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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
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin Parish Secretary
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
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 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

On those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen. From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." - Mt 4:16b-17

Dear Parishioners,

The Gospel for this weekend describes the call of Simon, Andrew, James and John, the two sets of brothers who were called to be the first followers of Jesus. This beautiful passage reminds 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.

Did you hear that approximately 12,000 Catholic college students from all over the U.S. attended the SEEK Conference earlier this month in San Antonio? While we struggle with the shortage of priests in our Diocese it is heartening to see such a large number of young adults on fire with a love for God and their Catholic faith. So we have reason to hope as we pray and work for more priestly and religious vocations.

Our 11th graders celebrate their Confirmation this Thursday, January 26, at 7:00 p.m. They will now be fully initiated members of the Catholic Church and ready to serve as godparents and sponsors at baptisms and confirmations. 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.

As announced on Facebook, our parish is starting a new Mother's Day Out program beginning in the fall of 2017. Mother's Day Out is part time child care that encourages learning and social skills in children. It will operate from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and is available for 1, 2, and 3 year olds. In addition, families may choose to bring their children either two or four days per week. Registration for parishioners is taking place this Sunday, January 22, after the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses. For more information, please pick up a flyer in the rear of church or contact Katie Roettger at MDOStJohn@gmail.com.

Several men from our Diocese have organized a Catholic Men's Conference to be held on Saturday, February 11, 2017, at Sacred Heart Church in Baton Rouge,

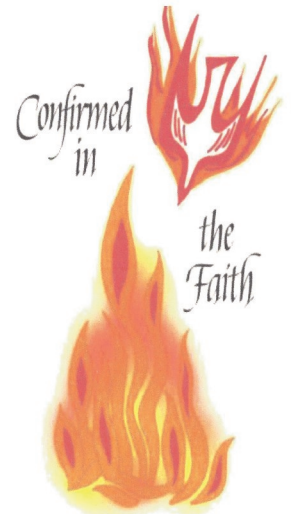
beginning at 7:30 a.m. and ending with the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. Speakers include Dr. Brant Pitre from Notre Dame Seminary, Fr. Michael Champagne of the Community of Jesus Crucified, Sr. John Thomas Armour of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, and Mr. Mark Hartfiel, national program director for *That Man is You*. For more information and to register, please visit <http://www.catholicmenbr.com/>.

Our Parish Pastoral Council is once again sponsoring a raffle for Valentine's Day. First prize will be a gift basket containing champagne, chocolate, and a gift card for dinner at a fine restaurant. Second and third prizes include a dozen roses and a bottle of wine. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be available for purchase at all Masses starting next weekend, January 28 & 29. The drawing will be held on Sunday, February 12, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

In Christ,
Father Matt

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

CONFIRMATION WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26TH AT 7:00 P.M.
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE ACTIVITY
CENTER. THANKS TO ALL OF THE
PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE BEEN PRAYING
FOR OUR YOUNG ADULTS ON THIS FAITH
JOURNEY. THANKS TO THE CONFIRMATION
TEAM FOR BEING WITNESSES TO OUR FAITH
AND TO THE CANDIDATES OPENNESS TO THE
HOLY SPIRIT.



JOIN US IN

Celebration

MASS FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION
STUDENTS K-8 TUESDAY, JANUARY 31ST
DROP OFF IN ACTIVITY CENTER 5:15
PICK UP IN ACTIVITY CENTER AT 6:30.

THERE WILL BE NO CLASS
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 30TH
DUE TO MASS ON TUESDAY.

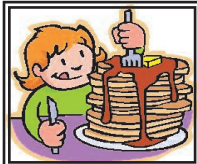




THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS
NOW BURNING IN MEMORY
OF RICHARD LANDRY

Rest in Peace

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to
Cecile Gauthreaux & family upon the death of her
mother, Eva Dell Guilbeau and to the family of
Pennie Palermo upon her recent death. Please
keep them in your prayers.



**CUB SCOUT PACK 39
FUNDRAISER
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Sunday, January 29, 2017
St John the Baptist Church Activity Center
6:00 am—11:00 am \$5.00/person
Dine in or Carry Out
Call Kendul Michel @ 225-776-0778
For more info or tickets.

Congratulations!

Addison Kate Morales, daughter of Jacob & Courtney
Morales was baptized here last weekend. We send
congratulations to her & her family.

WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!



YOU MAY NOW CALL THE
PARISH OFFICE AT
225-749-2189 TO REQUEST
YOUR TOTAL 2016
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INCOME
TAX PURPOSES

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the
Church in Latin America. Please prayerfully consider
supporting this collection, which assists programs that
strengthen the faith in Latin America and the Caribbe-
an. Your gifts help share the faith by providing lay
leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious
formation, as well as other programs. Place your spe-
cial envelope in the regular collection.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

January 15, 2017

REGULAR:

226 Identified-	-----	-\$9,064.83
Loose Collection-	-----	822.00
TOTAL-	-----	-\$9,886.83

Pray for Vocations

A VOCATION VIEW

The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend
to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which
was immediate and complete; they leave everything
and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is
calling us to the priesthood or religious life? If you
think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call
Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, or email to
amerrick@diobr.org.



VOLUNTEER DRIVER NEEDED FOR SJB FOOD PANTRY

We need a driver once a month (4th
Monday of each month) to pick up sup-
plies from the Baton Rouge Food Bank.
If you can help, please call the
Parish Office (749-2189).



2017—25th & 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 3:00 pm

Our Lady of Mercy Church—Baton Rouge, LA
Bishop Robert W. Muench will celebrate a liturgy
honoring couples on their 25th, 50th, and 65th or
greater wedding anniversary. The families of the hon-
ored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and
reception afterward in the Our Lady of Mercy Parish
Activity Center.

**PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO
REGISTER (749-2189)**

Be Merciful

*Give away something of yours that you really
like to someone you know who
would really enjoy it!*

Readings for the Week of January 22, 2017

Sunday:	Is 8:23--9:3/Ps 27/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/ Mt4:12-23 or 4:12-17
Monday:	Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117/ Mk16:15-18
Thursday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96/ Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146/1 Cor 1:26-31/ Mt 5:1-12a

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him." James and his brother John dropped everything to follow Christ. In leaving their boat, they also left their livelihood. In leaving their father, they said farewell to the comforts of home and family. They embarked on this unknown journey with Jesus, traveling "around all of Galilee," with neither stability nor security. All they had was trust. How remarkable this is! They had such great faith in this man who "called them" on the seashore. Clearly, their encounter with Christ was life-changing, even before they knew the full truth of who Jesus was. We, on the other hand, already know. We have the benefit of being on the other side of Christ's life. We know about his miracles, his resurrection, and the whole history of Christian faith. In a sense, it should be easier for us to "leave our nets" than it was for the sets of brothers in today's Gospel. We have so many reasons to believe that Jesus was truly the Son of God. But yet how often do we resist the call to surrender our lives to Christ? How attached we are to our regular routines and our predictable plans. Yet, where would we be today if the apostles had tried to part-time it with the Lord? What if they had only followed him on the weekends? Would the Christian message have spread at all? So much was accomplished through the sincere faith of these humble fishermen. What could we accomplish if we trusted in Jesus as they did?