



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.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." - Mt 11:28-30

Dear Parishioners,

The new plants which were installed in the brick planters in front of the church last fall seem to be doing well. The *Little Bunny Grass* is the most visible and is a variety of dwarf fountain grass. It produces a bottle-brush style flower which adds simple beauty to the planters. The *Knock Out Roses* on either side of the porte-cochère are also colorful and thriving. Yet to be seen are the *Butterfly African Irises* which were planted down the center of each brick planter. The unusually long winter seems to have slowed their development but let's hope additional sunlight and water will encourage their growth.

Father Michael Begley, C.S.Sp., will visit our parish in two weeks on July 19-20 to make an appeal on behalf of the *Congregation of the Holy Spirit*, also known as the *Holy Ghost Fathers* or the *Spiritans*. His visit is coordinated by our Diocesan Propagation of the Faith Office and provides an opportunity for us to support the pastoral ministry and missionary activity of the Church. Each year the Diocese assigns a different religious community to each of our parishes so we can contribute to the spread of the Gospel. We will have a second collection at each of our Masses that weekend to benefit the *Spiritans* and their important ministry.

The Confirmation Retreat for our 11th graders is at the end of this month on Monday-Wednesday, July 28-30, at Rosaryville Retreat Center near Ponchatoula. A two night 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 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. so please keep them in your prayers during the next six months. I look forward to spending some time with them at their retreat.

Speaking of initiation, our R.C.I.A. process for people interested in joining the Catholic Church will start back up at the end of August. We have an Open House planned for Tuesday, August 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory, so it's not too early to start thinking of family or friends or neighbors who may have expressed an interest in learning more about the Catholic faith or in possibly joining the Church.

Training sessions for those interested in serving our parish as altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, or ushers will be held on Tuesday, July 22, at the following times: altar servers (5th 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. It is not necessary for current liturgical ministers to attend the training unless you are unsure of the procedures and wish to review them.

Our music director, Mrs. Celeste Veillon, has her concert this Sunday evening, July 6, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in church. Admission is free but donations are gratefully accepted to benefit our church building fund. Celeste will be accompanied by Elisa Galleano on piano and Iura de Rezende on clarinet, and will perform a mixture of sacred, patriotic, and Broadway songs.

We had a great turnout for our Ministry Appreciation Supper last Saturday. We began a tradition last year of recognizing one parishioner for his or her example of service, and this year we honored *Rita Babin* for her faithful and dedicated service to our thrift shop run by the Zippers!

In Christ,
Father Matt

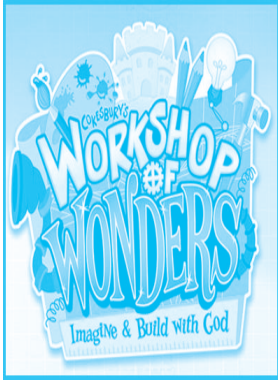
My yoke is easy
My burden light
Attention Youth

REAL WORLD SERVICE CAMP

Join other youth from around the Diocese at the Real World Service Camp and the Change graduate program. Teens will be housed at St. Isidore Catholic Church, and serve in Baton Rouge and New Orleans areas from July 22-26. It is open to 9th grade and above. Cost is \$100.

For more information and to register, visit www.realworldservicecamp.com or contact Julie at julie@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com.

RELIGIOUS
Education



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 14-17
Grades K-5 \$25/child
Registration is now open!
Come to the
Christian Formation Office
or download from our
website, sjb-brusly.com

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.



CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES
for 2014-2015
Retreat is July 28-30 at Rosaryville
Retreat Center. Please be sure to
RSVP by June 30th.



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.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES
June 29, 2014

Regular:

200 Identified-	---	-\$6,450.00
Loose Collection-	---	477.80
TOTAL-	---	-\$6,927.80

Peter's Pence—\$1,192.00

A VOCATION VIEW
Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will obey the commands I give you." If God is calling you to consider the priesthood or the religious life, give Fr. Matt Dupre' a call at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF LOUIS MOUCH, JR. & CLINT CROCHET BY CINDY CROCHET

FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

Married Couples... Give your marriage a well-deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! WWME is designed to make a good marriage better. The next weekend is July 18-20, 2014 at the Baton Rouge Diocesan Retreat Center. Registration fee: \$75.00. For more information call Jason & Stacy Verret at 1-800-586-5469

Congratulations!

The following babies were baptized here last weekend: Emma Grace DeBenedetto, daughter of Regina DeBenedetto and Everett James Richardson, son of Jeffrey & Lauren W. Richardson. Welcome into our faith community!

MARRIED HERE LAST WEEKEND
Heather Lynn Treuil & Ryan Charles Gascon
Best wishes for your future life together!



Several men from our parish are attending a Manresa Retreat this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

Readings for the Week of July 6, 2014

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:8-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2014-2015

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Jason Murphey
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"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Who wouldn't appreciate some real rest? Most of us fall into the category of those "who labor." We have our jobs to do, our families to tend to, our responsibilities to take care of. Often, the tasks seem endless and our time seems so limited. How can we justify "rest" with so many things on our to-do lists? Even recreation can be labor intensive when it involves planning, preparing, traveling, or hosting. And our default modes of "resting"--whether it be watching television, taking a nap, or chatting with a friend--rarely refresh us for more than a few hours. But the rest Jesus is describing is different than this. He isn't talking about an occasional "time-out" from the duties of life. Jesus is offering us a deeper kind of relief, a liberation from the exhaustion of life.

This freedom comes when we take his yoke on our shoulders. Jesus tells us, in essence, to align ourselves with him--to do our work with him. All of our duties and responsibilities can be done with Jesus at our side. He does not promise that our obligations will magically disappear. The "rest" he offers is a kind of peace even amidst our daily lives. The refreshment Jesus brings is the comfort of his presence as we engage in the everyday tasks that we are called to do. It is not that there are no longer burdens to bear; rather, the burden is "light" when we share it with the Lord. But just how do we share the load? Perhaps by starting the morning in prayer asking Jesus to assist us, or by seeking his guidance in daily decisions, or by offering our actions to him. However we do it, when we come to him as he asked, he promises, "you will find rest."