



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
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 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

“Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Do you understand all these things?” They answered, “Yes.” - Mt 13:49-51

Dear Parishioners,

Please pray for our 11th Graders who will be on their Confirmation Retreat this Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at Rosaryville Retreat House. I will spend Monday evening and all day Tuesday with them in order to participate in at least a portion of their retreat. A retreat is a special time of communion with God and the deepening of one’s faith through the mediation of the retreat director and the positive example of one’s peers.

A good number of the men of our parish just attended a retreat at Manresa Retreat House earlier this month. Many of them have made it a practice or tradition to return to Manresa on the same weekend each year in order to give needed time and attention to their spiritual lives. For others this was their first experience of a silent, preached retreat in the Jesuit tradition. Everyone that I spoke to said that it was an excellent retreat this year.

The Cenacle Retreat House in Metairie was recently purchased by the Archdiocese of New Orleans and it now operates as a ministry of the Archdiocese. It has a long history of offering retreats especially for women similar to those offered by Manresa for men. Some of the upcoming retreat directors listed in their newsletter include Father Donald Blanchard, Father Simeon Gallagher, OFM Cap., Sister Catherine Cahill, OSF, and Sister Judith Gomila, MSC. I know many of the women of our parish attend a retreat there at least once a year.

On Wednesday evening of this week we have a meeting of the fair committee to review plans for this year’s “*Feast on the Levee*.” The meeting is at 6:00 p.m. in the Activity Center and anyone is welcome to attend. It’s not too early to begin collecting items for the silent auction or to consider how you would like to contribute to the success of this year’s fair. Please continue your generous support of this important event.

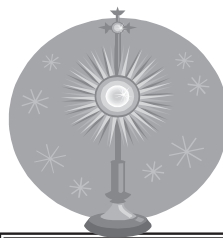
Each of us has a role to play in the success of large parish undertakings such as our annual *Feast on the Levee*. Some people are good at planning and organizing, others excel at recruiting volunteers or soliciting

donations, and still others contribute by cooking and serving. All of us can help by purchasing small or large raffle tickets, and selling some to our friends. Speaking of which, the Quilt raffle has done exceptionally well with its advance sales and will be given away at the *Feast* along with the other prizes.

This Friday evening and Saturday morning, August 1 and 2, is the monthly all-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament led by our Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus. 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.

My schedule has been busy with weddings and other activities this summer, but I plan on taking about ten days of vacation beginning on August 4. I will say a little more about my plans in next week’s bulletin. Have a good week!

In Christ,
Father Matt



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
“You have made us for Yourself
O Lord, and our hearts are restless
until they rest in Thee.”
(St. Augustine)

Restless hearts find joy and peace in
Eucharistic Adoration.
Fri., August 1st at 8pm—Sat., August 2nd at 8am
Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of the Church.
For more info contact Julie @ 749-8260 or
Mary @ 324-5289

Congratulations!

BAPTIZED

*Eden Kate Dawson, daughter of
Dillon Dawson & Katie Soniat*

MARRIED

Larry & Deana Tullier Vicari



Interested in being more engaged in the parish? Come get involved with passing on the Catholic Faith to our young people! They need role models like YOU! Contact the Christian Formation Office for more info.



ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- ◊ Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- ◊ Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For more information please contact the parish office at 749-2189.

Give a little...Gain a lot!
BECOME A MENTOR

Heart 2 Heart Youth Mentoring

Who was your role model as a teenager? Who's advice helped steer you down a path to success? How did the support of a caring adult make you feel?

Today, more than ever, kids need this kind of guidance in their everyday life. Catholic Charities Diocese of Baton Rouge is seeking caring adult volunteers to mentor youth ages 9—17. Become a mentor; change 2 lives!

For more information, contact Lauren Nyman, Heart 2 Heart Youth Mentoring Program Coordinator at 225-336-8700, ext. 405 or lnyman@ccdiobr.org.



STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

July 20, 2014

REGULAR:

216 Identified- - - - - \$6,988.00
Loose Collection- - - - - 409.76
TOTAL- - - - - \$7,397.76

Spiritans Collection—\$4,230.80

A VOCATION VIEW

Are you willing to sell everything you own and follow the Lord? Once you accept the Lord into your life—as a priest, sister or brother—you will not miss those things you have ‘given-up’. Rather, you will rejoice in what you have ‘found’. If God is calling you to a church vocation, call Fr. Matt Dupre’ at 225.336.8778, or email mdupre@diobr.org.



Sunday,
July 27th

We honor our
grandparents
today!

Organizations

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, August 3

- ⇒ Monthly Communion Service for KC Members & their families at 7:30 am Mass.
- ⇒ Coffee & Donuts will be served in the Activity Center after 7:30 am Mass.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Cindi Breaux and her group for cleaning the church during the month of July. Cleaning for August will be done by Lucille Bouquet (687-6927). Please give her a call if you want to lend a hand.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

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

Prayers & Sympathy are extended to Geri Sinclair and family upon the death of her husband, Gary. Please keep them in your prayers.

Readings for the Week of July 27, 2014

- Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
- Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35
- Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53
- Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12
- Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2014-2015

Donna Badon
Maria Bertrand
Jamie Bourg
Chris Buckle
Deacon Sammy Collura
Stacy Gauthreaux
David Landry
Jules Lefeaux
Mark Loreno
Fr. Matt Lorrain
Jason Murphey
Andrea Smicker
Toni Tolar
John Windham



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"When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." How many of us think of our faith as "a pearl of great price"? How many of us really recognize the precious treasure we already possess? As baptized Christians, we have been welcomed into God's family. We are royalty in his kingdom! No matter what our status may be on earth, no matter what treasures we may or may not own right now, we are heirs of God's heavenly kingdom.

It is easy to take this for granted, however. On this side of eternity, it's even a temptation to forget that we have been adopted into God's family. Right now, for us, "the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field." That is to say, the treasure isn't always so obvious. But that doesn't mean it isn't there. It just means that we have to dig a little bit to find it. We have to remove whatever layers of dirt or sand may be obscuring the priceless package and bring it back into the daylight.

So where is our treasure buried? What, if anything, is obscuring the full flourishing of our faith? Is it buried by the demands of work or school? Is our faith hidden beneath the weight of sickness or sorrow? Have we covered it over with false "treasures" that only give us fleeting joy? Or have we never even given our faith the chance to come into the sunlight at all?

Whatever it is for each one of us, we should resolve to recover the treasure that lies beneath our feet. By giving ourselves to Christ, encountering him regularly through prayer, Scripture study, and the sacraments, we too can experience the joy of that blessed merchant who, by selling all he had, truly became rich.