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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.

John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." - Jn 1:32-34

Dear Parishioners,

As I mentioned last week, our second graders make their First Reconciliation this 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. Father Greg Daigle from St. John and Father David Allen from Holy Family will be here to assist with our celebration of this beautiful sacrament.

I am scheduled to be one of the presenters on an Engaged Encounter next weekend, January 24-26, so Father Tony Russo 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.

Catholics hold marriage in very high esteem as one of the seven sacraments and as one of the pillars of society. Stable marriages provide the best possible environment for raising children and assisting aging parents. Sacramental marriage also provides a means for serving Christ through love of one's spouse and children. So it makes sense to develop and support programs and resources for couples preparing for their sacrament.

Our parish pastoral council is once again sponsoring a Valentine's Day raffle to raise a little discretionary money for our parish. First prize will be a gift basket containing champagne, chocolate, and a gift card for dinner at a restaurant. Second and third prizes will be 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 9, right after the 11:00 Mass.

Father Matt Dupre and the vocation directors of the Dioceses of Lafayette and Lake Charles are sponsoring a Vocation Retreat February 7-9 at the Tracy Center in Baton Rouge. Entitled "Come, Follow Me," this retreat is aimed at young men, 16 years and older, who are open to discerning God's will for their future. It begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday evening and ends with

11:00 a.m. Mass Sunday morning celebrated by Bishop Muench. Seminarians from all three dioceses will give talks on seminary life, the priesthood, and growth in faith and prayer.

Our role as parents, grandparents, and Catholics in general is to raise the possibility of the priesthood or consecrated religious life with the children of our community. We don't have to worry about misdirecting a young person into a vocation that does not fit him or her. We simply plant the seeds of possibility and let God do the rest. If the idea of priesthood or sisterhood stays with a person and doesn't go away then they may have a genuine religious call that can be tested and explored further. The call comes from God not us, but we have the important role of planting seeds in the minds and hearts of our youth.

Have a good week!

In Christ,
Father Matt

**VALENTINE'S DAY
GIFT BASKET RAFFLE**

**Sponsored by St. John the Baptist
Parish Council**

\$5/ticket which will be sold after Masses

1st Prize—His & Hers Gift Basket

*Filled with gifts and spirits including a
Dinner for Two Gift Card*

**2nd & 3rd Prizes—1 Dozen Roses
and a Bottle of Wine**

*To be delivered on Valentine's Day
Flowers donated by: Flowers by Patricia*

Drawing Sunday, February 9th after 11:00 am Mass



**ANNUAL K.C.
SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Sunday, March 2

Activity Center—11:00 am—1:00 pm

EAT IN OR TAKE OUT

\$7.00 per plate

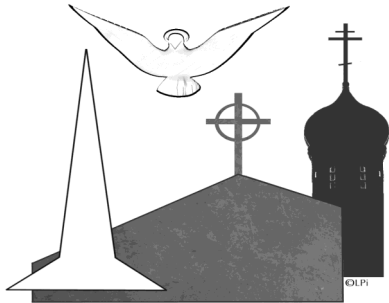
Get your tickets from any K.C. Member.





BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Caleb Michael Henry, son of Ross Henry & Kellie L Salvadras. Caleb was baptized here last weekend. Welcome into our faith community.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January 18-25

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to L.J.

Boniol and family upon the death of his wife, Juliette Boniol, to Joe Mancuso & family upon the death of his sister, Annie M. Matrine, to Clara Fernandez & family upon the death of her husband, James Fernandez, to Felix "Nat" Smith upon the death of his father, Felix Smith, Sr. and to Peggy Plauche & family upon the death of her mother Grace M. English. 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

Please call the Parish Office (749-2189) before

February 24th if you plan to attend.

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your generosity to this collection is invaluable to the future of the church in that region. Your donations will fund catechesis, youth ministry programs, and education for seminarians, religious, and lay leaders. Please give with a joyful and generous heart. This collection is an opportunity to share your faith with the people of Latin America and the Caribbean. Please place your special envelope in the regular collection. Thank you!

SEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

January 12, 2014

REGULAR:

222 Identified- - - - - \$7,77.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 588.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$8,363.00

A VOCATION VIEW

Through your Baptism you are God's servant and a light to others. With whom will you share your light? Think about a life of service as a priest, sister or brother. Call Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, or email mdupre@diobr.org.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"My joy, My pleasure, My delight is to be with you."
(Prov. 8:31)

Each moment you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament brings joy, pleasure and delight to His Sacred Heart!!

All night Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, January 31, 2014 at 8:00 pm thru Saturday, February 1, 2014 at 8 am. Please consider joining Jesus in an hour of prayer. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of the Church. For more info call Julie Millard at 749-8260.



Martin Luther King Day
Monday, January 20th

Prayer for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

*Heavenly Father,
you made all people in the world.
On this day,
help us to remember that everyone is precious to you.
Inspire us to reflect on this truth:
That although we are not all the same,
we all have equal value in your sight.
On this day,
help us to always judge the actions of others
based only upon your standards of right and wrong
and never on the color of one's skin.
And on this day,
let us not only remember past wrongs committed,
but look ahead with hope to a blessed future.
Amen.*

Readings for the Week of January 19, 2014

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/
Mk 16:15-18
Next Sunday: Is 8:23--9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." This was an unusual greeting, to say the least. John the Baptist's underlying message, however, would have been crystal clear to the audience who heard it. The Jews were used to the idea of sacrificing a lamb in a ritual of atonement. Now, John was declaring that this man walking towards him, Jesus, was in fact the new lamb, the sacrificial offering that would atone for the sins not just of one person, but of all people. The sins of the whole world are forgiven in Christ.

The whole world, of course, means everybody. No one is excluded from the gift of salvation. Sadly, not all people accept the gift, but it is available to them nonetheless.

Today we might ask ourselves where we stand on this spectrum. Do we believe that Jesus' death has saved us? Do we believe that our sins are washed away through the sacrifice of this most spotless victim? To take it a step further, do we accept that God can forgive even the sins of our enemies, of those who have hurt and mistreated us? Can we forgive them too, as God has done through his Son, or do we fall short in this regard?

When we struggle to forgive someone, we can pray for the grace to love that person as Jesus has loved us. Today, may we put to death our grudges and resentments in imitation of the Lamb who sacrificed his life on our behalf.