



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

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over--twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children. - Mt 14:19c-21

Dear Parishioners,

I recently hosted a dinner at the rectory for parishioners Ronnie & Layne Mire, Scot & Pamela Rhodes, and David & Melissa Toups. They were the high bidders for the dinner which was part of the silent auction at last year's *Feast on the Levee*. They were very gracious guests and I enjoyed the opportunity to visit with them. All three couples play leadership roles with the *Feast* so it was nice to be able to thank them for their generous service to our community. It was an all seafood menu this year including shrimp salad, spinach salad, broiled center cut salmon filets, and whole wheat pasta.

Painters have been working on our cemetery mausoleum, caulking and sealing joints, and painting all of the white trim. We only recently replaced the roof on the mausoleum and we wanted to follow up with a further bit of maintenance and beautification. All of this work is funded by our mausoleum trust fund which has grown large enough to insure the ongoing care and maintenance of our burial crypts.

A separate trust fund is set up for the ground burials in the cemetery but it has not yet reached the minimum level for us to be able to draw upon the interest. So our burials, sales, and donations pay for the grass cutting and modest improvements to other areas of the cemetery. The cemetery committee is currently working on the development of a new section designed especially for infant burials. We pray that none of our families will experience the loss of a small child but we want to be able to provide a free cemetery plot in the case of such a tragedy.

I will be on vacation for the next ten days, so Father Tony Russo will celebrate the Vigil Mass and Father Clarence Waguespack will celebrate the Sunday morning Masses next weekend, August 9-10. I will return later that week in time to celebrate the Masses for the Feast of the Assumption. We will have a 6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Thursday, August 14, and an 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, August 15 for the feast. Benediction and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the Friday morning Mass as usual. Unfortunately, we will have to have Communion Services in place of the daily Masses while I am gone.

My vacation will be in Tennessee which should offer a slight break from our August heat. I will be traveling with Father Paul Counce, the pastor of St. Joseph Cathedral and the head of our diocesan Tribunal. We will mostly stay in the eastern part of the state near the Smoky Mountains but I also hope to visit Shiloh National Military Park if we have time. However it's all the way in the opposite corner of the state near the Mississippi border. It is also near the small town of Counce, Tennessee which may be of particular interest to Father Counce.

I will have another set of information meetings at the end of this month on the trip that I am leading to Italy and France on April 11-24, 2015. The information meetings 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. I like to travel so I hope to lead additional trips in the future.

In Christ,
Father Matt

ACADIAN MEMORIAL

For about six months, a committee of parishioners has been researching the possibility of having an Acadian memorial made for our parish. The committee is Lucy Landry; Chair, Terry & Steve Guidry, David Landry, and Fr. Matt Lorrain. The Parish Council has been consulted, and various options for the memorial are being explored.

St. John the Baptist was officially formed on March 15, 1835 by an Act of the Louisiana Legislature. On March 15, 2015, St. John the Baptist will be 180 years old. The committee, and others, have expressed the importance of knowing the roots of our parish. Many descendants of the early Acadian settlers continue to live in our area, and have worshipped together for generations. Those descendants, and all parishioners with diverse Catholic roots, make St. John the Baptist the deeply spiritual place that it is today.

Please watch future bulletins for more information on this project.



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

TUESDAY:

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

ALL CATECHISTS MEETING:

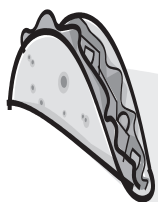
Monday, August 25th at 6 pm in the Activity Center
Dinner will be served, so please RSVP by
Monday, August 18th



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.



**PARISH-WIDE
POT LUCK SUPPER!**
Thursday, August 21st at 6:30 pm
In the Activity Center
THEME: MEXICAN FOOD

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

July 27, 2014

REGULAR:

203 Identified- - - - - \$6,059.00
Loose Collection- - - - - 461.00
TOTAL- - - - - \$6,520.00

A VOCATION VIEW

If God is calling you to full-service in the Church, do not be afraid. Jesus promised He would be with us always. So, if you think God could be calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336-8778, 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

***PRAYERS & SYMPATHY** are extended to Kay Alleman and family upon the death of her husband, "Buck" Alleman. Please keep them in your prayers.*



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
IS NOW BURNING FOR
KENNETH & ROBERT BROWN**

SINGLES GROUP

At Christ the King

Christ the King Parish would like to reach out to perhaps older singles who would fall into the category of divorced, separated, widowed or never married.

Please plan to attend a meeting in the Tracy Room on Tuesday, August 26th at 7:00 pm.

Contact Richard at (225) 413-7024 for more info.

K.C. Calendar Winners—June

Cecile Blanchard, Beverly LaBauve, Virgis Breaux, Barney Altazan, Donna Fontenot, Craig B. Mixon, Penny Leonard, Nolan Ruiz, Sabrina Barber, Katie LeBlanc, Lydia Landry, Lindsey Breaux, David Daigle, Samantha Villar, Marty Michel, Shirley Hebert, Paul Levert, Gertrude Diez, Brandon Bouchereau, Laura Sawyer, Donna L. Hoover, Roger Morris, Jennifer Rivet, Steven Foret, Linda Sue Johnson, Hugh Corban, Karla Ducote, Lloyd Bouchereau, Jr., James K. Edwards, Angela & Ollie Briscoe.

Readings for the Week of August 3, 2014

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21
Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36
or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/
Mt 17:1-9
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Hb 1:12--2:4/Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/
Mt 14:22

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2014-2015

Donna Badon
Maria Bertrand
Jamie Bourg
Chris Buckle
Deacon Sammy Collura
Stacy Gauthreaux
David Landry
Jules Lefeaux
Mark Loreno
Fr. Matt Lorrain
Jason Murphey
Andrea Smicker
Toni Tolar
John Windham



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"He withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself." In the midst of his own sorrow at the murder of his cousin and friend, John the Baptist, Jesus had wanted to be alone. We can imagine how he might have been dealing with his sadness, perhaps shedding some tears and most likely praying to his Father in heaven. Yet his privacy was not respected at this difficult moment. Instead, a crowd of more than five thousand people found out where he was and "followed him on foot from their towns." Anyone else might have been annoyed in this situation. But Jesus was compassionate. Rather than wallowing in his own emotion, he thought of the men, women, and children who had made the journey to this remote location to be near him. "His heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick."

Imagine the sick people who came to see Jesus. Imagine their hopes, their expectations, and the sacrifices they made to be in his presence. Jesus understood all of this. His emotions turned in their direction now as the sight of them touched his heart. And he cured them. And then, he fed them. Not only those who were sick, but all those present. First, the miracles of healing. Then, the miracle of multiplying the loaves and fish. What an experience it must have been to be among this crowd!

This Jesus of compassion and healing, this Jesus who provided for his people until they "were satisfied," this is our Jesus too. His sacred heart is also moved by seeing us, by recognizing our weaknesses, hopes, and desires. Jesus remains the same. He is willing and able to satisfy our deepest needs. The question is whether we, like the crowd that day, will make the journey to find him.