.00
Loose Collection- - - - - 510.00
TOTAL- - - - - \$13,430.00

A VOCATION VIEW

Do not be afraid!”, Jesus said. Have faith, and trust in the Lord’s call. Consider being a priest, brother or sister. Call Fr. Matt Dupre’ at 225.336.8778, or email mdupre@diobr.org.



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Friday, August 15, 2014

Masses

Vigil: Thursday, August 14 at 6:00 pm
Feast Day—Friday, August 15 at 8:00 am



PARISH-WIDE
POT LUCK SUPPER!
Thursday, August 28th at 6:30 pm
In the Activity Center
THEME: MEXICAN FOOD

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

...to Susan Schlecht & Mary Russell upon the death of their father, R.J. Eiswirth and to the family of Thora Boudreaux upon her recent death. Please keep them in your prayers.

**personal
experience of being
saved**

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Readings for the Week of August 10, 2014

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/
Mt 14:22-33
Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8--3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21--19:1
Friday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor
15:54b-57/ Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-
27/
Lk 1:39-56
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/
Mt 15:21-28

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"During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea." The disciples weren't prepared to see Jesus walking on water. They had already witnessed plenty of miracles at the hands of their teacher; only hours earlier he had been curing the sick, and had multiplied five loaves of bread and two fish into enough food to feed thousands. But this miracle was different. This one wasn't to heal anyone or provide for anyone. This miracle seemed more like a manifestation: a clear revelation of Jesus' divine power. But the disciples were slow to get the message. First, they thought they saw a ghost. Then, Peter tried to step out in faith, but he fell when the wind picked up. It wasn't until the storm ended and the disciples were safe that they made their profession of faith, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

Healings, miracles, and manifestations of divinity weren't quite enough to make these men believe. The disciples' faith seems to have been dependent upon the personal experience of being saved. To this point, the mighty signs and works of Christ had been done on behalf of others. They were wondrous to behold, but apparently not enough to elicit a full declaration of faith in Jesus. But when these frightened men had their fears relieved, then they were ready to believe.

This is what Jesus wants to do for every one of us. He became man to save us. He died on the cross to take away our fears, to forgive our sins, and to give us eternal life. These aren't just stories about someone else's life. This is the story of our life. Like Peter, Jesus says to us, "Come." May we respond with confidence, putting our trust in the One who has the power to calm the storms in our lives too.