



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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## Parish Staff

Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain, *Pastor*  
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Carolyn Dupuy, *Bookkeeper*  
Pat Durbin, *Parish Secretary*  
Karen Lemoine, *Christian Formation*  
Larry Durbin, *Maintenance Supervisor*  
Richard Rabalais, *Maintenance*  
Celeste Veillon, *Music Director*

## 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 am) or by appointment

## 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.

## Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:30–4:30  
Office closed for lunch 12:30–1:30

## January 6, 2013



### The Epiphany of the Lord

When people in the entertainment industry reach a top level of fame and expertise in their profession, we talk about them as having a lot of star power. These are the men and women who eclipse lesser lights in the entertainment constellation. No matter the generation, there are always names like Monroe, Taylor, Burton, Olivier, McCartney, Springsteen, Madonna, Hanks, Streep, or Sarandon who will shine brighter than others who will also have their name inscribed on the Walk of Fame. Stars at this level of their craft can basically ask for whatever they want because they are sought after by just about everyone. Their performances, whether a live concert or on the screen, have the ability to unite people in a common experience.

The real "star" of Matthew's Gospel today is not the one that appears in the sky to the Magi. Yes, that star is an important sign-it led the Magi from the east to Jerusalem where they learned of the prophecy about Bethlehem. That star led them to the home of the Child they would worship. This Child is the real star of the Gospel story. He comes into the world. In the midst of conflict and division, exemplified by Herod's distrust and fear, Jesus comes as the newborn king to save his people from their sins. As Matthew tells it, Jesus is the One who unites faithful Jew and believing Gentile bringing together all those who would seek the truth and follow his teaching.

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the world. His revelation means that people must choose whether to follow him or not. Herod had that choice. So did the Magi. Men and women from every race and nation come to Christ. Once they choose to follow Christ, they become brothers and sisters of one another. Christ unites all believers in a common experience, his call to love. That's star power beyond imagining!

*They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11*

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The Epiphany was traditionally celebrated as a holy day of obligation on January 6 twelve days after Christmas, but was moved to the Sunday between January 2 and 8 by the Bishops' Conferences of many countries in order to highlight its importance. We are fortunate that January 6 falls on a Sunday this year so we get to celebrate the feast on the actual twelfth day of Christmas.

You are no doubt aware that the Feast of the Epiphany also marks the beginning of the Carnival season and the sudden appearance of king cakes in office lunch rooms everywhere. They provide an early test for those who resolved to cut back on their calorie intake in the New Year. Catholic Louisiana is not a "resolution friendly" environment, especially when it comes to food and drink. However taking time to reflect on one's health, happiness, and corresponding areas for improvement can still be a worthwhile endeavor.

What are the small change we could make to our lifestyles or schedules to help reduce stress and increase happiness? For example, many studies have identified lack of sleep as a serious concern affecting the health and happiness of many teenagers and adults. One resolution might be to strive for an extra hour of sleep each night by foregoing late night television or internet activity. I imagine that our productivity and relationships would all benefit from more rested minds and bodies.

People with strong relationships feel more balanced and better able to handle some of the stresses of life. Marriage, families, and friendships are very lifegiving if we devote time and energy to nurture and sustain them. Family meals, game nights, afternoon walks, communal prayer time, date nights, and other activities make all the difference in the world to our happiness. Now is an appropriate time to examine our routines to see if we are spending enough time with those we love.

Another good idea is to try to slow down the pace of life. Several years ago I noticed that I was constantly rushing in the morning to get ready for Mass or work, and then also hurrying to drive to appointments or events during the day, and so decided to allow a little more time for preparation and travel. You would be surprised how much difference 15 minutes can make to one's morning ritual, or even five minutes can make to one's allotted travel time. It is much better to arrive early and calm rather than late and stressed.

The Bishop's Respect Life Rally is this Sunday, January 6. from 2:00—4:00 p.m. at the Catholic Life Center Main Auditorium. The keynote speaker is Theresa Notare, assistant director of the Natural Family Planning Program at the U.S. Bishops' Conference. There will also be a living rosary and presentations by the Pro-Life Oratory Contest winners, and babysitting is available. Next Saturday, January 12, is the Louisiana Life March beginning at 1:00 p.m. on North Boulevard behind the Old State Capitol. More information and a promotional video can be found on the website <http://www.prolifelouisiana.org/LALifeMarch>.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

## *Christmas at S.J.B.*

*As always, Christmastime at St. John the Baptist was a beautiful experience. Our liturgical celebrations were blessed with the lovely music from our choir. Thanks to Celeste and the choirs for your wonderful presentations. Thanks to our young people for the Gospel enactment.. Thanks also to all liturgical ministers for your service.*

*The beauty of our church was magnified by the elegant decorations done by John Toups and the Environment Committee. Thanks to all!*

*Thanks to all of our parishioners for the many gifts & goodies sent to Father Matt, Deacon Sammy and the Parish Staff.*

*Also, thanks to your generosity, the Food Pantry was able to provide food for 51 families and gifts for 72 children!*

*PEACE & HEALTH TO YOU & YOURS THIS NEW YEAR*



## NEXT BAPTISMAL SEMINAR

Tuesday, January 8, 2013

6:30 pm -Classroom #5

Call the office to register.

Baptisms will be celebrated next week-end at 4:30 pm & 11:00 am Masses

### CATHOLIC COMMENTATOR

Beginning with the first issue in January 2013 (weekend of January 12th & 13th) our Diocesan newspaper, the Catholic Commentator will no longer be delivered to your home. Instead, future issues will be placed on racks set up in church and you will be able to pick up your copy when you attend Mass. If you wish to have your copy emailed to you, send your email address to [ldisney@diobr.org](mailto:ldisney@diobr.org) and a complete copy of each edition will be sent to your email box.

If you are unable to attend Mass and need the Commentator mailed to you, call 387-0983 or send your name and address to the Catholic Commentator, P.O. Box 14716, Baton Rouge, La 70898.

Remember, The Catholic Commentator is on the website [thecatholiccommentator.org](http://thecatholiccommentator.org) both in PDF and story format.

### CENACLE RETREAT HOUSE

Metairie, LA

#### Introduction to Ignatian Spiritual Exercises

January 11-13

A series of presentations for the 1st two weeks of the *Spiritual Exercises* are offered on this retreat.

Presenter: Rev. Peter Callery SJ.

Call (504) 887-1420 for more information or to Register.

### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

December 23, 2012

#### REGULAR:

216 Identified- - - - - \$5,901.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 977.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$6,878.00

Diocesan Services- - - - - \$ 603.00

December 25, 2012

#### REGULAR:

233 Identified- - - - - \$6,244.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 1,809.22

TOTAL- - - - - \$8,053.22

### A VOCATION VIEW

The glory of the Lord is revealed to us every day by the ministry of our priests, religious sisters and brothers. Would you consider helping other people to walk in the Light of the Lord? If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, [mdupre@diobr.org](mailto:mdupre@diobr.org), or visit, [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).

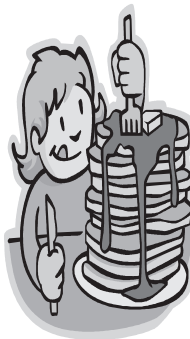


### PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

Please keep in your prayers: Gladys Prejean & family upon the death of her mother, "Ginny" Lefeaux, Carroll Fontenot & family upon the death of his wife, Johnnie Mae Fontenot, and the family of Harlan Truxillo upon his recent death.



*The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?*



### CUB SCOUT PACK 39

#### FUNDRAISER

Pancake Breakfast—\$5.00

Sunday, January 13, 2013

6 am—11 am

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Activity Center

Dine In or Carry Out

For more information

Call Kendul (776-0778) or Kim (936-5189)

### Readings for the Week of January 6, 2013

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22--4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19--5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11/  
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14;  
3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2012-2013**

Donna Badon  
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Wendy Parrish  
Katie Roettger  
Toni Tolar  
David Toups, Chairman  
John Windham, Secretary  
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**CATHOLIC CRUISE TO THE**  
**WESTERN CARIBBEAN**

Come and sail away on a 7-night Catholic Western Caribbean Cruise with Father Edward McLean April 28—May 5, 2013 on the Carnival Conquest out of New Orleans. Ports of Call: Montego Bay (Jamaica), Grand Cayman (Cayman Island), and Cozumel (Mexico). Prices begin at \$1324 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of only \$50 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785/[dpayttc@aol.com](mailto:dpayttc@aol.com).



**DIOCESAN 25th & 30th**  
**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**  
**CELEBRATION**

Sunday, February 24, 2013—3:00 p.m.  
Sacred Heart Church—Baton Rouge

Be sure to call the parish office if you are celebrating your 25th, 50th or greater anniversary and want to attend.

PLEASE NOTE: You must have already celebrated your anniversary before February 24th to attend this year. Any after that date will be honored in 2014.

ALL KINGS &  
NATIONS  
WILL SERVE HIM

Three crowns of different styles are arranged in a row. The first is a simple crown with three points, the second is a more ornate crown with a cross on top, and the third is a crown with a large 'M' shape on top.