



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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*The Baptism of the Lord*  
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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.

*After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:16-17*

Dear Parishioners,

Our Diocesan Respect Life Rally is this weekend, on Sunday, January 12, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Main Auditorium of the Catholic Life Center. This year's keynote address will be delivered by Mr. Shawn Carney, the co-founder of *40 Days for Life* and a well-respected inspirational speaker. The Pro-Life Oratory contest winner will also deliver his or her winning address, and Catholics of all ages are invited to attend.

The Louisiana Life March is next Saturday, January 18, from 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m., and begins on North Boulevard next to the Old State Capitol, and ends on the steps of the current State Capitol. We also have our First Reconciliation Retreat next Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in the Parish Activity Center. Our second graders make their First Reconciliation in a little over a week, on Tuesday, January 21, at 6:00 p.m. Please pray for them and their parents that this might be a special moment of grace for their families.

I am scheduled to help Father Greg Daigle with the First Reconciliation service at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Plaquemine on Thursday evening of this week. Father Greg and Father David Allen from Holy Family will also be here on the 21<sup>st</sup> to assist with our confessions. I have been blessed to enjoy good working relationships with neighboring priests and parishes over the years, and that continues here on the Westside.

Unfortunately, this means I will have to miss this month's Parish Pot Luck Dinner, which is set for Thursday, January 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. The theme is "Italian" so there should be a bountiful selection of meats, sauces, and pastas. Everyone can load up on carbohydrates in preparation for a renewed commitment to exercise in 2014. Physical, emotional, and spiritual health are all interrelated, so let's try to set good examples for one another at the start of this new year. Commitment to prayer, exercise, and healthy relationships will make this a better year for everyone.

I really enjoyed taking a week of vacation right after Christmas. Contrary to rumor, I did not travel to Tam-

pa to see L.S.U. play in the Outback Bowl. Father Paul Counce and I instead drove down to New Orleans and stayed in two of the guest rooms at the St. Louis Cathedral rectory. We did a lot of walking, reading, sight-seeing, and dining. We visited the World War II Museum to see some of the newer exhibits, and also wandered through some of the antique shops on Royal Street. Many Alabama and Oklahoma fans were in town for the Sugar Bowl so it made for a festive atmosphere. And of course we visited as many fine restaurants as we could during the span of our stay. I thank the pastor of St. Louis Cathedral, Father Philip Landry, for his great hospitality in welcoming us to the Cathedral.

Thank you for your understanding in doing without daily Mass while I was gone. It is sometimes hard to find priests to take my place when I am gone but I will do my best to find coverage whenever possible.

In Christ,  
Father Matt



### **JANUARY POT LUCK DINNER**

Thursday, January 16, 2014  
6:30 pm in the Activity Center  
Theme: Italian

## ***Please Note:***

***2nd Grade Reconciliation Retreat***  
***January 18th***  
***9:00am—12:00pm***



**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to**  
*Priscilla Comeaux & family upon the death of her father, Shelton LeJeune. He was also the brother of Theresa Alexander & Sydney Belle Griffin. Sympathy is also extended to Wayne Knotts & family upon the death of his sister, Mary Ann Templet. Please keep them in your prayers.*

Thanks from the Bereavement Committee for donations in memory of "Penu" Quatrevingt; Ferd Allain and "Cutchie" Sarradet.





**ST. JOSEPH SPIRITUALITY CENTER**

*Parent Retreat—“What is My Song?”*

Friday, January 24, 2014 (8:30—11:30 am)

St. Joseph’s Academy—Mother Alice Hall

3050 Kleinert Ave., Baton Rouge

This morning of reflection will teach parents how to guide their children to find their unique purpose.

Each of us enters this world for a special reason, with a song that only we can sing. Children know this. Parents who are listening will often hear something of their child’s song long before the child is born. We don’t need to teach our children their special purpose in life, as we would teach them to read or ride a bike. Rather, we need to help them remember what they already know. Fee: \$20. Pre-registration is encouraged.



**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

Please call the Parish Office (749-2189) before

February 24th if you plan to attend.

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

Christmas

243 Identified- - - - - \$7,193.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 1,711.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$8,904.00

Diocesan Services—\$848.00

December 29, 2013

186 Identified- - - - - \$5,465.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 982.25

TOTAL- - - - - \$6,447.25

**January 1, 2014—Solemnity of Mary**

101 Identified- - - - - \$2,474.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 438.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$2,912.00

**January, 2014**

297 Identified- - - - - \$12,627.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 848.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$13,475.00

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

In Baptism we are called to live a holy life. Could it be that you are being called to fulfill that responsibility as a priest, sister or brother? If you are, call Fr. Matt Dupre’ at 225.336.8778, [mdupre@diobr.org](mailto:mdupre@diobr.org).

**Prayer for Vocations**

Father you call each one of us by name and ask us to follow you.

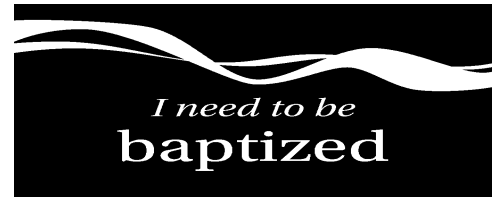
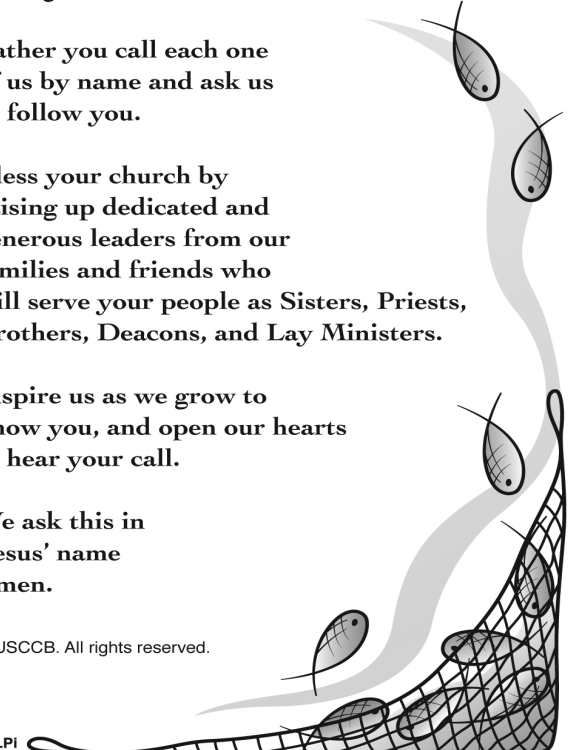
Bless your church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us as we grow to know you, and open our hearts to hear your call.

We ask this in Jesus’ name Amen.

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*Congratulations to the following babies and their families: Corey Randall Saizan, son of Chad & Ashlee Saizan; Mason Joseph Haik, son of Chris & Brandi Haik; and Olivia Haidyn Simcoe, daughter of Jason & Emily Simcoe. These children were all baptized here recently. Welcome into our faith community!*

**Readings for the Week of January 12, 2014**

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/  
Mt 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

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**Baptism of the Lord**

"I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus didn't need to be washed clean of any sin, and John the Baptist knew it. But nonetheless, Jesus was humble enough to be baptized like the rest of us. This humility is at the heart of Jesus' mission on earth. As Saint Paul says, Jesus "emptied himself...coming in human likeness...he humbled himself" (Phil 2:7-8). He did not need to become human, to be born of a woman into a poor family, or to suffer and die on the cross. Rather, Jesus freely chose to do all of these things out of love for us. And in the process, he gave us a model to follow.

By being baptized, Jesus emphasized the importance of participating in this sacred action. And later in his ministry, he confirmed the significance of baptism when he instructed his apostles to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28:19).

Through baptism, we become disciples of Jesus. As baptized Christians, we are both called and equipped to be Christ's followers, his pupils, and his friends. Today, we might ask ourselves if we are embracing this calling wholeheartedly. Do we follow Jesus' example of love for God and neighbor? Do we study his word and live by his teaching? Do we nurture our relationship with him, as we would with any friend? Jesus humbled himself for our sake. Let us show our gratitude by being his faithful disciples today and every day.