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The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
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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
Wayne Delapasse..... Maintenance
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 Judy Thousand, 749-9257 or the Parish office



They made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God. - Lk 1:62-64

Dear Parishioners,

Sunday, June 24, is the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, our parish feast day. It is sometimes called Midsummer Day because it occurs just three days after the summer solstice on June 21, the official beginning of summer. Our summer season begins a little earlier in south Louisiana but we are usually happy to exchange a longer summer for a shorter winter. The birth of St. John the Baptist is celebrated six months before the birth of Christ as recounted in the Gospel of St. Luke.

Bishop Robert Muench is celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving at 3:00 p.m. today (Sunday) at St. Joseph Cathedral in honor of his 50th Anniversary of priestly ordination. He was ordained a priest on May 18, 1968, and then a bishop on June 29, 1990. Bishop Muench was appointed the 5th Bishop of Baton Rouge on December 15, 2001.

There is still no word on when a new bishop will be named to succeed Bishop Muench now that he has reached the age of retirement. However, a new bishop was recently named for the Diocese of Salina, Kansas, and the Diocese of Baton Rouge is next on the waiting list. Cards containing a "Prayer for the Selection of a New Bishop" are still available in the rear of church.

A parish council election was held recently to replace outgoing members Donna Badon, Maria Bertrand, and Toni Tolar. We had several outstanding nominees and after prayerful discussion elected Christie Chapman, Joey Normand, and Derek Scott to serve terms of three years each. Congratulations to our new members Christie, Joey, and Derek who will join the Parish Council once we resume meeting in September, and many thanks to Donna, Maria, and Toni for their dedicated service.

Our inventory of unsold mausoleum crypts has reached a level where it is time for us to begin planning for another set of buildings. The new crypts will be located just behind our most recent mausoleums, but oriented at a 90° angle to them. The new construction will consist of two parallel buildings connected by a raised canopy. The exact size of the mausoleums

will be determined by the sales representatives visiting our area.

Since we do not own a casket lift, we decided to limit the new mausoleum units to three rows in height. This way the pallbearers will be able to place the caskets in the crypts without the assistance of scaffolding. The new orientation of the buildings will be visually pleasing while also allowing for landscaping. Flyers have been mailed to the homes of all registered parishioners and extra materials are available in the rear of church if you would like to be contacted by one of the sales representatives. Non-Catholic residents of our area are also welcome to purchase crypts or plots in our cemetery.

Congratulations to running back Pierre Thomas and wide receiver Lance Moore who will be inducted into the Saints Hall of Fame this September. Both were undrafted players who came in and beat out more heralded rookies to make the team.

In Christ,
Father Matt



Catechists Needed for 2018-2019
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

Registration and Volunteer forms are in the back of Church or online at www.sjb-brusly.com

Join us for
VBS 2018

July 9th - 13th



LIVING FAITH BOOKLETS
FOR JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER
ARE IN.

PICK UP YOUR COPY AT THE PARISH OFFICE



Organizations

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, July 1

- ⇒ **Communion Service** for KC Members & their families at 7:30 am Mass.
- ⇒ **Coffee & Donuts** will be served in the Activity Center following 7:30 am Mass.

MAY CALENDAR WINNERS

Dustin Eagan, Sailor Bourgeois, Sara Grady, Sandra Landry, Beau Landry, Robert Blanchard, Debra Breaux, Duane Breaux, Richard LeJeune, Thomas Blanchard, Jenifer Ducote, Chris Landry, Charlotte Willis, Alena Prejean, Charles Simon, Bryce Bourgeois, Martin Miranda, Blake LeBlanc, Rosalie Thompson, Betty Kane, Kristi Parnell, Kendra Gomez, David Whittington, Gail Leonard, James Marshall, Patty Aucoin, Diana Bouvier, Daniel Guillot, Roger Travasos, Theresa & Logan Delafosse, Bonnie Kleinpeter,

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Opie Vidrine and her group for cleaning the church during the month of June. Patricia Lefeaux (749-3108) will be doing the cleaning during the month of July. Give her a call to offer your help!

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Janice & Joel Hebert for chairing the committee during the month of June. Chairperson for July will be Ruth Landry (749-3101). Please give her a call with any concerns.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW BURNING IN HONOR OF ALL PAST & PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS.

THE MOST SACRED
Heart of Jesus

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

June 17, 2018

REGULAR:

224 Identified- - - - - \$11,432.83
Loose Collection- - - - 915.00
TOTAL- - - - \$12,347.83

Pray for Vocations

Life can remind us of life-eternal; Death can remind us of death-eternal. Each day we must choose to live or die physically or spiritually. What we do daily either builds us up or tears us down. Priests and religious are unique proclaimers of eternal life. If you feel God is calling you to be one, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com., or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

New Mausoleum

NEW MAUSOLEUM IN CEMETERY

Is it fair to Your Loved Ones?

Do I get one place or two—maybe three? Should I fix vaults in the ground, build a tomb, or buy in the mausoleum? These are questions you will have to answer one day. What would you do if something happened in your family tomorrow? It's human nature, we do not like to think about and much less discuss this subject, but death is inevitable. Getting a place ahead of time is good family planning and simply put, makes good practical sense, especially when your church has its mausoleum program. You have choices: There are two different types of doubles and three different levels. The moment you sign up you are covered. The main thing is that you have the opportunity as husband and wife to do this together in the privacy of your own home and are not doing this because something happened! You owe it to yourself and loved ones to at least get the information from one of your representatives while they are here and then you can decide. After all, this is something that you do once in a lifetime. Mail your card today or call the Church Office (749-2189) to leave your name and phone number and a Mausoleum representative will call you back.

Readings for the Week of June 24, 2018

Sunday:	Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/ Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Monday:	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 [7b]/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48: 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 [cf. 9d]/ Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40 [33a]/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday:	2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/ Mt 7:21-29
Friday: Day:	Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5b] 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Saturday:	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21 [19b]/Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday:	Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/ Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018

John Begue
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The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Tiny fingers and toes. A little yawn. A loud cry. An infant wrapped in swaddling clothes. "What will this child be?" It is a question every parent asks time and time again. As first steps are taken, as personalities emerge, as a child shows interest in reading or drawing or climbing, the question is on our lips. "What will this child be?" This question is asked as John the Baptist is born. Will he be a priest like his father? Does his strange, unexpected name signal a departure from that inheritance? Could Elizabeth and Zechariah ever have predicted what would be?

Under the tutelage of his priestly father, John "became strong in spirit." As an adult, John would retreat into the desert to preach repentance. He would attract a large following and eventually attract the attention of the rulers of the day. He would point out the adulterous ways of King Herod and would find himself in prison. Eventually, he would be beheaded. But today, he is a child, an infant newly born.

On this special feast, we're reminded of the great humility required of parents. The character formation, the discipline and encouragement, the violin lessons and soccer practices. Every parental effort is subjected to the decisions of the children themselves.. Even children on a sure track by high school graduation transform under life's circumstances. Entrusting our children to God can be incredibly intimidating. "What will this child be," especially when that transformation lies outside of my control? John the Baptist's story might not have ended as his parents imagined. But he is celebrated as the greatest of the prophets, as the one who prepared the way for the Messiah. Here is the hope of all Christian parents -- that our children would be raised in such a way that when people meet them, they meet Jesus Christ.