



**ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST**  
 catholic church

*July 4, 2021  
 Fourteenth Sunday  
 In Ordinary Time  
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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**

Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain ..... Pastor  
 Carolyn Dupuy ..... Bookkeeper  
 June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
 Pedro Hernandez ..... Custodian  
 Layne Mire ..... Parish Secretary  
 Celeste Veillon ..... Music Director  
 Lil Stutes ..... Mothers' Day Out

**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 – Please 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 as soon as possible. Communion calls to homebound weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

**CHRISTIAN BURIAL**

Family should contact the Pastor to begin funeral arrangements.

**PRAYER LINE**

Please call the Parish Office.





Dear Parishioners,

The changes in priests' parish assignments in our Diocese took effect on Thursday, July 1. Included were a few changes to the personnel of parishes located within our Northwest Deanery. Father Ryan Hallford succeeded Father David Allen as pastor of Holy Family Parish in Port Allen. Father David is now happily retired and living at his home in Baton Rouge. Father Chris Decker became pastor of St. Mary of False River Parish in New Roads. He succeeds Father Mike Schatzle who had been serving as temporary administrator of the parish following the resignation of Pat Broussard from priestly ministry.

Father Arun John, IMS, is appointed as the administrator of the three parishes of St. Joseph in Grosse Tete, Immaculate Heart of Mary in Maringouin, and St. Frances Cabrini in Livonia. Father John had previously served in the Diocese for several years before returning to India for the past few years. I am not sure if he has arrived back in the U.S. just yet due to travel restrictions stemming from the coronavirus. Father Amrit Raj, IMS, will stay on as parochial vicar for the three parishes.

Father Brad Doyle is now pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in St. Francisville. He will also spend one day each week at Angola State Penitentiary celebrating Masses in the various camps for the Catholic inmates. Father Brad succeeded Father Cary Bani who is now pastor of St. Joseph Cathedral.

Father Brad Doyle was ordained in 2015 and Father Ryan Hallford in 2017. Both have been serving as parochial vicars until now, so this marks their first assignments as pastor of a parish. The transition from parochial vicar to pastor is an exciting time in the life of a priest, but also one which tests the vocational maturity of the priest. There will be moments of great joy and pride, as well as moments of frustration and sorrow as they grow in their priesthood and spiritual fatherhood.

My first assignment as pastor was to Immaculate Conception Parish in Lakeland. It was a very good place to learn in that it did not have a school or mission chapel attached to it. A parish with fewer moving parts is usually more manageable and provides time for a new pastor to learn how to lead after the example of Christ, the Good Shepherd. We have to learn how to ask for help, how to say no, how to avoid burnout, and how to allocate time for prayer, ministry, deskwork, fraternity, and rest.

I thank Luis Garfias for volunteering to chair this year's "Feast on the Levee" set for Sunday, October 24, 2021. Luis spoke at all of our Masses two weeks ago in order to introduce himself and solicit volunteers for this important community event. Please offer your help so that this year's festival will truly be a "homecoming" after the trials of the past year.

The parish office will be closed on Monday of this week in celebration of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

In Christ,  
Father Matt





To All of my Friends at SJB:  
I would like to give a huge THANK YOU to all of you that came to support me on the weekend of my ordination to the Priesthood! Your prayers, love and support of me throughout these years of formation made this journey possible and I was so happy to see so many of you at the Ordination Mass and at my Masses of Thanksgiving in Vacherie. Please know of my sincere gratitude for the gifts received, but it's the gift of your love and support that has meant the most to me. Please keep me in your prayers and know that you are in mine. There is much to be hopeful for as these days of 2021 quickly go by and we all journey together doing our own unique part of bringing the Good News to all that we encounter. God's blessing always,  
Father Danny Roussel

## CONFIRMATION RETREAT



**Thirty Eight 11th Graders attended the Confirmation Retreat on June 24-26 that was led by Deacon Candidate Michael Parker of Our Lady of Holy Rosary Church.**



**The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of Gracie Hernandez.**



## 2021 VBS REGISTRATION

St. John the Baptist VBS  
SESSION 1—July 12—16, 2021 9am—11:30am  
All aboard the Rocky Railroad!  
Registration and Volunteer Forms available at the back of Church, in the Church Office, the Christian Formation Office and on-line at <http://www.sjb-brusly.com>

**GRADES K-5**

**REGISTRATION ENDED JUNE 29TH  
LATE REGISTRATION FEE IS \$25**

for additional information contact

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**Session 2 is canceled due to lack of enrollment.**



**CATECHISTS NEEDED  
for Religion Classes that begin  
August 15th.**

**Please call June 749-3387  
or email her:**

[june@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com](mailto:june@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com)

**Baptism Seminar  
July 14th  
6:00pm  
Please call the Church  
Office to register.**



Please pray and encourage those who you think may seek a religious vocation. Please contact Father Josh Johnson 225-336-8778 if God is calling you, or email him: [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org)



**Stewardship of Finances  
June 27, 2021**

**137 Identified: \$6,357.00  
Loose Collection: + 755.00  
Total: \$7,112.00**

**Peter's Pence Collection: \$732.00**

# St John the Baptist Parish Council Members

2020-2021

John Begue

Bob Bewick

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Christie Chapman, Secretary

Wayne Delapasse

Paige Fitzgerald

Janice Hebert

Fr. Matt Lorrain


Mary Claire Meyer, Chairman

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Derek Scott, Vice-Chairman

Jewel Woods




**14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY**  
IN ORDINARY TIME

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!"  
- Mk 6:2

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## Readings for the week of July 4, 2021

- Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/  
Mk 6:1-6a
- Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/  
Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15  
[15a]/Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11,  
18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17,  
18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15
- Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40  
[39a]/Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7  
[cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33
- Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph  
1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13



**THANKS to all of you  
who gave blood on June  
13th to make the Blood  
Drive a success!  
It will save a life!**