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Sixteenth 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  
Donna Badon..... Christian Formation  
Carolyn Dupuy ..... Bookkeeper  
Pat Durbin..... Parish Secretary  
June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
Celeste Veillon ..... Music Director  
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 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,

Our parish secretary of 34 years, Mrs. Pat Durbin, will be retiring at the end of this month. I am sorry to see her leave but happy that she will now be able to enjoy a well-deserved retirement. She began working for the Church on August 1, 1985 during the time when Father Howard Hall was pastor. She then provided continuity and expert assistance for all of the priests who followed, namely Fathers Phil Spano, Eric Gyan, Matt Dupré, and me.

The job description of parish secretary might seem simple on the surface—answer the phone, schedule appointments, type certificates, prepare the bulletin, and coordinate the Mass intentions. The challenge of course is to perform all of these tasks while greeting visitors, managing frequent interruptions, and applying parish policies in a manner both fair and charitable.

Pat has maintained her sense of humor and fidelity through all of the ups and downs, and she has served the Church well. I thank her for her service and hope she experiences many blessings in retirement. We are planning a reception for her but have yet to finalize the day and time.

I am happy to announce that Mrs. Layne Mire has been hired to succeed Pat as parish secretary. Layne is a native of the parish and has previously served our community by teaching religion and chairing the large raffle for the Feast on the Levee. She is married to Ron Mire and I am confident she will be an asset to our parish staff.

The training sessions for those interested in a liturgical ministry are this Tuesday, July 23, at the following times: altar servers (5<sup>th</sup> grade and up) at 4:30 p.m., lectors at 5:30 p.m., Eucharistic Ministers at 6:00 p.m., and ushers at 6:30 p.m. in the church. This is for new ministers rather than continuing ministers.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual West Baton Rouge Acadian Heritage Celebration is next Sunday, July 28, from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in our Parish Activity Center. It is free and open to the public and flyers are available in the back of church.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in two weeks on Saturday, August 3, immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass. Any person who is seriously ill because of sickness, old age, or injury may be anointed. The illness may be either physical or mental, and can include addictions. Anointing is also allowed prior to undergoing surgery. Please spread the word to your family and friends who may be in need of the healing graces provided through this special sacrament. And please pray for your fellow parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound, or struggling with cancer or some other serious illness.

Thank you to all of the children, teenagers, and parents 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, Donna Badon, and Karen Lemoine from our Christian Formation Office for their service and leadership. Please consider volunteering to help them with our Christian Formation classes this fall and spring.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

**Catechists Needed  
for 2019-2020**

**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**



# Thank You!

A BIG THANK YOU TO LEIGH MARIONNEAUX,  
PRESTON DUPUY AND ELLA DUPUY FOR  
HELPING TO CREATE OUR AWESOME VBS SET!!



### K.C. CALENDAR WINNERS—JUNE

John Charles Jack Aucoin, Allison Triche, Carolyn Long,  
John & Wendy Daniel, David Odem, Patricia Hergruder,  
Lisa Borne, Deniu Leche, Dal Parker, Craig Templet,  
Angelle Soniat, Merlene Robinson, Celeste Pennison,  
Bobby Palermo, Dane D'Armond, Sailor Bourgeois,  
Dustin Eagan, Jenifer Ducote, Rose Lynn Hebert,  
Jennifer Little, Regina Caffarel, Jax Robert Beatty,  
John A. Breaux, Gerard Zimmerman, Kamryn Tramonte,  
Ann Lynn Landry, Douglas & Connie Templet,  
Gladys & Norris Dupuis, Tiffany & Anthony O'Neill,  
Andy Naquin

### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

July 14, 2019

REGULAR:

149 Identified- - - - - \$10,132.85

Loose Collection- - - - - 404.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$10,536.83

Catholic Charities- - - - \$574.00



**R.C.I.A. OPEN HOUSE**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2019**  
**6:30 PM IN THE RECTORY**

### WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CHURCH??

In response to those who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith and receiving the sacraments, we are having an Open House on Wednesday, August 21st at 6:30 pm in the Rectory.

*This meeting is especially for:*

- ⇒ Someone who wants to become Catholic and has never been baptized.
- ⇒ Someone baptized into another faith and now wants to become Catholic.
- ⇒ Someone baptized Catholic wishing to receive Eucharist and Confirmation.

This meeting is a great time to come, listen, and ask questions. If you feel better bringing someone with you, please do so. We are happy to welcome them, too. There are no obligations for attending. If you come and then decide this is not right for you, that's fine. We welcome you anyway!

Please call the parish office at 749-2189 for more info.



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW  
BURNING IN MEMORY OF BUCK ALLEMAN**

*Rest in Peace*

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to the families of Lois Knapps, Sylvia Haydel & Janell Richard upon their recent deaths. Please keep them in your prayers.

### 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 Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).

### Readings for the week of July 21, 2019

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/  
Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Monday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4,  
5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday: Ex 14:21--15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12,  
17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24,  
25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3,  
4-5, 6 [5]/Mt 20:20-28

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/  
Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/  
Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018**

John Begue  
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**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Active and contemplative. At work and at rest. These are dynamics we all face in our lives, and if we're honest, we might not always balance perfectly! In this Sunday's Gospel, our daily tensions play out in two sisters. Mary "sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak." Martha, on the other hand, is "burdened with much serving." This, as it turns out, is not necessarily "the better part."

All of us reading this have some sort of labor we engage in. We have different trades or careers. We have responsibilities as family members, some of which may take up most of our time. In the time of Scripture, showing hospitality to guests was one of the most important values in society. Our work is important. Jesus himself spent decades as a carpenter. So what's the problem with Martha? Martha is burdened, anxious, and worried. Not only that, but she resents her sister's choice. "Tell her to help me," she demands of Jesus.

How easy it is to get very busy doing good things. We need to provide for our families and plan for retirement. We need to make sure children are clothed, fed, and educated. Our committees, ministries, and sports schedules need to stay on track. However, without a balance of work with rest, without contemplation in the midst of our action, we will miss the point. While many parts are required for our life in the world to function, the better part is our relationship with God. This week, make time in your busy schedule to sit at Jesus' feet. Maybe this is 20 minutes with Scripture, participating in a daily Mass, or a quiet walk alone in the park. Receive what Christ wants to speak to you.