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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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' 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

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Behold, your reward will be great in heaven." - Lk 6:22, 23b

Dear Parishioners,

Father Pat Mascarella died on January 24, 2019 from complications following heart surgery. Father Pat served for a brief few months here at St. John the Baptist Church in 1983 just before the appointment of Father Howard Hall.

Father Pat was ordained together with Father David Vavasseur on December 17, 1966, at his home parish of St. Aloysius in Baton Rouge. I first met him in 1978 when he was serving as one of the associate pastors at Christ the King Chapel and Catholic Student Center at LSU. He was probably my favorite priest at the Student Center.

Although his eye sight was failing, he still owned a car and was able to do some limited driving during daylight hours. He was very accessible to the students and we enjoyed his presence at retreats, socials, and of course at Mass.

When I first felt the stirrings of a possible call to the priesthood, I immediately went to Father Pat to try to make sense of God's ways. I remember him telling me that it was a good life but also a challenging life. And this began the process of my visiting with vocation directors for various dioceses and religious orders.

After graduating from LSU and completing four years of seminary at Notre Dame in New Orleans, I was assigned to Immaculate Conception Parish in Denham Springs for a five month parish internship prior to ordination. By happy coincidence, Father Pat was the pastor of Immaculate Conception and therefore the supervisor of my internship.

He continued to be a mentor during the final year of my formation as well as the first few years of my priesthood. He was highly intelligent, pastoral, and always willing to support a just cause. He was also argumentative, stubborn, and fiercely independent at times.

Coping with blindness initially presented a real challenge to his faith and sense of self-worth as a priest. He was not ready to retire and only gradually came to accept that his ministry would have to adjust to a new set of circumstances.

Father Pat's guide dog, "Pace," turned out to be a real blessing during the latter years of his life. (*Pace* is a form of *pax*, the Latin word for peace.) Pace provided companionship as well as assistance in allowing Father Pat to live independently. May God now grant Father Pat peace in heaven. He will be missed.

In Christ,
Father Matt

Ninth Grade Retreat

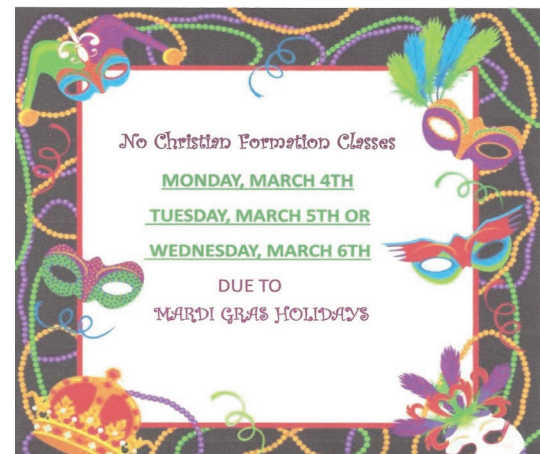
Sunday, February 17th

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.

**Women of the Well
Lenten Women's
Evening of Reflection**

*This Lent, let's come to the well together as women. Take an evening to slow down to "Quench the Thirst," our theme for our Women of the Well Lenten Evening of Reflection on **Thursday, March 14**, 6:30—8:30 pm. Social begins at 6:30 pm with the program beginning at 7:30 pm, featuring speaker Kate Anderson and music by Mary Rosenbloom. Location: St. John the Baptist, 402 South Kirkland Dr. (River Road), Brusly, LA. All women are welcome. Please bring friends. Registration is free, but RSVP is requested at: womenofthewellbr.com/events.*



DON'T FORGET TO CALL US IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN YOUR FAMILY INFORMATION FOR OUR NEW GUIDE BOOK.

Congratulations

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Effie Cecile Williams, daughter of Carter Lee & Danielle Armand Williams was baptized here last week. Congratulations and welcome into our faith family!

JUST MARRIED

Nathan C. Robinson &
Angela L. Collier
BEST WISHES!

 **Rest in Peace**

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to John Geier and family upon the death of his mother, Mrs. Dolores Geier and to Jocelyn Gauthreaux and family upon the death of her husband, Leonard. Please keep them in your prayers.



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
IS NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF
DIANA BOUVIER**

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES
February 10, 2019**

REGULAR:
197 Identified- - - - - \$10,922.00
Loose Collection- - - - - 826.00
TOTAL- - - - - \$11,748.00



A VOCATION VIEW

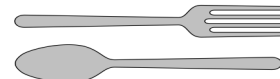
If you feel you are being called to the priesthood or religious life, take courage, the Lord is with you! If you feel God is calling you, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

Catholic Daughters

The Catholic Daughters will meet on Wednesday, February 20th in the Activity Center (6 pm Rosary, 6:30 pm Dinner with KC's, 7 pm Meeting. Please try to attend! We invite all Catholic Women over the age of 18 to attend and learn about our CDA Court 2079.

Knights of Columbus

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 20, 2019
Officers' Meeting—6:00 pm
Regular Meeting—7:15 pm
Activity Center



27th Annual
MEATBALL & SPAGHETTI DINNER
Benefit
St. John the Baptist K.C. Council 10744
Sunday, March 3, 2019
Dine in or Take out
Church Activity Center
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Compliments of Business First Bank
No 00359 \$8.00 per plate

SEE ANY K.C. MEMBER FOR TICKETS

Readings for the week of February 17, 2019

Sunday:	Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 4, 6 [40:5a]/ 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21[14a]/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [17a]/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [20b]/Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/ Mt 16:13-19
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [cf. 1]/ Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49 / Lk 6:27-38

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What an audience Jesus has in today's Gospel! "A great crowd of his disciples and a large number of people from all over Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon." Disciples, pagans, and devout Jews gathered together to hear Jesus speak in the Sermon on the Mount. All of these people had something in common. God was someone to be bargained with, and if God liked you, you were rewarded with good fortune. This Sunday, Jesus tells us a different story. "Woe to you who are rich? who are filled now? who laugh? when all speak well of you. Blessed are you who are poor? you who are now hungry? when people hate you and when they exclude you and insult you." Jesus completely flips the script on what it means to be blessed by God. What he proclaims as "woe" are states of life we often strive for, and "blessed" are the states we work hard to avoid!

Jesus is concerned with the kingdom of God and the world to come, not the typical structures of power and privilege. The word "now" appears often in these statements. Why? If you are well "now," that's beside the point. To be rich in this life has no direct bearing on your immortal soul. If you're struggling "now," that's not an indication that God has forgotten you or that - in light of eternity - you're worse off than someone else. In fact, it could be an indicator that you're enduring something that will bring you to a place of greater, eternal joy in the future.

This Sunday, consider your priorities. Who do we reject as not blessed, and thereby inflict woe upon ourselves? When we encounter difficult situations in our own lives, do we see them as opportunities to remember God and lean on His mercy and grace?