



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 at weekend Masses. Parents should call the office early to enroll in our baptismal preparation program. Parents should be registered and actively practicing the 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.

"You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father."

- Mt 5:43-45a

Dear Parishioners,

We recently completed some work to repair and beautify the priests' tomb in our parish cemetery. The priests' tomb is an above ground tomb with four crypts located next to the main drive. It is constructed of red brick, which were falling in many places, so we decided to repair the bricks and then stucco the entire tomb so as to better preserve it. I want to thank our cemetery committee for supporting this project, and Danny Rabalais and Todd Easley for overseeing the work.

There are two priests identified by marble slabs on the face of the tomb. The first is Father Emmanuel Lossouarn, who was a native of the Diocese of St. Briec in Brittany in northwestern France. He was still a seminarian when he was recruited to come to Louisiana in 1867 by Archbishop Jean Marie Odin of New Orleans. He finished his studies at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore and was ordained in 1869.

Father Lossouarn had only been ordained six years when he was appointed our pastor in 1875 under somewhat difficult circumstances. It seems his predecessor, Father Albert Vaudray, had been removed for unspecified reasons. At that time, Catholic parishes in Louisiana were controlled by churchwardens, called *marguilliers* in French, who were laymen elected by the congregation. The wardens of St. John the Baptist supported Father Vaudray and refused to accept Father Lossouarn.

In response, the Archdiocese temporarily closed our parish and Father Lossouarn established himself at the Catholic chapel at Lobdell. From there Father Lossouarn would come to Brusly for sick calls and occasionally to celebrate Sunday Mass outdoors. The situation was eventually resolved and the parish was reopened in 1878. Father Lossouarn returned as pastor in 1879 or 1880, and served until his death on August 9, 1883. The inscription on his tomb reads "He passed away doing good."

The second tomb is that of Father Francois Lesaichere. I was not able to find any information on him other than what is inscribed on his marker. He died at the age of 34 on May 20, 1899 while serving

as our pastor. It is interesting that his tomb marker is written in English while Father Lossouarn's is in French, so I wonder if English was becoming more common even at that early date.

Unfortunately, the crypts in our priests' tomb are too small to accommodate modern caskets, so we will not be able to use it for future burials. However, it is the feeling of the cemetery committee and hopefully all of you that we find space elsewhere in our cemetery for any priests who wish to be buried here. Father Lloyd Caballero, pastor from 1956 - 1973, is buried in a crypt in one of our newer mausoleums. He died in 2008 at the age of 94.

Two of our former pastors are buried in the priests' plot at Roselawn Cemetery in Baton Rouge: Father Victor Baron, who died in 1962, and Father David Chaloux, who died in 1990.

In Christ,
Father Matt



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 5, 2014

Mass Schedule

**8:00 am; 12:00 noon and
6:00 pm**

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday through Thursday—8:00 am

Friday Schedule:

Adoration: 2:00 pm; Mass: 6:00 pm;
Way of the Cross: 6:30 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*"You have made us for
Yourself O Lord, and our hearts
Are restless until they rest in Thee."*

(St. Augustine)

Restless hearts find joy and peace in
Eucharistic Adoration.

*Friday, Feb. 28th at 8pm until
Saturday, March 1st at 8 am.*

*Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of the church
For more info contact Julie (749-8260)
or Mary (7324-5289)*



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT AT ST. ISIDORE

Saturday, March 8th

5:30 pm Mass at St. Isidore followed by Movie & Dinner with St. Isidore Youth Ministry

ABBEY YOUTH FESTIVAL

Saturday, March 22nd

RSVP by Tuesday, Feb. 25th

Cost \$46 (includes registration, 2 meals and t-shirt)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, March 2

- ◆ Monthly Communion Service for K.C. Members and their families at 7:30 am Mass.
- ◆ Coffee & Donuts will be served after 7:30 am Mass in the Activity Center.
- ◆ Meatball & Spaghetti Dinner in Activity Center.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Geri & Bill Schneider for chairing the committee during the month of February. Chaircouple for March will be Scrap & Ella Dean Thibodeaux. Give them a call at 937-1998 with any concerns.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Patricia Lefeaux and Chloe Lefeaux for cleaning the church during the month of February. Cleaning for March will be done by Cindy Breaux & her group. Give her a call at 749-3842 if you want to lend a hand.

AUTOMATIC BANK DRAFTS

As mentioned in a recent bulletin article by Fr. Matt, Automatic Bank Drafting is available for any parishioner. Forms are located in the back of church or at the church office. Once the form is filled out, please return it to Carolyn. You may mail it, drop it off at the office, fax it, or place it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket. Please put "Carolyn" on the envelope so that the money counters will see that it gets to her desk. Call Carolyn at 749-2189 if you have any questions about the drafting process.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

February 16, 2014

REGULAR:

231 Identified-	-----	-\$7,183.33
Loose Collection-	-----	841.00
TOTAL-	-----	\$8,024.33

A VOCATION VIEW

If you feel you are being called to the priesthood or religious life, take courage, the Lord is with you! Call Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, or email mdupre@diobr.org.



BAPTISMAL SEMINAR

Wednesday, March 12—6:30 pm

Classroom #5

Mandatory for parents to baptize their children.

Call the office to register.

*CONGRATULATIONS TO
BRINLEY MARIE BREAU, DAUGHTER
OF ROBERT & KELLY BREAU.*

*SHE WAS BAPTIZED HERE LAST WEEK.
WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!*



***PRAYERS & SYMPATHY** are extended to the family of Leighton Delahaye upon his recent death. Please keep them in your prayers.*

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RESTORE

Used items such as appliances and furniture are needed by Habitat for Humanity. Please consider donating your used items to the Habitat for Humanity ReStore at 4301 Airline Highway.

All donations are tax-deductible and help build homes and hope in our community. The ReStore offers new and used home products including tubs, toilets, doors, light fixtures, sinks, appliances, furniture, home décor and much more all at less than half what you would pay at a retail outlet. All proceeds help our local Habitat for Humanity affiliate reach its goal of eliminating sub-standard housing by joining volunteers with low income families to build their future homes.

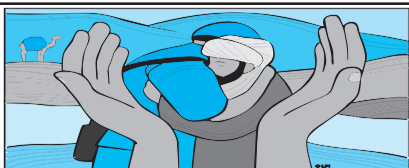
The ReStore is open Wednesday thru Saturday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Readings for the Week of February 23, 2014

Sunday:	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/ Mt 5:38-48
Monday:	Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday:	Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday:	Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2013-2014

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"Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow." At first glance, we might think this instruction refers only to money or possessions. Jesus would surely want us to be generous with our finances, and in the spirit of today's Gospel, to give without seeking to receive. However, the principle also applies to our time and our talents.

Most likely, some of the people God has placed in our lives are "asking" for our time: children in need of care; elderly parents; neighbors or friends experiencing sickness, etcetera. Often, the needs of others do not coincide perfectly with our own plans. Rather, serving our families and communities frequently requires a change in our normal program of life. When such interruptions occur, do we share our time and attention freely, handing over our "cloak" as well without a grumble or a grudge?

And what about the use of our God-given talents? We have all been blessed in different ways with gifts that can strengthen our communities. When our abilities could be useful to others, are we willing to share them without seeking recompense? Gifts of organization or artistry, culinary or mechanical skills, musical or ministerial talents...what we have received can be a blessing to those in our parish, our workplace, our neighborhood, and our family. Rather than being stingy with the treasures God has given us, may we be willing to follow the Lord's command to go the extra mile.