



*January 25, 2015
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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 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

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:16-17

Dear Parishioners,

Wednesday, February 11, is the feast of *Our Lady of Lourdes* and the 23rd *World Day of the Sick*. In instituting the World Day of the Sick, Pope John Paul II characterized it as "a special time of prayers and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding us to see in our sick brothers and sisters the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying, and rising, achieved the salvation of humankind."

In union with Pope Francis and strengthened by the prayers of Catholics throughout the world, we will offer the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** on **Saturday, February 7, 2015**, immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass. Please encourage those who are struggling with health problems to attend this Mass and Anointing of the Sick so that we can support them in prayer as they receive the special grace of this sacrament. We will again use the Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos crucifix to implore the intercession of Blessed Seelos during our anointing service.

We congratulate the parishioners of Holy Family Parish in Port Allen on the completion of their church renovation. After years of planning and fund raising, and then months of attending Mass in Jubilee Hall during the construction, the day has finally arrived to rededicate their new and improved church. Bishop Robert Muench will celebrate the Mass of dedication at 11:30 a.m. next Sunday, February 1, 2015.

Windows were added to introduce more natural light, the sanctuary was enlarged and furnished with a new altar and ambo, and the risen Christ figure attached to the back wall was replaced with a crucifix which is suspended above the altar. And yes, the famous carpet was also ripped out in favor of new tile flooring. Father David Allen presented fragments of the old carpet to Father Miles Walsh and Msgr. Robert Berggreen at our recent Clergy Study Days in Natchez.

As I mentioned last week, I am helping with an Engaged Encounter this weekend, January 23-25, so please welcome Father Matthew Bonk, CSsR, as he celebrates our Masses in my absence. Please remember also the Valentine's Day raffle being sponsored by our parish pastoral council. First prize will be a gift

basket containing champagne, chocolate, and a gift card for dinner at Juban's 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 are available for purchase after our weekend Masses. The drawing will be held on Sunday, February 8, right after the 11:00 Mass.

Our monthly Parish Pot-Luck Dinner is this Thursday evening, January 29, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. The theme this month is *Italian* so I look forward to a delicious selection of Italian delights. Next Sunday, February 1, is Super Bowl Sunday so it looks like I best wait until Lent to start my new regimen of exercise and healthy eating. Our clergy workshop stressed nutrition, rest, and exercise as key components to a healthy and happy lifestyle, so I guess I will try to make a few changes to my routine, but not until after the Super Bowl.

In Christ,
Father Matt

Christian Formation

FIRST EUCHARIST RETREAT

Saturday, January 31, 2015

9:00 am—12:00 pm

Donuts, juice and coffee provided (8:40—9:00 am)

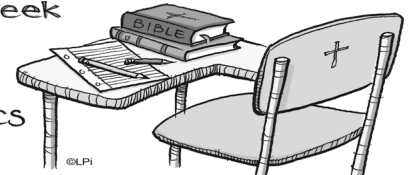
Parents & Students are required to attend.

Books to be checked for completion

NEEDED:
CHILDREN'S CHURCH CATECHIST
FOR 9:00 AM MASS

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS week

- FAITH
- ACADEMICS
- SERVICE



BIBLE STUDY

"Oremus" - Means Let Us Pray

Begins Thursday, February 5 at 6:30 pm

Activity Center

Cost is \$15 for the Workbook

Please call the Parish Office to Register.



*THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS
NOW BURNING IN MEMORY
OF RUBY ROBICHEAUX*

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to Shelby Ann Batts, daughter of Kyle & Emily Batts. Shelby was baptized here last weekend.

Parish Organizations

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Ruth Landry for chairing the committee during the month of January. Chaircouple for February will be Bill & Geri Schneider (749-3508). Please give them a call with any concerns.

The committee would like to thank friends & family of Jewel Wilson & Norwood Blanchard for the recent donations.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Eldon & Josie Delaune and their group for cleaning the church during the month of January. Cleaning for February will be done by Patricia Lefeaux (749-3108). Please give her a call if you want to help.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, February 1

Monthly Communion Service for K.C. Members & their families at 7:30 am Mass.

Coffee & Donuts will be served After 7:30 am Mass in the Activity Center.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING COURSE

NFP is safe, healthy and up to 99% effective...and it can change your hearts in surprising ways. Take a course in natural family planning from the Couple to Couple League and discover its rich health & marital benefits. The next class series begins Wednesday, February 28 at 6:30 pm at Family Health Center, 3801 North Blvd., Baton Rouge. For more info or to register visit www.celi.org.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

January 18, 2015

REGULAR:

252 Identified- - - - - \$ 9,696.83
Loose Collection- - - - - 621.00
TOTAL- - - - - \$10,317.83

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 or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Our Father,

We seek you in so many ways and places in our life.

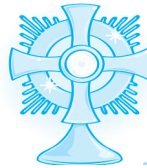
We seek you for guidance and for comfort.

But you have told us that when there is hunger, it is up to us to feed the hungry.

We ask you to help us see you in other Christians and humbly ask you for strength in the search for what we have in common.

Bless our efforts to look at all the ways we are united in faith, and grant us courage to change our hearts and minds to realize your will.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might have Eternal Life

This is the Son of God! Believe in Him! Visit Him!

All night Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, February 6th at 8pm thru Saturday, February 7th at 8am.

Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of Church.

For more info, contact Julie@749-8260 or Mary@324-5289

ROSARYVILLE RETREAT

Being a Real Apostle Right Where You Are
March 19, 2015

Sister Rose Bowen, O.P. Day of Prayer

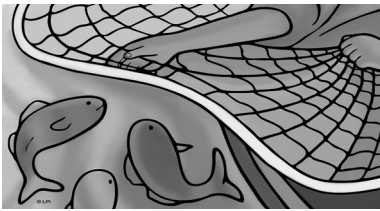
Come and learn how to become a real apostle now through a Day of Prayer & Reflection. Beginning at 9 am with coffee and fellowship, talks will start at 9:30 am with discussion and quiet time for reflection. Lunch will be served at noon. Cost for the day is \$35. The Eucharist will be celebrated at 2:30 pm. For more info call Rosaryville at 225-294-5039 or visit <http://www.catholicretreatcenter.org>.

Readings for the Week of January 25, 2015

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Repent, and believe in the gospel." What would happen if Jesus spoke these commanding words today? Would his listeners accuse him of shoving his religion down their throats? Would they give him a lecture on tolerance or insist that repentance is an outdated idea from a bygone era obsessed with guilt? How many of us would actually listen to him, take him at his word, and do what he said?

Our modern sensitivities have been programmed to respond with skepticism, if not anger, to any suggestion that there is a "right" way of doing things or a "true" religion. Much of our culture subtly preaches that right and wrong is all relative and that religions are all generally the same. But when Jesus tells us to repent, he implies that some of the choices we are making are wrong, that we need to change; to eliminate our sins, to turn toward God, and to become more loving, more generous, and more forgiving. And when he tells us to believe in the Gospel, he's not just making a recommendation or offering some sage advice. He is giving us directions for what we need to do to enter into "the kingdom of God."

The challenge we face in our day and age is to silence the societal messages that color our thoughts and instead listen to Jesus with an open mind. Are we willing to let his words affect us? Are we ready to examine our lives and repent of our sins? Are we prepared to believe the good news he preached of salvation and forgiveness? His message is more than a command. It's an invitation. He wants us to share in the glory of his heavenly kingdom, now and for all eternity. The question is only how we will respond to this divine invitation.