



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

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." - Mk 6:7, 10-11

Dear Parishioners,

It has been interesting to follow the various reactions of Church leaders, politicians, and legal experts to the recent Supreme Court ruling granting same-sex marriage. Some have penned helpful, well-reasoned statements regarding the meaning and implications of the decision, while others have issued more emotional expressions of either outrage or celebration.

Recent polls have shown a growing acceptance for same-sex marriage, even among Catholics, so in one sense we should not have been surprised by the ruling. Most Catholic leaders would have preferred the establishment of some type of "civil union" for same-sex couples seeking equal rights under the law, but such structures are difficult to create and sustain. As we learned from the sad history of racial segregation in this country, "separate but equal" policies were rarely able to deliver equality in terms of education, housing, employment, transportation, or health care.

As Catholics, we still have some way to go before we can say that racial prejudice has been removed from our thinking and behavior, and it will probably be quite some time before we can say that homosexuals are treated with respect and dignity. We don't have to sacrifice our principles in order to treat people with kindness and charity. This is the second half of the great commandment as taught to us by Jesus.

As for marriage, I am not too worried that the state may ask me to go against my conscience or the teachings of my faith. Right now priests serve as agents for both the state and the Church when presiding at weddings. It would not be too difficult to separate the secular from the sacred and have couples repeat their vows before a justice of the peace in addition to celebrating the sacrament of marriage in Church. This is already the practice in many other parts of the world including countries with a majority Catholic population. This latest Supreme Court decision has no bearing on our Catholic understanding of the sacrament of marriage.

Our Catholic faith is a beautiful treasure which guides and shapes every aspect of our being, and brings us into an ever closer relationship with the Lord. No

earthly kingdom or system of government will ever be able to incorporate all of God's law. Some cultures and governments are respectful of religion while others are more openly hostile to religious belief and practice. Our task is to participate fully in the democratic process so as to influence the shaping of laws which safeguard human life and dignity.

Remember that Vacation Bible School is this week from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday, in the activity center and classrooms. Please watch out for the children and be extra careful in the parking lot during drop off and pick up. I know the kids will have a great time getting together with their friends and classmates for a fun week of activities. Thank you to all of our volunteers from St. John the Baptist and Holy Family Parishes who give so generously of their time to make VBS a success.

In Christ,
Father Matt



Vacation Bible School 2015
St. John the Baptist/Holy Family
"Exploring Mt. Everest,
With God Everything is Possible"
July 13—17, 2015 (9 am—12 Noon)
Grades K—5
Registration Fee \$20 (\$60 family max)
Pick up registration forms in the parish office or
in the back of church. You can also download
applications from our website: sjb-brusly.com

NEEDED!!!
Adult & Youth Volunteers (Forms available in
the Parish Office and in the back of church).

Call Jennifer LeJeune: 336-4463
Karen Lemoine: 749-3387 or June Hebert: 749-3387

K.C. CALENDAR WINNERS—JUNE

Tommy & Janell Whittington, Tim Robillard, Kerrilyn Breaux, Bill Scott, Joey & Stephanie Mire, Jimmy Hebert, Wayne Martinez, Kathy & Ray LeJeune, Karen St. Cyr, Kenneth R. Ferachi, Rhonda Lampton, Kenyetta White, Donald Braud, Tracy Lopez, Emery Broussard, Nancy Rousseau, Paul M. Levert, Marla Tullier, Josie Theriot, Myrt Provost, Roland Pintado, Sandra Broussard, Kendra Gomez, Jeanie Martinez, Donna Olinde, Troy Lake, Anna Aucoin, Mary & Jerry Zimmerman, Bryan & Jackie Guillot, Lucy Blanchard

A VOCATION VIEW

God will provide for you on your journey. Trust that you will receive the grace to carry out the mission. If you make time for prayer, God will help you with the rest. If you think God is calling you to a church vocation, call or email Father Matt Dupre' at 336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.



*Pray for
Vocations*

ROSARYVILLE RETREAT HOUSE

Ponchatoula, LA

Men's Emmaus Retreat

July 24—26, 2015

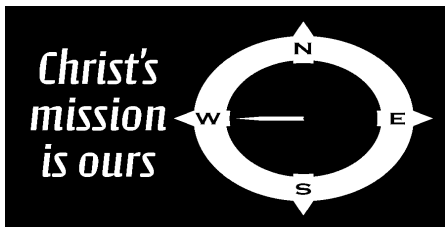
Put aside all the "hustle and bustle" of daily life and attend the upcoming men's Emmaus retreat the weekend of July 24—26, 2015. This retreat is based on the scripture passage "The Road to Emmaus" (Luke 24:13-35) and is an uplifting experience that has a profound effect on men's lives. Begins at 5:00 pm Friday and ends after 5:30 pm Mass on Sunday. Call Norm Madere at (504) 481-0411 or Rick Valadie (504) 267-4944 for more information.



***THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
IS NOW BURNING IN MEMORY
OF THELMA "TEL" DAIGLE***

*PRAYERS & SYMPATHY ARE
EXTENDED TO MERNIE BARNES &
FAMILY UPON THE DEATH OF HER
MOTHER, MARTHA ELAINE NAIL.*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:
GREGORY & TAYLOR BROUSSARD GOSSEN
WHO WERE MARRIED HERE LAST WEEK!**



"INFERTILITY: YOU'RE NOT ALONE"

The Diocese of Baton Rouge Marriage and Family Life Office will be offering a day-long workshop discussing the struggle of infertility from a Catholic perspective. The day will include discussions on the spirituality of infertility, medical cause and treatment options, balancing hope and grief, and more. Speakers include Carmen Santamaria, co-author of the Infertility Companion for Catholics, Dr. Susan Caldwell, and Darryl Ducote, LCSW. The event will take place at St. Thomas More Church Parish Activity Center at 11441 Goodwood Blvd. in Baton Rouge on Saturday, July 25 2015, from 9:30 am—4:00 pm. The cost is \$10 per person and includes lunch. For more information or to register online, visit: www.MFLDiobr.org. If you have any questions, please contact the Marriage & Family Life Office at 225-242-0323.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS

RETREAT CENTER

*Come to the Quiet: 5-day Silent Directed Retreat
July 23—29, 2015*

Begins at 5 pm on Thursday, July 23rd and ends after
Breakfast on Wednesday, July 29th

This retreat is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. No formal presentations as you will meet with an assigned spiritual director daily. Cost: \$425 per retreatant. This includes room, board, and a stipend for the spiritual director. For more information or to register call (504) 267-9604 or 1-800-937-9170.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY RADIO
NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

Listen and Call in!

A Radiothon will be held on July 14th, 15 and 16th. Listen for your favorite priests and other voices you know! If you like what you hear and want to keep this station and its quality Catholic broadcasting on the air in our area, call in your pledge or donation at 1-855-341-5199.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

July 5, 2015

REGULAR:

264 Identified- - - - - \$16,493.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 647.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$17,140.00

Readings for the Week of July 12, 2015

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/
Mk 6:7-13

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34--11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10--12:14/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick--no food, no sack, no money in their belts." Jesus gave the Twelve Apostles a remarkable mission. He sent them out two by two to preach repentance, to cast out evil spirits, and to heal the sick. And he made them do it in a spirit of complete dependence upon God. They were not allowed to take anything along that would have given them material comfort or security. These men--who did not even have the witness of other apostles or saints to inspire or give them courage, and who had not yet beheld the Resurrection of the Lord--stepped out into the world with literally nothing but their faith in this man named Jesus. And look what happened! "The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them."

The apostles' trust in God's power to work these miracles through their hands began with trust in God's power to provide for their own needs. Because they didn't have food, shelter, or money, every time they received food or shelter or had their needs met, the apostles were able to see that God was at work in their midst. This experience bolstered their faith and encouraged them in their mission.

When we find ourselves questioning whether we really have the "power" to do what God wants us to do, then we ought to step back and try to depend a little more directly upon God's providence. Tithing is one way to accomplish this.

When we set aside a portion of our income for the sake of others, we make an act of trust in God's power to provide for us. Surrendering this element of care for ourselves allows God to meet our needs himself. And when he does, our faith will flourish too.