



*February 9, 2014
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
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.

"Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." - Mt 5:15-16

Dear Parishioners,

Our Parish Finance Committee met recently to review our parish finances for the first six months of the fiscal year, July – December 2013. Our income from Sunday collections, sacramental offerings, religious education fees, and other earnings totaled \$320,705 or \$10,500 more than we anticipated when we set the budget. Our building fund collections and donations for the same period totaled an additional \$97,065 which allowed us to contribute \$20,337 more to debt reduction than our scheduled six month payment of \$76,728. Thank you very much for your generous and sacrificial support of our parish.

Unfortunately, our expenses for the same six month period also exceeded our budget by several thousand so we will have to do some belt tightening to get them under control these next six months. The expenditures included higher utilities, expanded sacramental preparation and ministry to youth, and repairs to our exterior lighting. None of these expenses are frivolous but they were higher than anticipated. As I mentioned in one of the previous bulletins, the \$59,000 in net income from this year's *Feast on the Levee* was divided three ways with \$19,000 deposited into our parish savings, \$20,000 deposited into our building fund savings, and \$20,000 applied to the principal on our loan. I am thankful for the safety net provided by the *Feast* income each year.

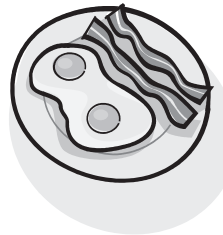
Many parishioners use the Automatic Bank Draft option for their stewardship offering to the Church so please know that this is available if you would like to set it up. It typically means switching to a monthly schedule of giving rather than weekly, but you can choose the first or fifteenth of each month for your contribution, and use it for the regular offertory as well as the building fund. However, it may be easier to continue to use the mailed envelopes for the special and second collections. Please talk to Carolyn Dupuy in the office for more information or for assistance in switching over to this method of giving.

I still write a check for my own contributions but I know it is only a matter of time before I switch to some type of automatic transfer. I already utilize online banking to pay my credit card bill, car note,

and retirement contributions, and I do find it easier than writing a check. Advancements in technology will probably make it even easier and with a higher level of security, so get ready for more options over the next few years. We may miss the symbolism of placing our offerings in the collection basket but the main thing is that we return a share of our financial blessings in recognition of God's generosity to us. People who never give to the Church or to other charities are missing out on the joy that comes from giving.

Now that football season is finally ended we can switch our attention to the Winter Olympics, along with a healthy mix of basketball and baseball. I especially enjoy attending some of the L.S.U. baseball games whenever I can arrange my schedule. The Winter Olympic games are not as interesting as the summer games, but I nevertheless enjoy watching the skill of the athletes and the competition between nations. Have a good week!

In Christ,
Father Matt



BREAKFAST FOR DINNER
MARK YOUR CALENDAR
POT LUCK MEAL
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH
6:30 PM IN THE
ACTIVITY CENTER

Thank You!

The Prejean and Guidroz families wish to thank everyone for the prayers and concerns at the birth of their twin grandsons, Austin & Luke Guidroz. The twins are now 6 months old and doing well. Austin is still under doctors care, so please continue to keep them in your prayers. Chuck & Alena Prejean of our parish are the proud grandparents of the babies.



NEEDED!!!
3rd Grade Catechist
Tuesday evenings for the rest
of this years' classes!
Please call Karen at 749-3387
if you can help. THANKS!



SUSAN B. ANTHONY DAY

February 15, 2014

A real trailblazer for the beginning of the women's rights movement for equal pay and the right to vote, she

also had a passion for the unborn. She equated the women's movement in all aspects of a women's right to her body. She felt the evil of abortion is an evil imposed on women by men and other women who failed to protect the unborn. To us Catholics she is recognized as a pioneer in the pro-life movement.

Respect Life

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION



One Month Developing Baby
Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of his brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20th day. His heart began to beat on the 21st day and is pumping blood through its own circulatory system. The blood type can be different from his mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of his mother to give him the most precious gift of all — the gift of life.



OPEN HOUSE RESCHEDULED

Pre-K4 Through 8th Grade

February 11, 2014

9:00 am—2:00 pm

Pre-K3 OPEN HOUSE

February 13, 2014

6:00 pm

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

February 2, 2014

REGULAR:

307 Identified- - - - - \$14,256.72

Loose collection- - - - - 698.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$14,954.72

A VOCATION VIEW

How blest are those who have the vocation of marriage and strive to live it faithfully each day. How blest are parents who support their children who embrace the vocation of marriage or religious life, knowing that it is God who calls them to such a commitment. If you think God is calling you to a church vocation, call F. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778 or email mdupre@diobr.org.



The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank the family of Juliette Boniol for their recent donation.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Doris LeGlue & family upon the death of her husband, Charles LeGlue. Please keep them in your prayers.

2014—25th & 50th

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, February 23, 2014 (3:00 pm)

Our Lady of Mercy Church

445 Marquette Ave., Baton Rouge

Bishop Robert W. Muench, Celebrant of Mass

LAST WEEK TO REGISTER

Call the Parish Office (749-2189)



DAY OF PRAYER

Rosaryville Spirit Life Center

You are God's Work of Art Ephesians

A Day of Prayer and Reflection on God's Friendship

Begins at 9:00 am with coffee and fellowship

The talks begin at 9:30 am with discussion and quiet time for reflection. Lunch will be served at noon.

Cost—\$35.00. Presented by Sr. Rose Bowen, O..P.

Call (225) 294-5039 to register. The day will include

celebration of the Eucharist and will conclude at

around 2:30 pm.

Readings for the Week of February 9, 2014

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37

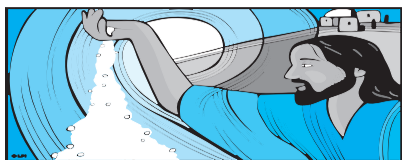
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37

or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You are the salt of the earth...you are the light of the world." Being Christian is not supposed to be boring! On the contrary, Jesus gave us the mission to bring flavor to the world, and to brighten things up when they seem dark and dismal. What a misunderstanding it is to think that following Christ would ever mean abandoning "the good life" or becoming dull servants of a rigid master. No, we are meant to be like the salt that brings a delicious meal to perfection. We are called to be the light that enables energy and activity. An authentic Christian is filled with life in the truest sense, filled with the One who is "the way and the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6).

Joy and gratitude are really meant to be at the heart of the Christian experience. Our loving Father has given us the gift of salvation and the hope of heaven as free gifts. Because Christ has conquered sin and death, we can exult with Easter joy all year long! This is the good news we proclaim. It's not news that's meant to be whispered in a private corner. Jesus tells us to be like a city set on a mountain, and a lamp radiating light from a lampstand. We have a mission to invigorate the world with the hope, the happiness, and the fulfillment found in Christ.

Jesus said that we are in fact salt and light. The question is only whether we will "lose our taste." That of course is up to us. If we let our faith in the good news fade, we are bound to grow dull. But when we remain rooted in Christ, we will truly be able to let our light shine.