



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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Fourteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
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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.

"Behold, I have given you the power to 'tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." - Lk 10:19-20

Dear Parishioners,

Father Sosthenes Tuctuc, a priest from the Diocese of Solola in Guatemala, will be here next weekend, July 13-14, to make an appeal on behalf of the *Missionary Fraternity of Mary*. 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.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, founded in 1822 in Lyon, France, was instrumental in providing support for French priests serving the Catholics of Louisiana during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Now we have an opportunity to return the favor by supporting modern day missionaries. Our regular Building Fund collection will be postponed one week so we can dedicate next weekend's second collection to the *Missionary Fraternity of Mary*.

You may remember special appeals in the 1970s for our Santa Apolonia Mission located in the Diocese of Solola in Guatemala, which was staffed by priests from the Diocese of Baton Rouge from 1970 to 1981. Father Eugene Engels was the first priest to serve, followed by Father Vic Messina and Father David Vavasseur. Our Diocese also assisted the rebuilding effort following a major earthquake in 1976 which devastated the region and killed 23,000 people including Father Sosthenes' mother and three sisters. So we have a personal connection with this year's appeal.

Closer to home, our *Life and Justice Committee* is once again sponsoring a collection of baby items to benefit the Sanctuary for Life Maternity Home operated by Catholic Charities. Flyers are available with a list of needed items which can be purchased and placed in the baby bed located in the back of church. Please try to return the items by next Sunday, July 14.

The finish on our beautiful wood floors in church has not held up as desired, especially in the high traffic areas. We consulted several flooring contractors who all advised that the best solution would be to remove all of the pews and then sand and refinish the entire floor. While this might be the best (and most expensive) fix, I am not ready to take up all of the pews so soon after the renovation, so we have settled on the

next best option.

Our plan is to leave the pews in place but remove all of the kneelers so that workers can come in and do a light sanding before reapplying the stain and protective finish. This should improve the beauty and performance of the flooring for several years after which time we can reevaluate. To keep the cost down we are asking for volunteers to help remove the kneelers beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 21. 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 reinstall the kneelers on Saturday, July 27, and return to the church for the Saturday and Sunday Masses.

Vacation Bible School is this week for children from St. John the Baptist and Holy Family Parishes. Thanks to all of the adult and youth volunteers for giving so generously of your time, and to all of the children who participate in the activities. Please watch for children in the parking lot this week.

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!

**Helpers Needed!**



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
July 8—12 (9am—12pm)  
Grades K—5th  
Registrations Open Now  
Cost is \$25/child  
Contact the Christian  
Formation Office (749-3387)



### **WORK TEAM NEEDED!**

We will begin redoing the floors in church on Sunday, July 21st. We will have to remove the kneelers after 11:00 am Mass on that Sunday. If you can help, please call the office (749-2189) ahead of time. **WE WILL NEED AS MUCH HELP AS WE CAN GET!!!**

### **ANNUAL MISSION CO-OP APPEAL**

Father Sostenes Romeo Tuctuc Roquel will be speaking at all Masses the weekend of July 13 & 14 describing the work of and requesting support for his society, the Missionary Fraternity of Mary of Guatemala. He has been invited to our parish by the mission office of our Diocese.

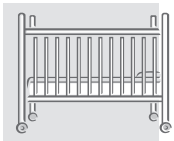
Begun in 1981 as a youth ministry with seven young men, the Fraternity was subsequently established as a society for Apostolic Life in 1990. Since then it has grown to over 150 ordained priests serving 64 missions in 31 dioceses in 11 countries. Currently there are approximately 170 seminarians in various stages of formation at the seminary in Guatemala.

Fraternity mission sites are established where there are no clergy available to fulfill pastoral needs, in difficult economic areas, and among the poor and marginalized. Fraternity priests also evangelize youth, taking young men and women on a faith journey to develop their spiritual lives and strengthen their Catholic faith to help them positively impact the community or village in which they live.

Please welcome Father Roquel and be as generous as you can in support of the work of the Fraternity.

Visit [www.missionaryfraternityofmary.org](http://www.missionaryfraternityofmary.org).

**DUE TO THIS SPECIAL MISSIONARY APPEAL OUR MONTHLY BUILDING FUND COLLECTION WILL NOT BE COLLECTED UNTIL THE WEEKEND OF JULY 20/21**



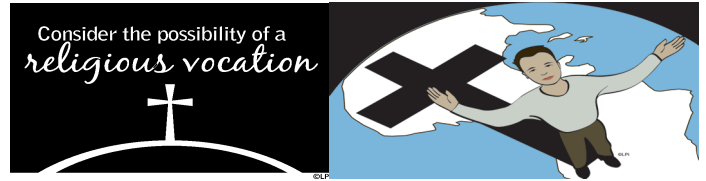
*The Sanctuary for Life Maternity Home Baby Collection continues through next Sunday, July 14th. Lists of the items needed are located in the baby bed at the entrance of church. Please consider purchasing some of these items for families in need. Thank you!*

Catholic Community Radio will be doing something different this year rather than having an on-the-air Radiothon. Instead they will continue their programming so that the listeners continue to enjoy them while they log onto the website, [www.catholiccommunityradio.org](http://www.catholiccommunityradio.org) and pledge their support online. Webathon is July 9th, 10th & 11th.



### **A VOCATION VIEW**

It's a simple concept: love God with your whole being and put that love into practice. How is God calling you to love? Have you considered the way of loving called "priesthood" or "religious life"? If God may be selecting you for the special life of priest or religious call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, [mdupre@diobr.org](mailto:mdupre@diobr.org), or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).



### **West Baton Rouge Historical Association**

**Christmas in July Card Party  
Monday, July 29, 2013**

**WBR Community Center  
Port Allen, LA**

**Call Alice LeBlanc at (225) 336-2422,  
Ext 10 for more information.**

*The History of West Baton Rouge Parish: People, Places, Progress* will be sold at the WBR Historical Association Card Party. It is also available at the WBR Museum Gift Shop, 845 N. Jefferson, Port Allen during regular work hours. Cost of the book is \$27.25 for the general public and \$23.98 for WBR Historical Association members. For additional information, call Alice LeBlanc at (225) 336-2422, ext. 10.

### **BAPTISMAL SEMINAR**

**Wednesday, July 17, 2013**

**Classroom #5—CCD Building**

**6:30 pm**

**Mandatory for Baptism**



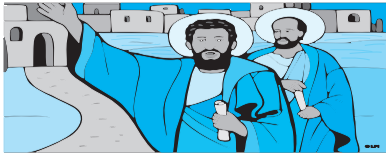
**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE  
IS NOW BURNING IN  
MEMORY OF VIRGIE CURCIO  
BY GENEVIEVE LEVERT**

### **Readings for the Week of July 7, 2013**

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12,  
17-20 or 10:1-9  
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: Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

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

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



**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

One of the questions parents and teachers often ask children is, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" For younger children the answer can change from week to week. Children may say at one time, "A basketball player," and at another, "An airplane pilot," and at another, "A zookeeper." The answer could depend on whatever story or television show caught their fancy that week. But as children mature, they start considering seriously the answer to that question. As they enter college they begin directing their lives toward what will be a particular profession in life.

This weekend's Gospel highlights the need for workers in the harvest of the kingdom of God. Jesus sends out disciples ahead of him so that they can prepare the way for the places that he intends to visit. But the text is not only about what took place in Galilee and Judea two thousand years ago. As the living word of God, the Gospel also speaks to our lives today. The need for laborers for the harvest is just as great in 2013 as it was in AD 32. As a matter of fact, the need is even greater, since the proclamation of the Gospel goes on in so many more places than in the first century of Christianity.

Parents and grandparents can influence what their children and grandchildren think about as appropriate life choices. We don't need a specific "Vocation Sunday" to ask the question of sons or daughters or grandchildren if they have ever considered the possibility of a religious vocation. The Holy Spirit might just be working through you if you ask. While a life of ministering to others may have its own trials and difficulties, it can also be filled with great joy and satisfaction. Is there someone you can ask, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" After all, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few" (Lk 10:2).