



January 18, 2015
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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
Sammy Collura Permanent Deacon
Julie Ginther Cilano Christian Formation
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
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Karen Lemoine Christian Formation
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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 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 Judy Thousand, 749-9257 or the Parish office

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"--which translated means Teacher--"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - **Jn 1:38-39a**

Dear Parishioners,

I am scheduled to be one of the presenters on an Engaged Encounter next weekend, January 23-25, so Father Matthew Bonk, CSsR, will celebrate all of our Masses in my absence. Engaged Encounter is an expansion and improvement over the old Pre-Cana weekends that Catholic couples attended in years past. In addition to meetings with their priest, today's couples benefit from listening to talks given by married couples and then writing in their notebooks prior to one-on-one discussions with their fiancé.

In addition to attending the weekend, engaged couples from our parish also complete an online survey entitled *Prepare/Enrich* and then meet with a sponsor couple from our parish to discuss the various topics and results. We now have five married couples trained as sponsor couples to assist engaged couples with their preparations for the sacrament of marriage. The engaged couples have enjoyed meeting with the sponsor couples and both couples benefit from the time spent together.

Speaking of romance and marriage, our parish pastoral council is once again sponsoring a Valentine's Day raffle. First prize will be a gift basket containing champagne, chocolate, and a gift card for dinner at a fine restaurant. Second and third prizes will be a smaller gift basket as well as a dozen roses and a bottle of wine. Tickets are \$5.00 and go on sale this weekend after all Masses. The drawing will be held on Sunday, February 8, right after the 11:00 Mass.

The Mass readings for this weekend and next describe the call of Samuel and Jonah in the Old Testament, as well as that of the first followers of Jesus in the New Testament. They encourage us to reflect on our own call to follow Christ and serve him faithfully both at home and in the world. They also remind us to pray and work for more vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated religious life. As the Bible relates, God often uses human instruments to deliver his message and invitation. We have to give voice to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and encourage our young people to be open to a religious call.

This Thursday, January 22, is designated as a "Day of

Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children" for all dioceses in the United States. It is the 42nd anniversary of the *Roe vs. Wade* Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion. The national "March for Life" will take place in Washington, DC on Thursday, and all Catholics are encouraged to spend some time in prayer and fasting for the protection of unborn children. The "Louisiana Life March" will be held next Saturday, January 24, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Greek Theater on the LSU campus.

Finally, please join me in congratulating all of our 11th graders who celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation last Thursday evening. They are now fully initiated members of the Catholic Church and ready to contribute to the building of God's kingdom. I pray that God will continue to bless and guide their journey of faith as they finish their high school studies. I also offer thanks to their sponsors and our Confirmation team members for their great work.

In Christ,
Father Matt

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WERE CONFIRMED HERE LAST WEEK:

<i>John Aillet</i>	<i>Mason Lindsly</i>
<i>Reed Ardoin</i>	<i>Owen Mabile</i>
<i>Jacqueline Begue</i>	<i>Jude Martin</i>
<i>Logan Caillouet</i>	<i>Madeline Palermo</i>
<i>Mitchel Callais</i>	<i>Raleigh Patrick</i>
<i>Camryn Comeaux</i>	<i>Aaron Peavy</i>
<i>Evan Daigle</i>	<i>Thomas Perrone</i>
<i>Regan Daigle</i>	<i>Hannah Prejean</i>
<i>Kaitlin David</i>	<i>Carley Regira</i>
<i>Alexandra Dexter</i>	<i>Hayden Richard</i>
<i>Caleb Dupont</i>	<i>Brady Richardson</i>
<i>Jonette Fitzgerald</i>	<i>Caroline Safford</i>
<i>Tod Gauthier</i>	<i>Lawson Sarradet</i>
<i>John Granier</i>	<i>Cole Soniat</i>
<i>Reece Guerin</i>	<i>Eddy Stewart</i>
<i>Kayla Haydel</i>	<i>Olivia Suter</i>
<i>Mackenzie Jarreau</i>	<i>Trevor Thibodeaux</i>
<i>Alyssa Landry</i>	<i>Grace Touns</i>
<i>Kade LeBlanc</i>	<i>Jami Truong</i>
<i>Koty LeJeune</i>	<i>Emma Wallace</i>

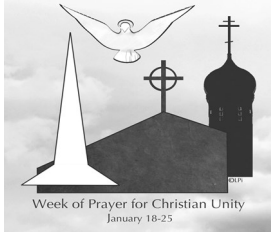
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**NO CLASSES 19th & 20th
FOR GRADES K—10**

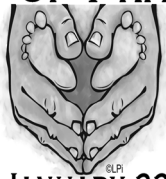
**NEEDED:
9am CHILDREN'S CHURCH
CATECHIST**



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Nyra Guidry & family upon the death of her mother, Fannie Morain, to Jim Benoit & family upon the death of his wife, Linda Benoit, and to the family of Norwood Blanchard upon his recent death. Please keep them in your prayers.



DAY OF PRAYER



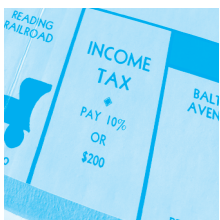
JANUARY 22

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ana Elizabeth Gaudet, daughter of Wallace & Sherry Gaudet. Ana was baptized here last week. Welcome into our faith community!

SAINT STANISLAUS OPEN HOUSE

All boys in grades 4—11 and their families are invited to join the Saint Stanislaus family for an Open House at it's campus (304 S. Beach Boulevard, Bay St. Louis, MS) on Wednesday, January 28, from 4:00—6:00 pm, with the final tour beginning at 5:30 pm. Learn about their Catholic identity, outstanding academics, extra-curricular activities, athletics, and financial assistance program. Experience the proud Rock-A-Chaw spirit, now 160 years old! If you wish to attend, please RSVP at richard@ststan.com or 228-467-9057, ext. 249. Saint Stanislaus is a Catholic residency and day school for young men in grades 7 thru 12 . For more info visit their website at wwwststan.com.



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!
If you need a record of your contributions for 2014 call Carolyn at the Parish Office 749-2189.

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

To be taken up next weekend. Please place your special envelope in the regular collection.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

January 11, 2015

REGULAR:

249 Identified- - - - - \$8,780.00
Loose Collection- - - - - 689.58
TOTAL- - - - - \$9,469.58

A VOCATION VIEW

A good vocation prayer to say every day—from the time we are young until we are in our golden years—is found in today's first Scripture: "Speak LORD, for your servant is listening." Just try it with sincerity, starting today, and if you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org.



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS

Retreat Center

Upcoming Retreats

February 6-8, 2015

Finding Peace in the Midst of Chaos
Rev. Anthony Rigoli

February 20-22, 2015

Real Presence: The Practice of Compassion
Rev. Joe Nassal

February 20, 2015

Day of Prayer: Lord, Teach Us How to Pray
Archbishop Alfred Hughes

February 25-27, 2015

Understanding Who We Are
Rev. Jeffery Bayhi

5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie, LA 70006
(504) 267-9604 * retreats.arch-no.org

ROSARYVILLE SPIRIT LIFE CENTER RETREAT

Women's Retreat for all Denominations
March 13-15, 2015

Spend a weekend exploring how you are a Pattern Designed by God. Dr. JoAnn Forbes will lead women deeper into understanding how they are uniquely and wonderfully made through prayer, laughter, music, love and fellowship. Music, singing, and speaking will bridge the gaps between ages, genders, and cultures. The cost is \$100 per day for commuter, double shared room \$180, or single private room \$210. For more information contact Rosaryville at 225-294-5039 or visit the site at <http://www.catholicretreatcenter.org>.



**Monday
January 19th**



Readings for the Week of January 18, 2015

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn1:35-42
Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25--8:6/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"What are you looking for?" When Jesus asked the two disciples this question, they didn't give an answer. Instead, they asked another question: "Where are you staying?" Obviously these men were interested in learning more about Jesus. They wanted to accompany him and be in his presence. They decided to spend the whole day with him. But they were not quite ready to reveal what they were really looking for.

Remember that at the time, these men were disciples of John the Baptist. They had heard John announce the coming of the Christ, but they didn't know yet who he was. John's followers were certainly looking for something: the Messiah. Most likely, these men were interested in seeing for themselves whether or not this Jesus was the one they had been waiting for.

Apparently, he was. Andrew was convinced by that daylong encounter with Jesus. In the verse that follows today's Gospel, we learn that "He first found his own brother Simon and told him, 'We have found the Messiah'" (Jn 1:41). What a joy this must have been for Andrew! He found what he was looking for. Indeed, the joy was so great that he couldn't wait to share the good news.

When we, like Andrew, take time to "spend the day" with Jesus, getting to know who he really is through our daily prayer, then the happiness we experience will naturally overflow to others. The process may begin with questions about who Jesus is; that's only natural. But once we find what we are looking for, we can do what Andrew did by sharing the joy of the discovery with our own brothers, sisters, neighbors, and friends right here at home.