



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 said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. - **Mk 6:4-5**

Dear Parishioners,

The changes in priests' parish assignments took effect a few days ago on July 1. The only change to the parishes located within our Northwest Deanery was the addition of newly ordained Father Reuben Dykes who has been assigned to assist Father David Allen at Holy Family Parish in Port Allen. We welcome Father Reuben to the area and look forward to seeing him at Vacation Bible School, penance services, and other community events.

It has been quite a few years since Holy Family has had an associate pastor, but it is a real advantage for a new priest to be able to adjust to his new life at a smaller parish community. It normally takes several years and more than one assignment to fully embrace and integrate all of the duties, expectations, blessings, and challenges of this sacred vocation. Bishop Muench has also named Father Reuben to be a part-time chaplain at St. Joseph Academy in Baton Rouge.

My first parish assignment after ordination was to St. Patrick Parish in Baton Rouge. It was a little larger than Holy Family in terms of members but it did not have a parochial school. Msgr. Gerald Lefebvre was the pastor; Father James Clement was a retired priest in residence; and Father Patrick Hunter, SJ, was a frequent guest. So I had plenty of priestly fraternity and guidance as I tried to figure out my new identity and all of the responsibilities that went with it.

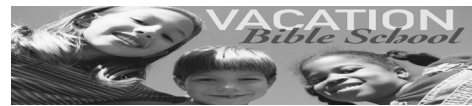
These days, a newly ordained priest does not have the same luxury of time and fraternity to assist in the development of his own pastoral identity. He may only have three or four years before he is made a pastor of a parish. He naturally focuses on the sacramental and pastoral aspects of his vocation, and does not always have adequate time or opportunity to develop the administrative and personal skills needed to be effective and happy as the pastor of a community.

Priests and consecrated religious are greatly supported by the prayers of their parishioners and benefactors. I know that many of you already pray for priests and vocations daily, but it might be a good time for us to reinstitute the "traveling chalice" program where we invite a different family each week to pray for voca-

tions. Starting this fall, I will invite the designated family to come forward after communion on Sunday to receive a small box containing a chalice, rosary, and various family prayers for vocations. They would then set aside a few minutes each evening to pray as a family for vocations. I am looking for someone to coordinate this project for me so let me know if you are interested.

Finally, 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 *Curtis Dupuy* for his faithful and dedicated service to our parish. Curtis has served the Church as a Eucharistic Minister, lector, altar server, sacristan, master of ceremony, Parish Council member, and *Feast* worker. May God continue to bless him and the many wonderful volunteers in our parish.

In Christ,
Father Matt



GEAR UP FOR VBS

MEETING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS
THURSDAY, JULY 9TH
6:30 ACTIVITY CENTER



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

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Opie Vidrine & her group for cleaning the church during the month of June. Cleaning for July will be Carolyn Bourgeois (687-2932). Please give her a call to offer your help.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Joel & Janice Hebert for chairing the committee during the month of June. Chairperson for the month of July will be Ruth Landry (749-3101). Please give her a call with any concerns.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

No Meeting July 15th. Installation of Officers will be held on Wednesday, July 29th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Activity Center.

Coffee & Donuts will be served after 7:30 am Mass today.

ROSARYVILLE SPIRIT LIFE CENTER

Young People Beginning Experience

Thursday thru Saturday, July 23—25, 2015

The loss of a parent through death, or a changed parental relationship through divorce or separation is a traumatic experience for children, or for those in their teens or twenties. In dealing with these losses, they may become withdrawn, fearful, insecure, act out for no apparent reason, become confused or depressed, and often blame themselves. Beginning Experience programs for these age groups provide a place where help and support are offered to work through these emotions. A safe, secure environment allows caring acceptance and feelings of community to blossom. The aim of each program is to help sort out the feelings of loss and pain while strengthening self-esteem and self-acceptance.

Open to teens 14—17. If you have siblings outside of this age range, please call.

To register: call Rose at (514) 283-0279 or visit the website www.beginningexperience.com.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Catholic Charities Collection will be taken up next weekend. Please place your envelope in the regular collection.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

June 28, 2015

182 Identified- - - - - \$6,102.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 484.07

TOTAL- - - - - \$6,586.07

Peter's Pence Collection—\$825.00

A VOCATION VIEW

Are there people you know who you would like to encourage to think about a religious vocation? What would people think if you became a priest, brother or sister? If you feel God calling you to religious life, call or email Father Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

Check This Out...

"French National Day (Bastille Day) Mass"

Set at St. Joseph Cathedral

Saturday, July 11th

St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge is celebrating French National Day and Louisiana's French Heritage at a special Mass on Saturday, July 11th at 4:00 pm. They will be showcasing Louisiana's French Heritage with: *French and English Scripture Readings, Prayers, Music, and a symbolic Presentation of the achievements of the French culture in Louisiana.*

Celebrant will be Fr. Paul Counce, Pastor of the Cathedral.

L'Assemblee' Francaise members will be special guests at the Mass. This organization helped to establish the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana in 1968.

This special Mass is also an opportunity to introduce children to Louisiana's proud French heritage and to celebrate our Louisiana's French culture and language.

Everyone is invited!

ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL & MARTIN LUTHER KING CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER

Attention: All Southern University B.R. Students

You are invited to attend their tent at

"Sundaes on Monday"

August 10, 2015 (12 pm—2 pm)

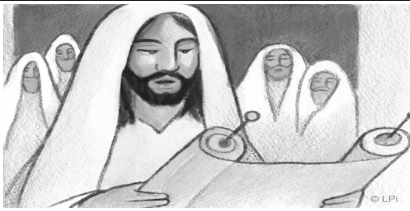
**In front of the Student Union
at Southern University!**

Readings for the Week of July 5, 2015

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/
Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/
Mk 6:7-13

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He was amazed at their lack of faith." The citizens in Jesus' hometown just couldn't bring themselves to believe in him. Even though they "were astonished" when they beheld his wisdom and learned about his mighty deeds, nonetheless, "they took offense at him." What right did one of their local boys have to run around claiming he was a prophet? Prophets come from other places. Prophets are sent by God. The son of the village carpenter would never fit that bill. So in spite of clear evidence to the contrary, the established modes of thinking and the built-in prejudices of the townspeople led them to conclude that Jesus was not who he said he was. Because of this stubborn hardness of heart, Jesus' "own kin" missed out on the gifts that perfect strangers were receiving: "He was not able to perform any mighty deed there."

How often are we like these small-minded villagers? How often do we stay trapped in the regular routine of our daily existence and fail to have the faith to believe that God is right here in our own hearts and our own homes? As Christians, we may know about the wisdom and power of God, but we too often hesitate to acknowledge that this same power can be at work here in our very midst. Just as in Nazareth, our failure to believe can prevent God from working the mighty deeds he would otherwise perform in our lives. If we don't give him the freedom of our faith, if we don't call upon his Spirit to move us and lead us, then we are closing ourselves off from the real miracle right in front of us. Instead, let us open our hearts and our minds to recognize the presence of God, not just in other places, but right here, right now.