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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
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

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,

We recently mailed the 2017 edition of the small *St. John the Baptist Guide Book and Telephone Directory* to every registered family in our parish. Please call the parish office if you did not receive one so we can correct your mailing address on our computer. Extra copies are available in the church office for new parishioners and others who did not receive one.

We update and mail out a new directory each year so please let us know if your address or telephone number changes. I also encourage anyone who has not yet registered to fill out a census card so that we can add your contact information to our records. The cost of the new annual directory as well as our weekly bulletin is paid for by the local businesses who advertise in them so please try to support their businesses.

This Tuesday, July 11, is the Feast of St. Benedict, the father of western monasticism. He was born around the year 480 in central Italy and studied in Rome before discerning a call to a life of prayer and solitude. He began his spiritual journey as a hermit but gradually realized the benefits that could be had from living with others in a spirit of communion and prayer.

St. Benedict synthesized the various strands of monasticism into a brief, simple plan, which came to be known as the Rule of St. Benedict. He writes in the prologue, "We intend to establish a school for the Lord's service. In drawing up its regulations, we hope to set down nothing harsh, nothing burdensome. The good of all concerned may prompt us to a little strictness in order to amend faults and safeguard love."

Author Robert Ellsberg states, "Benedict's Rule was designed for ordinary human beings. The element of discipline was shifted from externals to the interior, from flesh to the will. His monks were not to be denied adequate food or sleep; they were in fact counseled to avoid any extraordinary or self-imposed mortifications. Their discipline was to lie in humility, obedience, a commitment to stability, and an accommodation to the requirements of community life."

Only a small number of people are called to the monastic life and yet their presence in the world is a

tremendous source of strength and encouragement for the rest of us. Benedictine monasteries represent islands of peace, fraternity, learning, and faith in the midst of a politically fractured and uncaring world.

Please remember that Vacation Bible School is this week from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday, in the activity center and classrooms. Please watch out for the children and be extra careful in the parking lot during drop off and pick up. I know the kids will have a great time getting together with their friends and classmates for a fun week of activities. Thank you to all of our volunteers from St. John the Baptist and Holy Family Parishes who give so generously of their time to make VBS a success.

The Baptismal Seminar scheduled for Wednesday evening, July 12, at 6:00 p.m., will be held in the Parish Activity Center instead of classroom 5 due to Vacation Bible School.

In Christ,
Father Matt



GEAR UP FOR VBS
July 10— July 14
9—Noon

CONFIRMATION MEETING
ABOUT ANGOLA RETREAT
PARENTS AND CANDIDATES
7:00 PM ACTIVITY CENTER
TUESDAY, JULY 18TH





SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH WILL OFFER FREE BREAKFAST TO ALL CHILDREN

JULY 17—JULY 20 FROM 8:30—9:30 IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER.

BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO RECEIVE A NUTRITIOUS BREAKFAST FREE!

Knights of Columbus

The annual Installation Banquet will be held on Wednesday, July 19, 2017. Social time begins at 6 pm and the Installation will start at 6:30 pm followed by dinner. Each member is invited to bring a side dish and/or dessert. The main course will be provided by the Council.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY
Saturday, July 15, 2017
4:00 pm—In Church

BAPTISM



BAPTISMAL SEMINAR
WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2017
6:00 PM
ACTIVITY CENTER CLASSROOM
This class is mandatory for parents who wish to have their child baptized.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
IS NOW BURNING
IN MEMORY OF
SUSAN FALCON



Altar Servers

We are in need of Altar Servers for weekend Masses. If you have completed 4th Grade and are interested in serving in this ministry, please give us a call at (225) 749-2189. We are planning a Practice Session in July!

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. Andrew Merrick a call at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org.



PART-TIME CUSTODIAN & MAINTENANCE POSITION OPENING

Presently seeking part-time (20-25 hrs./wk.) employee to handle cleaning and light maintenance around the church & grounds. Ideal candidate would be someone who is reliable but does not need full-time employment. Four or five days/week from 7:00 or 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. Applications available in the parish office.



**ROSARYVILLE
Ponchatoula, LA**

Preached Ignation Retreat

With Becky Eldridge & Stephanie Cloutre Davis

August 24—27, 2017

You are invited to stop and enjoy a weekend of reflection, rediscovery, and refreshment. The Spiritual Exercises are a compilation of meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices developed by St. Ignatius Loyola to help people deepen their relationship with God. The cost is double shared room for \$270 or single private room for \$300. Call (225)294-5039 for more info or to register.

SECOND ANNUAL DIOCESAN SUPPER & SUBSTANCE DATE NIGHT

Saturday, July 29, 2017

St. George Catholic Church

The Office of Marriage & Family Life of the Diocese of Baton Rouge is pleased to sponsor this opportunity for married couples to gather from throughout the Diocese! You are invited to join them for a fantastic evening and enjoy a delicious catered meal, witness a talk by Jan & Lloyd Tate and listen to a live band. Call (225) 242-0323 for more information or to register.

Readings for the Week of July 9, 2017

- Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/
Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
- Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab/
Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15/
Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3,
10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-21/
Mt 10:7-15
- Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,
39-40/Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-4, 6-7/
Mt 10:24-33
- Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10-14/Rom 8:18-23/
Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Is there anyone to whom this doesn't apply? Don't we all have to labor at something, whether it be work, school, relationships, household affairs, or personal, emotional, or mental battles? Aren't we all burdened in some way at some time?

Jesus offers us powerful words of consolation in today's Gospel. He promises us rest. He calls all of us to himself, along with the baggage and burdens that we carry, and assures us that we will find relief. Thank God! What a gift for our tired, weary souls.

The strange part about the passage, however, is when Jesus suggests that in order to find this wonderful rest, we have to take a "yoke" upon our shoulders. This of course is a reference to the animal harness of old that would join two oxen together to share the weight of the load they carried. He tells us, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me... For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Somehow, joining Jesus in his work is supposed to bring us rest! Contrary to the standard belief that not working is the source of relief, Jesus urges us to join him in his mission in order to find peace. But what is this mission? To be "meek and humble of heart." Jesus' work is to do whatever God the Father wants him to do. As he says elsewhere, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work" (Jn 4:34). So, it seems that if we also humbly submit to doing God's work with Jesus right alongside us as our partner in the task-we will "find rest" for ourselves. So as we labor through the trials of the day, may we bear this in mind, and pray that we may handle them according to the will of God.