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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

"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'" - Lk 10:8-9

Dear Parishioners,

The changes in priests' parish assignments in our diocese became effective this past Monday, July 1. Our former pastor, Father Matt Dupré, is now pastor of Ascension of our Lord and St. Francis of Assisi Parishes in Donaldsonville. I know he will enjoy being a pastor again after spending the last year in residence at Holy Family and helping out at various parishes around the Diocese.

Father Paul Yi moved from Ascension to St. George Parish in Baton Rouge. In addition to his primary assignment as pastor, Father Yi will also continue to serve as chancellor of the Baton Rouge Diocese. He replaced Father Mike Schatzle who retired on June 30 after many years of faithful service. Father Mike will now be available to fill in for priests around the Diocese when we are away from our parishes.

Speaking of retired priests, Father Joel LaBauve will celebrate our 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass next Saturday, July 13, so I can accompany some of our adult parishioners on a one day retreat at Angola State Penitentiary. I am always pleased when our native son is able to return to his roots to celebrate the Eucharist for us.

I am now fully recovered from my European vacation along the Danube River which began in the beautiful city of Budapest, Hungary. Hungary is a mostly Christian country with Catholics forming the largest denomination. The churches and cathedrals in Hungary and throughout our travels were simply beautiful.

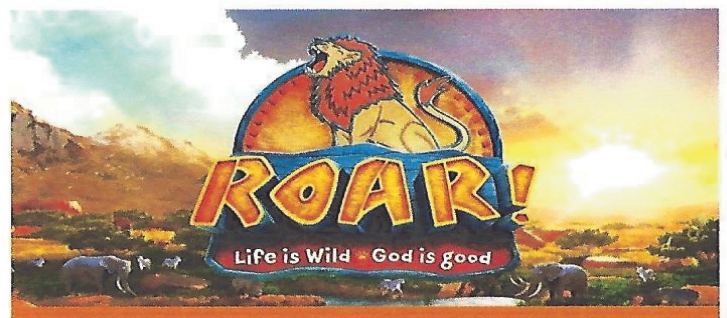
We next traveled through Austria which is heavily Catholic, and Bavaria which is also heavily Catholic. Those countries still celebrate the solemnity of Corpus Christi on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, and treat the feast not only as a holy day but a national holiday. Almost all of the stores and businesses were closed on Corpus Christi.

The city of Nuremberg in Germany was interesting as the site of large Nazi rallies prior to World War II, and then as the site of the war crimes trials which followed the war. Nuremberg was almost completely destroyed by bombs during the war, second only to

Dresden in its level of destruction. However, the Palace of Justice and its connecting prison were not damaged and thus chosen as the site of the trials.

We ended our trip in Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic. Prague is a very old and beautiful city situated on the Vltava River and known as the city of a Hundred Spires. The tower of the old town hall features a beautiful Astronomical Clock, built in 1410 and still functioning. In addition to the time, it also displays the movement of the moon and planets. Sadly, the Czech Republic is now one of the least religious countries in the world despite its magnificent churches and history.

In Christ,
Father Matt



GET READY TO ROAR

**MEETING
FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS**

THURSDAY, JULY 11TH

6:30 PM

ACTIVITY CENTER

VBS 2019


Registration and Volunteer forms are
in the back of Church or online at

www.sjb-brusly.com

**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




A VOCATION VIEW
 “The harvest is rich, but the workers are few. Ask the harvest-master to send workers into the harvest!” Pray for vocations! If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778,, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

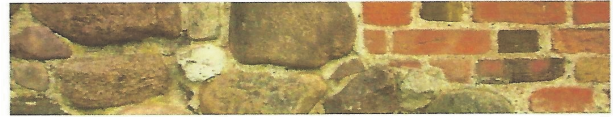
Our Ancestors in Photos & WBR Museum invite you to celebrate our unique Acadian Heritage!
 Free food, music, Cajun dancers, door prizes, Guest Speakers, Photo Display, Playground for kids.
This event takes place at St. John the Baptist Activity Center Brusly, LA

2nd Annual West Baton Rouge Acadian Heritage Celebration
PLEASE JOIN US!
Sunday, July 28, 2019
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Free and Open to the Public!
All Acadian Descendants Will Find Something of Interest!
Bring An Old Family Photo To Be Eligible For Special Prizes!

GENTLE REMINDER

Due to the lack of a maintenance employee please take out trash and pick up after using the Activity Center

THANKS



UNSHAKABLE FOUNDATION:
Building Our Lives on the Promise of God's Shelter

WOMEN'S SILENT IGNATIAN RETREAT
 WITH BECKY ELDRIDGE & STEPHANIE CLOUTATRE DAVIS



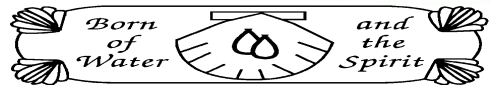
August 22-25, 2019
 Rosaryville Spirit Life Center
 39003 Rosaryville Rd,
 Ponchatoula, LA 70454



Join us for a silent women's Ignatian preached retreat as Becky Eldredge and Stephanie Cloutatre Davis guide us in prayer and reflection on the unshakable foundation of God and what it looks like to build our lives on the promise of God's shelter.

REGISTER ONLINE: CATHOLICRETREATCENTER.ORG

The following children were baptized here last week-end: Charlotte Drew Harris, daughter of Dustin & Taylor Harris and Teagan Lou Troxclair, daughter of Jarrod & Kayla Troxclair Congratulations to all!
WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!



Readings for the week of July 7, 2019

Sunday:	Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/ Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9
Monday:	Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday:	Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 [cf. 33] or PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9a]/ Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

BAPTISM



BAPTISMAL SEMINAR
 Wednesday, July 10, 2019
 6:00 pm—Classroom #5
 This seminar is mandatory for parents wishing to baptize their children.
 Call the Parish Office (749-2189) to get your registration papers.



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
 IS NOW BURNING
 IN MEMORY OF SUSAN FALCON**

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018

John Begue
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Jamie Bourg
Chris Buckle
Christie Chapman
Jules Lefeaux, Vice-Chairman
Mark Loreno, Chairman
Fr. Matt Lorrain
Mary Claire Meyer, Secretary
Jason Murphey
Joey Normand
Derek Scott
Andrea Smicker



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday, Jesus reminds us that "the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." As Catholic disciples, we are the laborers that the Master is sending. All around us are opportunities to share the love and mercy of Jesus Christ - our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, even our faith communities! Lest we feel unequipped for the task, Jesus gives us some advice.

"Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals." We might not have a theology degree or training in public speaking, but that doesn't mean we can't share the Gospel. The power of God is at work in simplicity. The disciples went forth with nothing as a reminder to trust in the Providence of God. Say a little prayer that God will speak through you and has a need for your gifts, just as you are.

"Do not move about from one house to another." So much of the life of Jesus was about relationships. He modeled this attitude by journeying with his disciples. Here he makes the same recommendation to them, to remain with the same family for their entire stay in the town. Break bread with others. Invite them to coffee or a game night in your home. Sharing your faith isn't just about saying the right thing, but loving well over time.

"The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off." Sometimes we want to help someone, but for whatever reason, they don't receive it well. Sometimes people aren't interested in our efforts to invite them deeper into faith. When rejection happens, don't carry it with you. Don't let it over-burden your heart. Rejoice that you share in the mission of Christ, and keep on loving the next person he places in your path!