



*June 1, 2014  
Seventh Sunday of Easter  
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# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

• catholic church •



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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 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.

*Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." - Jn 17:1-3*

Dear Parishioners,

We are nearing the end of the Easter season and so we pause this weekend to reflect on the mystery of our Lord's Ascension to heaven. Jesus, in his glorified body, now sits enthroned at the right hand of God the Father. He watches over his Church in fulfillment of his promise to remain with us until the end of time.

Next Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost when we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the beginning of the Church. We are called to continue the universal mission of the Church by bearing witness to the saving love of Christ in our own day and time. The Holy Spirit breathes the very life of Christ into us so that we can share his love with others.

One might assume that the extroverts among us would make the best witnesses and missionaries. Parishioners who are talkative and outgoing by nature are well-suited for ministries such as reading at Mass, teaching catechism, and mentoring youth. But the Holy Spirit dwells in all of us regardless of our personality type and makes use of our unique gifts to further God's holy work. A person who is more introverted will have a different way of proclaiming the scriptures and teaching the faith. Different styles appeal to different people and the Church needs all of us to carry out its mission.

I say this as an encouragement to all of you to either stay or become involved with one or more of the ministries offered through our parish or diocese. Ministry flows naturally from our worship and has a way of making prayer and the sacraments even more meaningful. Big projects like Vacation Bible School and the *Feast on the Levee* will only be successful insofar as a great number of us of all ages come together to pool our talent.

Mark your calendars for our annual Ministry Appreciation Dinner to be held on Saturday, June 28, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the parish activity center. The dinner is our way of thanking all of you who contribute to the vitality of our parish through serving in one of our various ministries. This includes liturgical ministries such as music, décor, ushers, altar servers, lec-

ors and Eucharistic ministers; Christian formation catechists and Sacramental preparation leaders; Feast workers; Bereavement Committee volunteers; Homebound and hospital visitation; Zippers; Food Bank; K.C.'s, Catholic Daughters; Altar Society; Cemetery Committee; and any others I may have missed.

By the way, we will have a training session for new altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and ushers later this summer on Tuesday, July 22. Boys and girls entering the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and above are eligible to become altar servers so please speak to your child about serving. We also need someone to coordinate our reception committee which provides refreshments on about four occasions annually. We have a faithful group of volunteers who are willing to help as long as we can identify someone to coordinate their efforts. Please give consideration to filling this need.

Finally, our Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus invite everyone to spend an hour in prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament this first Friday, June 6, starting at 8:00 p.m. and ending just prior to our 8:00 a.m. first Saturday Mass.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

## *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 area 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](http://www.realworldservicecamp.com) or contact Julie at [julie@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com](mailto:julie@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com).



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**July 14—17**



A list of items needed for our Summer Food Pantry Drive is in the back of church. These items can be brought to Church or to the Parish Office during the month of June. Thank you for your donations. --St. John Food Pantry

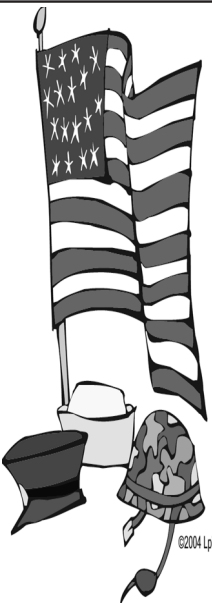


**Eucharistic Adoration** *Three times Jesus asked St. Peter, "Do you love Me?" St. Peter responded, "Lord you know everything; You know that I love you.." (Jn 21:17)*

Do you tell Our Lord that you love Him? Tell Him soon and tell Him often during Eucharistic Adoration.

All night Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, June 6th at 8 pm thru Saturday, June 7th at 8am.  
Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of Church.

For more info, contact Julie @ 749-8260 or Mary @ 324-5289.



**Prayer for Those in Armed Forces**  
*Heavenly Father, be with our men and women as they serve our country. When they are faced with danger, Give them the courage of Michael the Archangel, who was victorious over evil. When our soldiers are faced with difficult choices give them the discernment of St. Martin of Tours, the soldier who remembered to aid the meek and helpless. When our soldiers are injured or forced to the sidelines, give them the guidance you gave to St. Ignatius of Loyola, who turned a time of pain and recovery from a war wound into a new life of trust in you.*

**Amen.**

**NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Mason Luke Hebert, son of Jennifer Hebert, was baptized here last weekend. Congratulation and welcome into our faith community!



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE  
IS NOW BURNING  
IN MEMORY OF JULIETTE BONIOL  
BY THE BONIOL FAMILY**

**A VOCATION VIEW**

God's love and mercy continue to be shown today as He calls men and women to follow his Son as a priest, sister or brother. If you think God is calling you to follow his Son in this way, call Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org.

**ROSARYVILLE SPIRIT LIFE CENTER**

Camp Kateri—Summer Camp for Kids  
Session 1 (June 22—27) Ages 7—13  
Session 2 (July 6—11) Ages 4—13  
Session 3 (July 13—18) Ages 7—13  
Session 4 Mini-Camp (July 24—27) Ages 7—13  
Make summer time a great time to play and explore. Camp Kateri is a week-long day and overnight summer camp at Rosaryville, located in Ponchatoula. For more information call (225) 294-5039 or you can register on-line at [www.catholicretreatcenter.org/summer-camp-](http://www.catholicretreatcenter.org/summer-camp-)

**ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS  
RETREAT CENTER**

**Upcoming Retreats**

<b>May 30—June 1</b> St. Francis of Assisi: Themes & Insights for Daily Living Rev. Simeon Gallagher	<b>June 20—22</b> The Gospel Call to True Happiness Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes
<b>June 6—8</b> Our Many Thirsts Rev. Donald Blanchard	<b>June 27—29</b> Growing Spiritually As We Grow Older Rev. Keith Hosey

5500 St. Mary St., Metairie, LA 70006  
(504) 267-9604 [retreats.arch-no.org](http://retreats.arch-no.org).

**Readings for the Week of June 1, 2014**

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20  
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33  
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a  
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19  
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26  
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19  
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25  
Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b  
or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/  
Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
Ext. Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/  
Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/  
Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/  
Jn 20:19-23

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
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**7th Sunday of Easter**

"Everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine." Jesus spoke these words while praying to his Father in heaven. What a perfect image of unity! Nothing stands as a barrier between the Father and the Son. They share everything. We can imagine the sort of divine harmony that exists between them. And then, we can ask ourselves whether we help foster that kind of harmony with those around us.

We are made in God's image, after all. We are supposed to "look" like God. Are we willing to share with our family, friends, and neighbors like God the Father and God the Son do with one another? Do we ever draw the line at what is "mine"? My time, my money, my house, my plans...we can easily rationalize our selfishness. But we were built for something much more beautiful: to reflect who God is through who we are. We are meant to be like walking mirrors of the divine likeness. It's our job to keep the mirror clean, however. When we are selfish or possessive, we smudge the reflection of God. The three persons of the Blessed Trinity--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit--are perfectly generous with one another. They even share their glory, as Jesus says today: "Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you."

Do we share our glory? When we accomplish something, do we recognize the people who helped along the way? Do we acknowledge God who gave us our talents, our skills, and our abilities in the first place? Jesus says to his Father, "Everything you gave me is from you." And this is true for us as well. Everything we have, down to life itself, comes from God. May we strive to be as generous with others as God has been with us.