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ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

catholic church



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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

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Lk 6:35-36

Dear Parishioners,

I will be in New Orleans on Wednesday and Thursday of this week enjoying a bit of fraternity with my brother priests in celebration of Alumni Day at Notre Dame Seminary. I usually try to attend Alumni Day each year to enjoy some priestly fraternity, visit with our seminarians, and support the good work of the seminary. We will have a Communion Service here on Thursday morning in my absence.

Our diocese started the year with 18 seminarians: 6 studying at Notre Dame Seminary and 12 studying at St. Joseph Seminary College. It is always our hope that between 60 to 70% of those who enter the seminary will eventually be ordained priests. We have two men scheduled for ordination this May – Deacon Tim Grimes and Deacon John Vu – and two scheduled for ordination next year – Mr. Mathew Dunn and Mr. Danny Roussel. Meanwhile one priest has announced his retirement from active ministry this summer – Father Mike Schatzle, pastor of St. George Parish.

Priests in our diocese are eligible to retire at the age of 68. Most work past that age and we currently have 7 priests over the age of 68 who are still serving as pastors. (The oldest are Father Mike Moroney, pastor of St. Alphonsus Church in Greenwell Springs, and Father Frank Uter, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Denham Springs, who are both 74 years old.) We also have 19 priests who are retired, of which 10 are still healthy enough to assist with Masses around the Diocese.

Lent is just over one week away so please take note of our Mass and confession schedule for Lent. Our Masses on **Ash Wednesday**, March 6, 2019, will be at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 6:00 p.m. Daily Mass remains at the normal time of 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, but moves to 6:00 p.m. on the Wednesdays of Lent. Benediction and Adoration remains at 8:30 a.m. on Friday mornings or immediately following the Friday morning Mass.

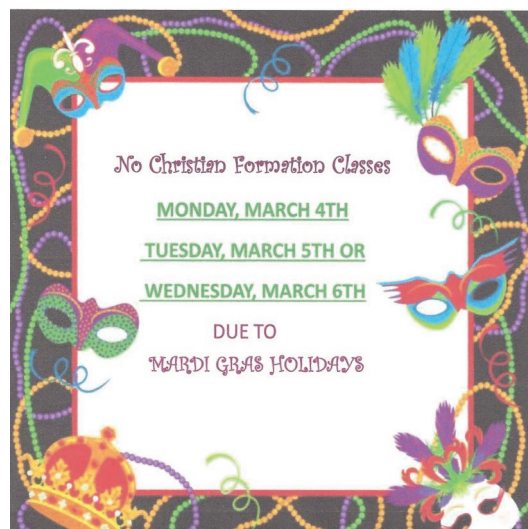
On the **Wednesdays of Lent**, confessions are at 5:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m. and then the Way of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. I will also be in the confessional from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday as

part of the "Light is On for You" program. I encourage everyone to try to attend at least one daily Mass each week as part of your Lenten devotions.

Our monthly 12 hour period of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament begins at 8:00 p.m. this Friday, March 1, and ends with 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, March 2. 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.

Football may be over but the LSU basketball team is exceeding all expectations and the LSU baseball team has begun their season which will hopefully end in Omaha.

In Christ,
Father Matt



**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.*

Organizations

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, March 3, 2019

Monthly Communion Service at 7:30 am Mass
Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 am Mass

JANUARY CALENDAR WINNERS

Doren Daigle, Lloyd & Janice Blanchard, Wayne Delapasse, Jack V. Williams, Linda Passantino, John W. Flowers, Connie Hebert, Ralph Comeaux, Eugene Stevens, Terry & Nell Leonard, Benjamin Anderson, Angela Briscoe, Anna Falcon, Brian Blanchard, Yolanda Taylor, Dana Larpenteur, Karoline White, Janice Hebert, Nikki Johnson, Fr. Jamin David, Merrill Thomassie, Kane Ourso, Larry Barker, Heath Clouatre, Ralph Rivet, Gary Russell, John Simon, Chuck LeBlanc, Lionel Dugas, Debra Eidson, Dudley LeBlanc

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

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

THE COMMITTEE WISHES TO THANK THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF LEONARD GAUTHREUX FOR THEIR RECENT DONATIONS.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Carolyn Bourgeois & her group for cleaning the church during the month of February. Maria Bertrand (776-0052) will be cleaning during the month of March. Please give her a call if you wish to help.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

February 17, 2019

213 Identified- - - - - \$11,257.83

Loose Collection- - - - - 830.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$12,087.83

Church in Central & Eastern Europe- - - - - \$629.00



A VOCATION VIEW

"I no longer live, but Christ lives in me." Is Christ inviting you to let Him live in you through single-hearted service as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

Retreats/Study Sessions

SPRING BIBLE STUDY

St. John the Evangelist
Plaquemine, LA

"No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion"

Begins Thursday, March 14, 2019 and continues until Thursday, April 11, 2019. The church will purchase the videos and provide you with copies of the study guide. If you are interested, please call St. John's at 687-2402 for more information and to register.

PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church
Baton Rouge, LA

Saturday, March 9, 2019

Presented by Sr. Judith Gomila, MSC

Begins with Mass at 8:00 am and concludes 11:30 am
Please call (504) 887-1420 for more info or to register.

THE SPIRITUAL GRACES OF AGING

St. Joseph's Academy

3080 Kleinert Ave., Baton Rouge, LA

Saturday, March 9, 2019 (9am—Noon)

Explore the spiritual dimensions of aging, spiritual development, and spiritual self.

For more info or to register, call 225.383.3349

Readings for the week of February 24, 2019

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
Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [cf. 5]/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175 [165a]/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 [35a]/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 17]/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018

John Begue
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Church Roof

The original design of our church roof incorporated embossed rectangular metal shingles, a somewhat popular option of the time, for their ease of manufacture, attractiveness and longevity. They were made of galvanized iron and were designed to be nailed down and interlocked with adjacent shingles. The embossed pattern added decoration, strength and the ability to conceal minor dents from wind-blown debris.

It is unknown when the metal shingles were replaced, but it was likely after the 1934 decision not to rebuild the original steeple following its second destruction by a hurricane. Salvaged shingles were recycled for use on other buildings in Brusly.

The roof which replaced the metal shingles was made of diamond shaped transite tiles. Most parishioners will recall this as the roof on the church prior to its 2011 renovation. Transite is an asbestos impregnated cement product. It is long lasting but has a tendency to become brittle with age making it prone to cracking and difficult to repair. The tiles were originally white, but had weathered to black over decades of exposure.

For the 2011 renovation, the Building Committee wished to install new roofing that recalled the design of the former roof. The architect found a synthetic slate product made with new and recycled rubber. The tiles were cast from molds of real diamond shaped slate tiles and colored in multiple tones of gray to add visual interest to the roof.

When the transite roof was removed, some of the original metal shingles were discovered—their having been used as flashing and patches for holes in sheathing. One of these metal shingles was saved for display in our archives.

--Submitted by Brian Falcon