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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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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  
Donna Badon ..... Christian Formation  
Carolyn Dupuy ..... Bookkeeper  
June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
Pedro Hernandez ..... Custodian  
Layne Mire ..... Parish Secretary  
Celeste Veillon ..... Music Director  
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 the Parish Office

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend marks the one year anniversary of the installation of Bishop Michael Duca as our new bishop. He was installed as the Sixth Bishop of Baton Rouge on Friday, August 24, 2018, and then came to our parish the very next day on Saturday, August 25, to celebrate the annual "Back to School" Mass for our seminarians. After the Mass, Bishop Duca and the seminarians were treated to a fine Louisiana dinner prepared by Benoit's.

Bishop Duca has had a great first year in my opinion, and has made the effort to visit just about every parish and school in the Diocese. He also had the unpleasant but necessary task of publishing the names of all priests who were credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult. He did so with care and concern for all victims of abuse, including those who might never have reported that abuse until now. He stated that transparency and accountability are only the first steps in the long process of restoring trust in the Church.

This Thursday, August 29, is one of two days on the calendar of the Catholic Church assigned to honor our patron, St. John the Baptist. The first of the two days is June 24, which ranks as a solemnity and celebrates the "Nativity of Saint John the Baptist." This Thursday holds the lesser rank of a memorial and honors the "Passion of Saint John the Baptist," formerly called the Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist or the Beheading of St. John the Baptist. John was certainly a martyr and the Gospels identify the form of his death as beheading, but the new title "Passion" draws an even closer parallel between John and Jesus.

St. Bede the Venerable († 735) wrote that John was a martyr for Christ and for the truth: "His persecutor had demanded not that he should deny Christ, but only that he should keep silent about the truth. Nevertheless, he died for Christ. Does Christ not say: *I am the truth?* Therefore, because John shed his blood for the truth, he surely died for Christ." (Homily 23) Truth is a virtue which can so easily be set aside in order to avoid punishment or to gain some sort of advantage, so it is important that we remember the witness of one who was so faithful to the voice of conscience.

I mentioned not long after I arrived here in 2012 that I have a personal connection with our patron saint in that my maternal grandfather was named Jean Baptiste. The use of family names or saint names for children is a way of honoring those who also hold or held that name. It also places the child under the protection of that patron and encourages the child to imitate some of the virtues of his or her patron. I consider myself blessed to

serve in a parish which honors the memory of my grandfather's patron saint.

I will be "missing in action" again next Saturday in order that I might join Bishop Duca and Father Andrew Merrick in celebrating this year's "Back to School" Mass for our seminarians. This year the Mass and supper are being hosted by St. Patrick Parish in Baton Rouge. Father Jon Koehler will celebrate our 4:30 Vigil Mass in my absence, but I will be here for our Sunday morning Masses next weekend.

In Christ,  
Father Matt



**WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!**

**CONGRATULATIONS to EVELYN JANE BARTON, FRANCIS ALEXANDER CATLETT, LUCIENNE JAMES FRIOUX, and LINCOLN JOSEPH HIMEL and their families upon their recent BAPTISMS!**  
Evelyn is the daughter of Benjamin Barton & Sarah Jane Matherne. Francis is the son of Matthew & Melisa Catlett. Lucienne is the daughter of Robert & Morgan Frioux. Lincoln is the son of Michael & Michelle Himel.

*"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." - Lk 13:29-30*

**Readings for the week of August 25, 2019**

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30  
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b[cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22  
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 [1]/Mt 23:23-26  
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32  
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mk 6:17-29  
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30  
Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 [cf. 11b]/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

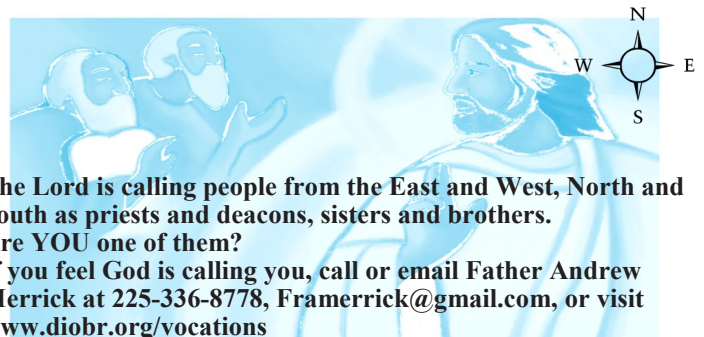
Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the families of Peggy Hebert Bernard and Mary Gray upon their deaths. Please keep them in your prayers.



KC Communion Service for its members and their families Sunday, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 at 7:30 am Mass. Coffee & donuts served in the Activity Center following Mass.

**A Big THANK YOU to Lucille Bouquet and her team for cleaning the church during the month of August. Please call Lisa Beraud at 749-3170 during the month of September.**

## Pray for Vocations



The Lord is calling people from the East and West, North and South as priests and deacons, sisters and brothers. Are YOU one of them? If you feel God is calling you, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225-336-8778, Framerrick@gmail.com, or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations)

**THANK YOU** to the family of Sylvia Haydel and to the Catholic Daughters for their generous donations to the Food Pantry.

Jambalaya Benefit **SEPTEMBER 8** for Ava & Jacob Saucier at the Holy Family Parish Hall. Tickets will be sold after all Masses on August 31 & September 1.

## NOTICE!

### NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd AND WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 4th

DUE TO LABOR DAY HOLIDAYS



# LABOR DAY

### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

August 18, 2019

214 Identified- - - - - \$10,061.83

Loose Collection- - - - - 1,210.34

TOTAL- - - - - \$11,272.17

Assumption of Mary Collection: \$1,576.00

## THANK YOU

### BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

**THANKS to Bill & Geri Schneider and their committee during the month of August. For the month of September, Ella Dean & Scrap Thibodeaux are the Chairpersons. Please call them at 937-1998 if you can help.**

Dear Friends,  
Words can not express the gratitude I feel for all of my SJB Family!  
The support and love I have received from all of you over the years has been overwhelming!  
Thanks for the lovely retirement party and for being there for me.  
I will miss my daily contact with you, but remember, I'm right around the corner and you will still be seeing me!

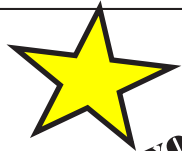
Call if I can do anything for you.

ALL MY LOVE,  
PAT



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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2018-2019**

John Begue  
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Chris Buckle  
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Fr. Matt Lorrain  
Mary Claire Meyer, Secretary  
Jason Murphey  
Joey Normand  
Derek Scott  
Andrea Smicker



**WE NEED YOU!**

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER!**

**FEAST ON  
THE LEVEE  
OCTOBER  
27TH**

Please call 749-  
2189 to VOLUNTEER!



- CAN you manage a food or drink booth?**
- CAN you hang up banners and signs?**
- CAN you assist with the 5K/Fun Run?**
- CAN you help in the Kids Activity Room?**
- CAN you bag ice before the Feast?**
- CAN you share your culinary skills?**



**Gather your Group and join us for a **DAY OF CARDS ON OCTOBER 14** from 10am to 3pm in the Activity Center. Please contact Paige Currie at 749-9025 or Stacy Gauthreaux at 749-0519 to join in the Fun! Hope to see you there!**