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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  
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

*In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are--the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25*

Dear Parishioners,

Our second graders make their **First Reconciliation** this Wednesday, February 4, at 6:00 p.m. Please pray for them and their parents that this might be a special moment of grace for their families. Father Greg Daigle from St. John, Father David Allen from Holy Family, and Father Joey Angeles from Our Lady of Prompt Succor will be here to assist with our celebration of this beautiful sacrament.

Confession is a favorite sacrament of Pope Francis. In his weekday homily for January 23, our Holy Father said: "First of all, God always forgives us. He never tires of this. It's we who get tired of asking for forgiveness. But He does not tire of pardoning us. When Peter asked Jesus: "How many times must I forgive? Seven times?" — 'Not seven times: seventy times by seven.' Namely, always. That's how God forgives us: always... There is no sin which He won't pardon."

In keeping with the feast of *Our Lady of Lourdes* and the 23<sup>rd</sup> *World Day of the Sick*, we will offer the other sacrament of healing, namely the **Anointing of the Sick** next **Saturday, February 7, 2015**, immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass. Please encourage those who are struggling with health problems to attend this Mass and Anointing of the Sick so that we can support them in prayer as they receive the special grace of this sacrament. We will again use the Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos crucifix to implore the intercession of Blessed Seelos during our anointing service.

We finally received the last bill from the 2014 *Feast on the Levee* and the total net income of \$61,800 was very close to what we reported last November. After consultation with parish leaders, I decided to apply two thirds of the money to our loan and the remaining one third to our Building Fund savings. Our Sunday collections have also been very strong so I thank you for your generous and faithful support of the Church. We celebrate 180 years as a parish community on March 18, 2015, and I give thanks to God for watching over us and blessing us so richly.

The drawing for the Valentine's Day raffle sponsored by our parish pastoral council is just a week away. First prize will be a gift basket containing champagne,

chocolate, and a gift card for dinner at Juban's Restaurant. Second and third prizes will be a smaller gift basket as well as a dozen roses and a bottle of wine. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available for purchase after our weekend Masses. The drawing is next Sunday, February 8, right after the 11:00 Mass.

Our monthly 12 hour period of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament begins at 8:00 p.m. this Friday, February 6, and ends with 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, February 7. All are invited to sign-up for an hour of prayer and adoration during the night or early morning. You are free to sit or kneel in silent prayer, or pray the rosary, or engage in spiritual reading and meditation while in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

As I mentioned last week, congratulations to Father David Allen and the parishioners of Holy Family Parish in Port Allen as they rededicate their newly renovated church this weekend at their 11:30 a.m. Mass. Lastly, enjoy the Super Bowl and all of the related festivities!

In Christ,  
Father Matt

**confident**  
*in faith*



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
*"Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3:10)*

Do we hear Our Lord calling to us?

He speaks to us in the silence.

**COME LISTEN TO HIM!**

All night Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, February 6th 8 pm thru Saturday, February 7th at 8 am.

Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of Church

For more info call Julie @ 749-8260 or

Mary @ 324-5289



We will be working on the  
Baptismal Font on Monday & Tuesday  
February 9th & 10th.

This will create some inconvenience  
because of dust and some activity in the  
church except during Mass.



# Christian Formation

Please pray for our 2nd graders as they will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, February 4 at 6:00 pm.

Ryan Fouloun will be hosting our last **EDGE** night with the 5th to 8th graders on Monday, February 2nd. Parents are welcome to attend.

## PARENTS' SESSION (10th Graders)

Tuesday, February 3 (7:00 pm)

Guest Speaker will present a talk on "The Power and Purpose of the Sacraments."

Any parent of high school age children, including our Catholic School parents are welcome! Meet in the Church.

## 10th GRADE RETREAT

Sunday, February 8th—Beginning with 11:00 am Mass until 5:00 pm. Lunch will be provided.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH CATECHIST

9:00 am Mass (once every 2 months)

Volunteer to work with 4 students (various ages, but all junior high) that need to be caught up on their sacraments. Meetings will take place in six 1-hour sessions, so that they can receive the sacraments needed during our Easter celebrations. Material needed for this program will be provided by the Christian Formation office.

Please call Karen Lemoine at 749-3387 for further information.

#### SOCIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR

The committee is already formed, we just need an organizer (someone to contact the volunteers).



**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY** are extended to the family of Flo Sedita upon her recent death. Please keep them in your prayers.

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank Flo's family and friends for their recent donations.

### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

January 25, 2015

#### REGULAR:

213 Identified- - - - - \$7,028.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 604.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$7,632.00

Church in Latin America—\$700.00

Building Fund—December—\$21,679.00

### A VOCATION VIEW

If you are willing to respond to a religious vocation, do not be afraid that you will not know what to do or what to say. The LORD promised that He will put His words into your mouth, but you must be open to His speaking to and through you. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Father Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, [mdupre@diobr.org](mailto:mdupre@diobr.org).



St. Mary of the Pines Retreat Center in Chatawa, MS is sponsoring a retreat for married couples Valentine's weekend (February 13—15, 2015). Embrace this opportunity to expand your sense of who you are and deepen your capacity to connect with one another. This retreat is led by spiritual directors Robin and Easton Hebert. St. Mary of the Pines is a 1-1/2 hour drive from Baton Rouge. For more info, call Sister Helen Roper at (601) 783-0801 or email her at [hroper@ssndcp.org](mailto:hroper@ssndcp.org).



**MARRIED COUPLES:** Valentine's Day is coming! You're thinking roses or candy, but shortly after, the roses are wilted and the candy is gone. Why not do something that will last a lifetime! Escape from the busyness of your hectic lifestyle and endless obligations and spend some very special time together. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and give each other the gift of yourself. The weekend focuses on effective communication techniques, which will enhance the intimacy in your relationship. The next available WWME weekend in Baton Rouge is March 6—8, 2015 at the Tracy Center Conference Center. For more information call (800-586-5469), email [jverret@bellsouth.net](mailto:jverret@bellsouth.net) or go online at [www.wwme-section5.org](http://www.wwme-section5.org).

### Readings for the Week of February 1, 2015

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13

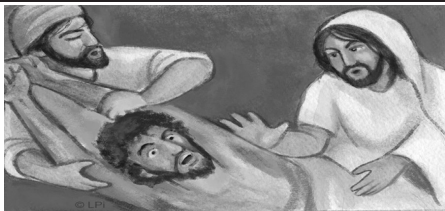
Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/  
Mk-1:29-39

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**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." Jesus was doing something different. His teaching was new, fresh, surprising. The Jewish people were used to the teaching style of their scribes, the scholars who interpreted the Scriptures and taught the corresponding laws. The scribes were legalists by trade, who focused on what was required of the Jews based on the holy writings. For them, the law was dominant. But when Jesus showed up in the synagogue and began to teach, he was dominant. As the incarnate Son of God, he spoke with an authority that was greater even than the religious laws.

And just in case those who heard him doubted his legitimacy, Jesus proved his authority by more than words; he cast out evil spirits. When the people witnessed Jesus commanding "even the unclean spirits" and saw that these spirits obeyed him, they were "amazed" at this "new teaching with authority."

What our Jewish ancestors experienced is recorded for us to bolster our own faith. Although we were not there to see these events unfold, if we meditate on the reality of today's Gospel story we will also be astonished and amazed. Jesus is more than a teacher. He is more than a kind man with an attractive philosophy. Jesus has power over the spiritual world! His authority over us is real. And he exercises this authentic authority for our own good. He has the power to do away with evil and to set us free, both through his teachings--passed on to us in the Bible and in the Church--and through his action in our lives. We only need to follow his lead.