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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
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin..... Parish Secretary
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Karen Lemoine Christian Formation
Celeste Veillon Music Director
Pedro Garcia Maintenance
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

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing.

-Lk 5:5-6

Dear Parishioners,

The Diocese of Baton Rouge recently published the names of all priests, religious and diocesan, who were credibly accused of abusing a minor. Many of the older priests and those belonging to religious orders were completely unknown to me. However allegations concerning those who are still living have been circulating for quite some time.

Please note that one of the priests, David Chaloux, was assigned to St. John the Baptist in Brusly from 1981 to 1983. He was listed as having one allegation against him from a previous assignment at St. Aloysius in Baton Rouge. Chaloux was laicized in 1986 and died in 1990. I knew his name but did know him personally.

I did however know several of the other priests listed in the report. Dan Drinan was a member of the Claretian Missionaries religious order and was pastor of Christ the King Chapel and Catholic Student Center when I first arrived on campus as a student in 1978. It was kind of unusual that he was the pastor since he had only been ordained for one year. Nonetheless, he was young and dynamic and very popular with all of the students.

After graduating from LSU and entering the seminary, I spent a couple of summers with Salvador "Butch" Moran at St. Philip Parish in Vacherie. Butch enjoyed water skiing on Lake Verret and dining out in New Orleans. Then, immediately after my ordination, I was assigned to St. Patrick Parish where James Clement was in residence as a semi-retired priest. He was known as Slim to his brother priests and I enjoyed his presence in the rectory and office.

I also came to know Bryan Gray, Dan Lemoine, and Clyde Landry fairly well during my first few years as a priest, and Myles Kearney lived with me briefly during my time as pastor of Immaculate Conception in Lakeland. They were all ordained in the 1970s following a period of instability in our nation's seminaries.

Child abusers share a talent for gaining the confidence of authority figures and for disguising their sick compulsions. We have learned from the painful experience of the past 50 years to better recognize some of

the "grooming behavior" they utilize to mislead superiors and form friendships with parents in order to gain access to youth.

Also, the screening process was not as robust as it is today for men applying to the priesthood. Some of the seminary personnel were deeply flawed themselves, not to mention some of the bishops, including Joseph Sullivan, Bishop of Baton Rouge from 1974-1982, and himself credibly accused of misconduct.

Bishop Duca has rightfully said that silence and secrecy only serve to prolong the suffering and pain. We have to admit the errors of the past, no matter how shameful, if we are to restore integrity to the Church and offer restitution to those whose innocence was stolen. I pray that this difficult moment for the Church may open the way to a renewed experience of Christ's redemptive love for all members of the Church, and especially for those who were hurt.

In Christ,
Father Matt



Ninth Grade Retreat

Sunday, February 17th

All 9th graders attend 11:00 A.M.

Mass and sit in the front where we have reserved seating.



After Mass we will report to the Activity Center for lunch and then have retreat with Stephanie Clouatre Davis until 5:00 P.M.



**ATTENTION:
LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

We have been experiencing difficulties with our email server and some of you are not receiving your schedules in a timely manner. We have been told that these problems won't be fixed until March 31, 2019. The schedule is posted on our website (sjb-brusly.com) by the last week of each month. To be safe, would you please check the website in the meantime to be sure you get your schedule on time.

Rest in Peace

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Betty Jean Landry and family upon the death of her husband, Pete and to Terri Ward, Pamela Rainey & Kevin LeJeune and families upon the death of their father, Rogers LeJeune. Please keep them in your prayers.



Thank You

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank the families & friends of Pete Landry and Harold Babin for their recent donations.



A VOCATION VIEW

Peter's faith and trust is rewarded with the miraculous catch of fishes. If you want to be fisher of men as a priest or religious, please call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

RETROUVAILLE

Marriage Help—Retrouvaille (retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on March 7-9, call 225-993-2443, email retrovibrcomcoor@gmail.com or visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church HOLY SPIRIT PRESENTATION

Bishop Sam Jacobs will visit St. John's in Plaquemine for a presentation entitled "The Importance of the Holy Spirit: Writing, Studying and Interpreting the Scriptures," Tuesday, February 19, 2019 following 6:00 pm Mass.

Bishop Jacobs was featured many times in the series "The Goose is Loose," that is on the St. Augustine Institute Formed.org website. For more information, visit www.spiritaflame.org/search/label/Teahings.

PROGRAM FOR THE SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

Recovery from Divorce is a special program addressing the concerns of separated/divorced Catholics. It offers support and addresses important issues that arise as a result of divorce. The strong emphasis on prayer, scripture and Church teachings leads to healing and a better relationship with Christ. *Some of the topics discussed are: How do I deal with my Anger? What Does the Church say about Divorce? And Much More!*

Based on the book *Divorced. Catholic. Now What? Navigating Your Life After Divorce.*

9-Week Program Beginning Thursday, February 14, 2019 (6:30—8:00 p.m.)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
15208 Highway 73
The Activity Center/St. Francis Room
Prairieville, LA 70769
For more info contact:
Deacon Randy Clement (225) 673-8307

Collection for the Church in Eastern Europe will be taken up next week. Place your special envelope in the regular collection.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES February 3, 2019

REGULAR:

269 Identified- - - - - \$16,359.50
Loose Collection- - - - - 785.00
TOTAL- - - - - \$17,144.50

2019 GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY

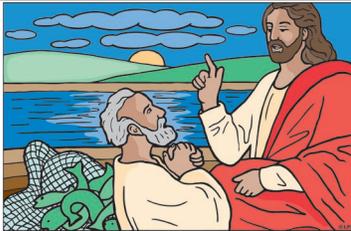
- ⇒ Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct?
- ⇒ Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).
- ⇒ It is time for us to update our database with any changes, addition, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.
- ⇒ Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?
- ⇒ If you have not already informed us about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information will be correct in the Guide Book & Directory.
- ⇒ Our Office Number is (225) 749-2189.

Readings for the week of February 10, 2019

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/ Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29 bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/ Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/ Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/ 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you have enough? Many of us come from a nation of material abundance. We have all the things we could possibly need not only to survive, but to thrive - food, shelter, mental ability, income, access to medical care. Most people in human history lived with far less than we. So why are we so dissatisfied? Some Christians can be drawn to the "prosperity Gospel." This is the idea that following God will bring us material abundance in this life.

That surely seems to be the story of today's Gospel! Peter and his friends chose - with some faith - to put out their nets a final time at Jesus' command. "They caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking." What gift! What abundance! What prosperity! Peter and his friends caught more fish than they'd ever seen. Yet what is their response to this material abundance, this gift from God? They leave it behind. "When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him."

Praying for God to meet our physical, material needs is not a bad thing! Jesus himself includes "give us this day our daily bread" in the prayer he teaches his disciples. The question is, how do we respond when our prayers are answered? Do we thank God briefly, or perhaps ignore Him completely and move on with our lives? Or do we respond as Peter did? "God? You showed up in an area that has no bearing on my eternal salvation. You gave me a gift I didn't even really need. You love me! You really do love me." Is our gratitude only surface level? Or do we allow ourselves, like Peter did, to respond with wonder, awe, and deeper discipleship?