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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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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  
Carolyn Dupuy ..... Bookkeeper  
Pat Durbin..... Parish Secretary  
June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
Karen Lemoine ..... Christian Formation  
Celeste Veillon ..... Music Director  
Wayne Delapasse..... Maintenance  
Katie Roettger..... Mothers’s 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 – 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



*He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded. - Mk 5:41-42*

Dear Parishioners,

There are only a handful of priests changing parishes this summer, but one of them is Father Ryan Hallford who is moving from Holy Family Parish to St. Jude Parish in Baton Rouge. Father Ryan will serve as parochial vicar at St. Jude under the guidance of Father Trey Nelson. Thankfully Father Matt Dupre will remain in residence at Holy Family to offer Mass assistance at various parishes. Father Michael Miceli also moves this week from his current assignment at South-eastern Louisiana University to take over as pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Baton Rouge.

Please say a prayer for Msgr. Robert Berggreen, the beloved pastor of St. Mary of False River Parish in New Roads. Msgr. Berggreen has been unable to celebrate his weekend Masses for about four weeks now due to back and hip pain. Various priests from around the diocese have been driving to New Roads to help cover their Masses while he recovers. In addition, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Maringouin is dropping from two weekend Masses to one, starting this weekend. IHM shares a pastor with St. Joseph in Grosse Tete and St. Frances Cabrini in Livonia.

The Confirmation Retreat for our 11<sup>th</sup> graders is two weeks from now on Saturday, July 14, at Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola. An off-campus retreat provides a wonderful experience for our candidates to grow closer to God in preparation for their final sacrament of initiation. The date for Confirmation is Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. so please keep them in your prayers during the next six months. I look forward to attending the retreat with our candidates and the Confirmation Team members.

We had another great turnout for our Ministry Appreciation Supper last Saturday. We continued our tradition of recognizing one parishioner for his or her example of service, and this year we honored Wallace Thibodeaux for his faithful and dedicated service to our parish. Wallace serves the Church as a lector, usher, altar server, and as a sacristan for the Saturday Vigil Mass. He is also a dedicated worker at our Feast on the Levee and Vacation Bible School each year. May God continue to bless him and all the many wonderful volunteers in our parish.

This Friday evening and Saturday morning, July 6 & 7, is the monthly all-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament led by our Catholic Daughters. The twelve hour period begins at 8:00 p.m. Friday evening and ends with 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday morning. A schedule is available in the back of church if you would like to sign-up for an hour of prayer and adoration in the presence of our Lord.

The parish office will be closed on Wednesday of this week in celebration of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. Daily Mass is also canceled on Wednesday morning, July 4. Have a safe and happy Fourth with your family and friends!

In Christ,  
Father Matt



Catechists Needed for 2018-2019  
Please Pray About Becoming A Catechist  
THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU. YOUR ENTHUSIASM.  
YOUR CREATIVITY AND THE JOY THAT IS SO  
CHARACTERISTIC OF YOU.

POPE FRANCIS



Registration and Volunteer forms are in the back of Church or online at [www.sjb-brusly.com](http://www.sjb-brusly.com)

Join us for  
**VBS 2018**  
July 9th - 13th



VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING THURSDAY JULY 5TH

6:30 PM  
ACTIVITY CENTER



Several children were baptized here recently. We send our congratulations to them and their families:  
*Finley Olivia Judith Peden, daughter of Oliver & Desiree' Peden, Annabelle Rose & Alexander Luke Irvine, children of Christopher & Kristy Irvine, Charleston Ryan Rockforte, son of Nicholas & Hannah Rockforte, and Harley Elizabeth Bouy, daughter of James & Kayla Bouy.*

WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!

## Mausoleum

### NEW MAUSOLEUM IN CEMETERY

#### *Is it fair to your Loved Ones?*

Do I get one place or two—maybe three? Should I fix vaults in the ground, build a tomb, or buy in the mausoleum? These are questions you will have to answer one day. What would you do if something happened in your family tomorrow? It's human nature, we do not like to think about and much less discuss this subject, but death is inevitable. Getting a place ahead of time is good family planning and simply put, makes good practical sense, especially when your church has its mausoleum program. You have choices: There are two different types of doubles and three different levels. The moment you sign up you are covered. The main thing is that you have the opportunity as husband and wife to do this together in the privacy of your own home and are not doing this because something happened! You owe it to yourself and your loved ones to at least get the information from one of your representatives while they are here and then you can decide. After all, this is something that you do once in a lifetime. Mail your card today or call the Church Office (749-2189) to leave your name and phone number and a Mausoleum representative will call you back.



*Rest In Peace*

### PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

*are extended to the family  
of Paul Ramagos upon his recent death.  
Please keep them in your prayers.*

### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

June 24, 2018

#### REGULAR:

170 Identified- - - - - \$6,302.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 769.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$7,071.00

Peter's Pence- - - - - \$1,053.00



### A VOCATION VIEW

The measure that you measure with will be measured back to you. If you think you may be called to serve Jesus as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, consider the measure of God's mercy you will give or receive, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit, www.diorb.org/vocations.

#### BAPTISM



A BAPTISMAL CLASS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 11 AT 6:00 PM IN CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSROOM #5. IT IS MANDATORY THAT PARENTS ATTEND A CLASS BEFORE BAPTISM.

## Blue Mass

Third Annual "Blue Mass" Honoring first responders and law enforcement will be held at St Gerard Majella Catholic Church, 5354 Plank Road, Baton Rouge on Sunday, July 15, 2018 at 10:00 am Mass. A lunch will follow in the Parish Hall.



**HAVE A HAPPY & SAFE FOURTH OF JULY**  
*The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th in honor of this holiday*

LIVING FAITH BOOKLETS for July, August and September are in—Pick up your copy at the Parish Office.

### Readings for the Week of July 1, 2018

- Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/ Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43
- Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [22a]/Mt 8:18-22
- Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/ Jn 20:24-29
- Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17 [23b]/Mt 8:28-34
- Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10cd]/ Mt 9:1-8
- Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131 [Mt 4:4]/Mt 9:9-13
- Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf 9b]/Mt 9:14-17
- Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018**

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**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today's Gospel offers a rare framework -- a story in a story. Most of the healing miracles are standalone encounters. One person approaches Jesus, demonstrates faith, and is healed. The evangelist tells the next story. This Gospel, however, is different. Jesus is on his way to heal one person, a young girl of twelve, and is interrupted on his journey by "a woman afflicted with hemorrhages." She bravely approaches Jesus in a crowd, despite being ritually unclean from her bleeding, and stretches out to touch his cloak. She is healed! Jesus meets her eye, confirms her faith, and continues on to resurrect the young girl.

Reading this passage, it might be easier to identify with one story -- the long-suffering woman or the young, innocent girl -- and to move past the other. But here they sit side by side. The girl is twelve. The woman has been suffering for twelve years. For the Gospel writers, number parallels have deep symbolic meaning.

Between the woman and the young girl, we are not one or the other. We are both. None of us had a perfect childhood, perfect families, or a perfect peer group. As we endure pain, disappointment, or unmet expectations, it can feel like a part of our childhood hopes have died. Our coping mechanisms, social adaptations, and hidden secrets can make us the "walking wounded" in some respects. Jesus wants to do more than simply staunch the bleeding. His healing hand makes dead things come alive. He awakens the dreams that are asleep. This process requires prayer, conversations with trusted community and spiritual mentors, and critical looks at difficult areas of our life. However, we can believe the words of our Lord. If we approach Jesus in faith, believing that he wants to heal and save, we, too, will hear his calming words spoken over the hurts of our life. "I say to you, arise!" "Go in peace."