



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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Most Holy Body and Blood  
of Christ  
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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.

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Dear Parishioners,

Tuesday, June 24, is the solemnity of the *Nativity of St. John the Baptist*, our patronal feast day. As far as I know, there are only three feasts in celebration of a person's birth on the Church's liturgical calendar: those of Mary, Jesus, and our own John the Baptist. St. Luke tells us that Elizabeth was six months into her pregnancy when the annunciation to Mary took place, so John's feast day is celebrated six months before Christmas.

Strictly speaking, in liturgical language a "nativity" is not a birthday. Birthdays are anniversaries of births while a nativity is the birth itself. So at our Mass on Tuesday we will celebrate John the Baptist's birth rather than his birthday. St. John the Baptist is the patron saint of monks, French Canada, Jordan, Puerto Rico and its capital city San Juan. It is interesting to note that John the Baptist is also mentioned by name in the Quran and is revered by Muslims as a prophet.

A patron saint is something like a heavenly godfather or godmother, or an advocate who intercedes for his or her godchildren. Professions have patron saints, as do countries, individuals, and of course parishes. We are blessed to live and practice our faith under the patronage of so great a saint, who was praised by Jesus himself who once said "among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist..." (Matt. 11:11)

Friday, June 27, is the solemnity of the *Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*. This feast is celebrated each year on the third Friday after Pentecost. Devotions on this Friday originally focused on the wounds of Christ. Catholics of the Middle Ages drew strength through meditating on the suffering of Christ. Over time the focus shifted to the love of Christ as symbolized by his sacred heart. Catholics struggling with the reality of sin needed reminding that God's love was stronger than sin.

Next Sunday would ordinarily be the 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time but this year it is the solemnity of *Saints Peter and Paul* since their June 29 feast day falls on Sunday. According to tradition, St. Peter was martyred in Rome around the year 64, and St. Paul was martyred

in Rome around the year 67. Their respective tombs are located under the altars of the two Roman basilicas dedicated to them.

Vacation Bible School is Monday – Thursday, July 14-17, for children in grades Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$25.00 per child, with discounts for families with three or more children, and the deadline to register is June 30. Youth and adult volunteers are also needed to help staff VBS, so please call the Christian Formation Office or visit our website [www.sjb-brusly.com](http://www.sjb-brusly.com) if you would like to help.

Our annual Ministry Appreciation Dinner is next 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. Please RSVP to the parish office as soon as possible so we will know how much food to prepare.

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



**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](http://sjb-brusly.com)



Children's Church is looking for one more Catechist for the 11:00 am Mass. Please contact the Christian Formation Office if you are interested.

*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.



**ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS**  
Our annual Ministry Appreciation Dinner will be held on Saturday, June 28th in the Activity Center immediately following 4:30 pm Mass. If you serve in our parish in any ministry we invite you to join us for a relaxing evening of food and fellowship.  
**COME & LET US SERVE YOU!**  
Please call the Parish Office by Monday, June 23rd to RSVP. Hope you can join us!

# Thank You!

*The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank the family of Gladys Comeaux for their recent donation..*



## Special Collection

Next week our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. This is an opportunity to join with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please place your special envelope in the regular collection.

### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES June 15, 2014

**Regular:**

219 Identified- - - - - \$7,485.83  
Loose Collection- - - - - 440.00  
TOTAL- - - - - \$7,925.83

### A VOCATION VIEW

As Jesus poured out His life for us, He could be inviting you to consider doing the same for Him. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, a sister or brother, call Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225-336.8778, or email [mdupre@diobr.org](mailto:mdupre@diobr.org).



## Shall We Gather at the River

**CELESTE ANGELLE VEILLON**

*in Concert with*

*Elisa Galeano~Piano and  
Iura de Rezende~Clarinet*

**Admission: FREE**

**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**

**Sunday, July 6, 2014 (5:00 pm)**

Donations accepted to benefit the  
SJB Building Fund

### DIVORCED OR DIVORCING?

*There is hope after heartbreak and healing after hurt.*

*It can be found in the word of God.*

"Return to Life," a ministry for those who are Separated and Divorced, starts July 18th at St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland Church in Albany. Co-sponsored by the Diocese of Baton Rouge-Office of Marriage and Family Life and St. Margaret, this 4 session series includes a Day of Healing on Saturday, July 26, with Marianne Skrobiak, developer of the series. Total Cost is \$50. For more info call Angela Falgoust at (225) 278-7321.

### PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

*are extended to Mike & Susie Romig and family upon the death of their son, Nate, to Josie Theriot & family upon the death of her mother, Alice Alleman to Cindi Breaux & family upon the death of her brother, Kenneth Norman, and to Myron Comeaux, Sr. & family upon the death of his wife, Gladys. Please keep them in your prayers.*



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

### Readings for the Week of June 22, 2014

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/  
Jn 6:51-58  
Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5  
Tuesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17  
Day: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/  
Lk 1:57-66, 80  
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Mt 7:15-20  
Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Mt 7:21-29  
Friday: Dt 7:6-11/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30  
Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Lk 2:41-51  
Next Sunday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/  
Jn 21:15-19  
Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/  
Mt 16:13-19

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
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**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." With these words, Jesus distinguished himself from other spiritual leaders. He was doing more than offering advice. He was offering himself: "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." Through the Eucharist, Jesus provided a way for his followers to be intimately connected with him, not just with his ideas. When we receive this sacrament, we are able to be close to the Lord not only in our hearts, but in our bodies as well. In other words, we are able to unite our entire being--body and soul--to Christ.

Unlike other prophets, Jesus did not just describe a "path" to follow. He told people that he was "the way" (Jn 14:6). He made very bold claims about reaching spiritual fulfillment, and one of them involved receiving him in the Eucharist: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." We thus have a choice to make. Will we eat this living bread? Will we really allow Jesus to become part of us? If we answer yes then we partake of true Communion--we enter into a profound union with the Lord. But if we choose not to eat this bread from heaven (or if we eat it without faith or reverence) then we miss out on Christ's invitation to unity with him. Instead we would be like those in the crowd who "quarreled among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'" They thought Jesus couldn't have been serious about this. But he was. He insisted, "My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." Today on the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, may God grant us the faith to recognize the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.