



*July 21, 2013  
Sixteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
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**ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST**  
catholic church



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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  
Sammy Collura ..... Permanent Deacon  
Julie Ginther Cilano ..... Christian Formation  
Carolyn Dupuy ..... Bookkeeper  
Pat Durbin ..... Parish Secretary  
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 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.

*Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me."*

- Lk 10:38-40

Dear Parishioners,

The church will be closed this week while some work is done to refurbish the finish on our wood floors. We plan to use volunteer labor to remove the kneelers from the pews beginning around 1:00 p.m. Sunday, and then hand it over to the contractor. Our 8:00 a.m. weekday Masses will be celebrated in the Activity Center on Tuesday through Friday, July 23-26, and we hope to begin reinstalling the kneelers at 8:30 a.m. next Saturday, July 27, so as to return to the church for the weekend Masses. Please pray that everything goes as planned.

While you are praying, you might also include an intercession for this year's Confirmation candidates. They are scheduled to attend a three day retreat in two weeks, on August 2-4, at Rosaryville Retreat House near Ponchatoula. This weekend retreat is a new element to our Confirmation program that we are excited to try out this year. The retreat offers a chance for our 11<sup>th</sup> graders to get away just prior to the start of their junior year of high school so as to come together as a class and deepen their relationship with Christ and the Church. I will join them for most of the weekend so that I can get to know them better as well.

The most successful sacramental preparation programs involve both intellectual and spiritual formation. We need a certain amount of classroom work and private reading in order to learn the teachings of our faith and how to integrate them into our everyday living. We also need time for individual and communal prayer, opportunities to see and hear others witness to their faith, and activities which bring us together as one family in Christ. Our redesigned program seeks to address all of these areas so that our 11<sup>th</sup> graders can have a positive and enriching experience culminating in the celebration of Confirmation on April 24, 2014.

The summer has flown by and this coming week is seminarian Patrick Landaiche's last week serving in our parish. We will have an opportunity to say good-bye to him at all of our Masses next weekend, July 27-28. Patrick will then have a couple of weeks for vacation before reporting back to the seminary on August 18 for his final year of philosophy and pre-theology

studies. Then it is on to graduate school at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans for four years of theology and ongoing spiritual formation before ordination to the priesthood in 2018.

Five years seems like a long time for us to wait to see Patrick ordained, but we will try to stay in touch with him and invite him back to visit over his Christmas break. He follows in a long line of seminarians who have served here including Michael Allelo in 2004, Paul Gros in 2006, Brad Doyle in 2008, and Cody Reed in 2010. Michael is now Father Allelo and pastor of St. Philomena Parish in Labadieville; Paul is now Father Gros and pastor of St. Anne Parish in Napoleonville; Brad is interning as a hospital chaplain in preparation for his third year of theology; and Cody is employed by Louisiana Right to Life and engaged to be married. All of them successfully discerned their vocations thanks to your prayers and support.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

**REAL  
WORLD  
SERVICE  
IMMERSION  
CAMP**

**A 5-day experience of  
learning and living the  
principles of  
Catholic Social Teaching  
July 23-27  
Cost: \$80  
Open to current 9th-12th  
graders  
Housing Location:  
St. Isidore, Baker LA  
Contact: Julie Cilano  
225-749-3387  
Register by May 16!**

*Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart's desire—a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?*





### WORK TEAM NEEDED!

We will begin redoing the floors in church this Sunday, July 21st. We will have to remove the kneelers *beginning at 1:00 pm*. If you can help, please call the office (749-2189) ahead of time. We will be using screwdrivers, drills and pry-bars. If you have any, please bring them with you.

**WE WILL NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET!!!**  
Also, we will be putting the kneelers back on the pews Saturday, July 27th beginning at 8:30 am. Please call if you can help!

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### Sunday, August 4

- ⇒ Monthly Communion Service for KC Members & their families at 7:30 am Mass.
- ⇒ Coffee & Donuts will be served after 7:30 am Mass
- ⇒ June Calendar Winners: Lillian Bouchereau, Dolores Laurent, Cathy Theriot, Herbert Aucoin, Tanya Persick, Jodie Rivere, Jonne Comeaux, Alvin "Courtney", Greg Smith, Gerald & Lillie Mabile, Maybeline Granier, KC Council 5352, Michael Badeaux, Kim Landry, Connie Edwards, Sue Richard, Noah Stelly, Esther Chamberlain, Midori Melancon, Ritchie Quinn, Angelo Mancuso, Tim Willis, Lesa & Fred Sanchez, L.J. & Annette Zeringue, Cecile & Randy Gauthreaux, Isabella Pollet, Joey Bourgoyne, Noah Stelly, Tracy Hebert, Rylee Bourgeois

### BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Ruth Landry for chairing the committee during the month of July. Chaircouple for August will be Bill & Geri Schneider (749-3508). Please call them with any concerns.

### ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Cindi Breaux & her group for cleaning the church during the month of July. Cleaning for August will be Lucille Bouquet (687-6927). Please call her to offer your help.

Thanks also to Ella Dean Thibodeaux for making the new purificators.

### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

July 14, 2013

Regular:

222 Identified- - - - - \$9,049.33

Loose Collection- - - - - 665.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$9,714.33

Mission Appeal—\$3,965.50

### A VOCATION VIEW

We are like Martha. There's plenty to be anxious about, but only one thing is required of us. For five minutes today be like Mary; rest with Jesus and ask Him what he requires of you. If you feel the call is genuine, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre at 225.36.8778, [mdupre@diobr.org](mailto:mdupre@diobr.org), or visit, [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).



### WHAT'S AT STAKE?

#### *Medical Ethics and the Impact on You, Your Family and Our Nation*

Learn about the critical medical ethics issues of our day, including nutrition and hydration at the end of life, assisted suicide, medical discrimination, abortion, IVF, healthcare reform and more.

Presentation and Discussion led by Ryan Verret, Director of Louisiana Right to Life Center for Medical Ethics

**Thursday, August 1, 2013**

**7:00—8:30 pm**

**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
Activity Center**

**Free and Open to the Public!**



*THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS  
NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF  
BRITTANY LEDFORD.*

### PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

*To the family & friends of Mrs. Ezora Landry upon her recent death. Please keep them in your prayers.*

### Readings for the Week of July 21, 2013

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday: Ex 14:21--15:1/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

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

Donna Badon  
Maria Bertrand  
Chris Buckle  
Deacon Sammy Collura  
Jerry Deshotel  
Stacy Gauthreaux  
David Landry  
Jules Lefeaux  
Mark Loreno  
Fr. Matt Lorrain  
Andrea Smicker  
Toni Tolar  
David Toups



**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In any household with more than one child, parents have to deal with sibling rivalry. The more benign forms find expression in simple competition, in which one child strives to do better than another in contests or sports. At other times, the rivalry shows itself in a negative light, offering up comments on who's not doing what, whether that is schoolwork or household chores. The supposedly aggrieved child has a heightened sense of justice, often proclaiming that the other child seems to get away with doing less.

It almost seems as though this is what is playing out in the Gospel story today between Martha and Mary. Martha wants Jesus to be the arbiter of the dispute, much as if she would be running to Mom or Dad. Mary seems to have found the sweet spot, sitting at the Teacher's feet. Plenty of German-inspired stained glass windows show exactly that, portraying Mary with an almost beatific quality to her face, while Martha stands in the background with a rather sour grimace. Jesus sits between them as though he is the referee between the two feuding sisters.

Since the time of Augustine the story of Martha and Mary has often been interpreted as a commentary on the difference between the active and contemplative life—with the contemplative winning out. It's hard to imagine that a Gospel such as Luke's, so filled with stories of compassion and assistance, would profess that view. It is Luke's Gospel that includes the story of the good Samaritan, the classic example of active love of neighbor. Maybe a better way for us to understand the story of Martha and Mary is this: Mary's example is a reminder that we must clearly hear what Jesus is teaching. We cannot just run about acting as we always have. Rather, we need to take his teaching to heart, and in that way ensure that our actions are based on his commands.