



# 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  
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

*The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. - Mk 6:30-31b, 32*

Dear Parishioners,

We recently mailed a small *St. John the Baptist Guide Book and Telephone Directory* to every registered family in our parish. Please call the parish office if you did not receive one so we can correct your mailing address in our computer. Extra copies are available in the church office for new parishioners and others who did not receive one.

We plan on updating and mailing out a new directory each year so please let us know if your address or telephone number changes. I also encourage anyone who has not yet registered to fill out a census card so that we can add your contact information to our records. The cost of the new annual directory as well as our weekly bulletin is paid for by the local businesses who advertise in them so please try to support their businesses.

I will be officiating at the wedding of one of my nieces next Saturday, July 25, at St. Francis of Assisi Church in New Orleans, so Father David Allen and Father Reuben Dykes have kindly agreed to celebrate all of our Masses here next weekend. Holy Family has a missionary priest visiting next weekend to make an appeal so that allowed them to help us out. The mission appeal in our parish is scheduled for later this summer at all Masses on August 22-23.

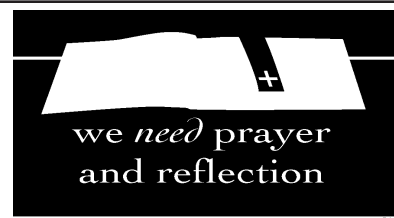
I have three nieces and the one whose marriage I am celebrating is the youngest of the three and the last to be married. She is an audiology doctoral student and her fiancé is a veterinarian. Maybe her area of specialization will allow her to discover a treatment for male selective hearing. It is a condition that has troubled wives for eons, but maybe God in his wisdom has a purpose for all of these mysteries. Thankfully, many women have developed strategies for working around this and other gender specific ailments.

Priests cannot profess to be experts in marital dynamics since we do not have firsthand experience of the joy of marriage. We may offer a little coaching from the sidelines but otherwise try to maintain a safe distance so as not to give the appearance of partiality. But as a life-long member of the fraternal order of men, who am I to judge selective hearing?

Our 11<sup>th</sup> graders leave for their Confirmation Retreat in just over a week on Monday, July 27. I will attend the retreat with them in order to hear confessions, celebrate Mass, and offer my support as they prepare for this important sacrament. In just two short years most of them will be leaving home to continue their education in college, the military, or some other vocation. A well-developed prayer life, a mature faith, and a strong sense of community will serve them well as they finish high school and prepare for the next phase of their lives. Please pray that they may be open to the Holy Spirit and that God will touch them on this retreat.

Thank you to all of the children, teenagers, and parents from St. John the Baptist and Holy Family Parishes who participated in Vacation Bible School last week. Its annual success is due to your generous gift of time, talent, and faith. A special thanks to June Hebert and Karen Lemoine from our Christian Formation Office for their service and leadership. Please consider volunteering to help them with our Religious Education classes this fall and spring.

In Christ,  
Father Matt



## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

*"But Who do you say that I am?  
You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."  
(Matthew 16:15-16)*

The Most Blessed Sacrament is the God Man Jesus Christ in the fullness of His divinity and humanity. Our faith centers on this Truth and is not up for debate. Do you believe or do you need help in your unbelief?

Please sign up for an hour with the Living God!  
**Fri., July 31st at 8pm—Sat., August 1st at 8am.**  
Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of the Church.  
For more info contact [Mary@324-5289](mailto:Mary@324-5289) or  
[Julie@749-8260](mailto:Julie@749-8260).



## R.C.I.A.

### (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Have you or someone you know expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

RCIA offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic faith. Weekly sessions focus on the teachings of the church, faith experiences, understanding scripture and preparing you to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at Eastertime.

**Open House is Wednesday, August 26, 2015.**

Please call the Parish Office at 749-2189 to register or receive more information on RCIA.



CONGRATULATIONS

*JARROD & KAYLA TEMPLET TROXCLAIR  
WHO WERE MARRIED HERE LAST WEEK!*

*and to*

*LOGAN DEAN GOODLY, SON OF  
MEAGAN GOODLY, WHO WAS BAPTIZED HERE LAST  
WEEKEND.*



ARCHDIOCESE OF  
NEW ORLEANS

*Retreat Center*

### Upcoming Retreats

**August 7-9, 2015**

Living as a Fully Alive  
Catholic  
*Rev. Joe Palermo*

**August 19, 2015 – Day of Prayer**

Why Did the Good  
Samaritan Stop?  
*Rev. Matthew Linn, S.J.*

**August 14-16**

Emotional Sobriety  
*Sr. Linda Fischer, ASC*

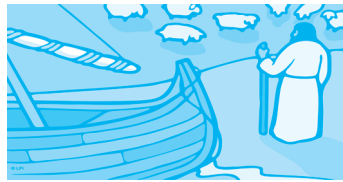
**August 19-22, 2015**

The Road to Resilience:  
Turning Stress into Strength  
*Rev. Matthew Linn, S.J.*

5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie, LA 70006  
(504) 267-9604 \* [retreats.arch-no.org](http://retreats.arch-no.org)

## A VOCATION VIEW

When the apostles were trying to reflect on their ministry, Jesus asked them to “Come by yourselves to a out-of-the-way place.” Listening to God in quiet prayer is very important in vocation discernment. Listen to God’s voice in an out-of-the-way place. If you feel the call is genuine, call or email Father Matt Dupre’ at 225.336.8778, [mdupre@diobr.org](mailto:mdupre@diobr.org), or visit, [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).



*Pray for  
Vocations*

## FAMILY CHOICES

Transitions in Aging

Presented by the Diocese of Baton Rouge

Saturday, August 29, 2015

9:00 am—3:00 pm

Registration begins at 8:30 am

Catholic Life Center

1800 S. Acadian Thruway

Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Featured Speakers: Lisette Borne, Darryl Ducote, LCSW, Rev. Donald Blanchard & Rev. Gerald Burns, Roxanne Bingham.

Cost: \$15/Walk-ins: \$20, Lunch Provided

CEU hours will be awarded to Social Workers for attendance of the entire program and completion of the post program evaluation.

Register online at [www.MFLDiobr.org](http://www.MFLDiobr.org) or call the Office of Marriage & Family Life 225.242.0323



### PRAYERS & SYMPATHY to:

*Carol Davis & family upon the death  
of her mother, Josephine L. Lapeze.*

## STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

July 12, 2015

### REGULAR:

234 Identified- - - - - \$9,323.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 600.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$9,923.00

Catholic Charities—1,115.00



## Readings for the Week of July 19, 2015

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34  
Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42  
Tuesday: Ex 14:21--15:1/Mt 12:46-50  
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17  
Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23  
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28  
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2014-2015**

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**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things." Jesus felt pity ... and so he taught? Yes. Jesus gave his teachings out of love and concern. He gave them because he knew that they were what his followers needed. He did not teach in order to control, manipulate, brainwash, or coerce us. He did not teach in order to show his wisdom or prove his superiority. Jesus gave us his teachings as a way of guiding us, protecting us, and walking alongside us--like a good shepherd.

It's important for us to welcome the teachings of Christ and his body, the church, in this spirit. Too often, people misconstrue church teaching as something restrictive or controlling instead of understanding that Jesus handed down these teachings to us in order to help us find happiness and fulfillment. When we live according to church teaching, we are doing more than just being "good." We are also staying close to the shepherd of whom today's psalm speaks: "In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul." These benefits are ours when we follow the voice of the One who loves us.

Sometimes, we may not like what the voice is saying. Sometimes we may be drawn towards a different path or think that the grass is greener elsewhere. But by humbly acknowledging that the Shepherd--and his church--have great wisdom and a unique perspective to share, we will be led in the right direction. Though it may feel like a sacrifice at first, ultimately this loyalty to the flock will enable us to enjoy the contentment of those who declare, "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."