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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:18-19

Dear Parishioners,

A parish council election was held recently to replace outgoing members Stacy Gauthreaux and John Windham. We had several outstanding nominees and after prayerful discussion elected Bob Bewick and Mary Claire Meyer to serve terms of three years each. Congratulations to our new members Bob and Mary Claire who will join the Parish Council once we resume meeting in September, and many thanks to Stacy and John for their dedicated service.

This Friday, June 30, is the deadline to register for Vacation Bible School without incurring a late fee. In addition, I have an early morning doctor's appointment on Friday morning, so we will have a Communion Service in place of the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, June 30. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place as usual from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. on Friday.

Friday, June 30, also marks the end of my fifth year as your pastor. It has been a grace-filled five years and I have enjoyed getting to know all of you and celebrating the sacraments with you. You continue to impress me with your spirit of prayerfulness at Mass and your willingness to lift your voices in song. I also appreciate the spirit of volunteerism which is so characteristic of the more rural areas of our Diocese. Thank you for your devotion to the faith and to our parish community.

In the Diocese of Baton Rouge, pastors are appointed to six year terms so I have one more year to go on my term. After that we receive one year extensions for a maximum of six more years. The Bishop and the personnel board typically interview pastors to judge their satisfaction in their current assignment and their willingness to move according to the needs of the Diocese. So hopefully I will be allowed to remain here for a few more years unless God and the Bishop decide that I am needed elsewhere.

I wrote a couple of weeks ago that long time employee Richard Rabalais is retiring for health reasons. Therefore, we now have a position open for a part-time employee to handle cleaning and light maintenance around the church and grounds. Richard was actually a full-time worker but in looking at the duties

I think we can manage with someone available to work about 20-25 hours per week.

The duties include cleaning the church, office, and classrooms; vacuuming and mopping floors; emptying the trashcans; cleaning the bathrooms and restocking supplies; setting up the activity center for events and cleaning afterward; weeding the flower beds; and picking up paper on the church grounds. The ideal candidate would be someone who is reliable but does not need full-time employment.

We are somewhat flexible with the days and times, but would prefer to have someone here four or five days per week from 7:00 or 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Interested persons should pick up an employment application from the church office. The hourly pay is negotiable depending upon experience.

In Christ,
Father Matt



VBS JULY 10 – 14 9am–12 noon
REGISTRATION DEADLINE - JUNE 29, 2017

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LATE REGISTRATION WILL INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL \$5 FEE PER FAMILY



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GEAR UP FOR VBS

MEETING
FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS
THURSDAY, JULY 6TH
6:30 PM
ACTIVITY CENTER



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. Hourly pay is negotiable.



A VOCATION VIEW

Even though it takes trust, generosity and courage to accept God's call to a Church vocation, Jesus nevertheless assures us that He is "gentle and humble of heart". If you hear Jesus' invitation, "Come to Me!" call Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.or.



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Donald DeLatin & family upon the death of his father, John "J.B." Baptiste DeLatin and to Larry Peltier & family upon the death of his mother, Frances Ann Peltier. Please keep them in your prayers.



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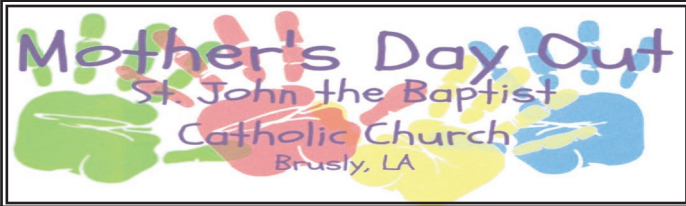
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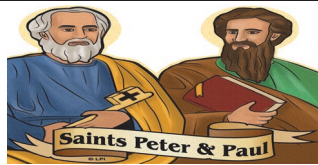


2 TEACHERS & 1 AIDE ARE STILL NEEDED FOR OUR MOTHERS DAY OUT PROGRAM The program will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from September 2017—May 2018 Teachers' time will be 8:30 am—1:30 pm Please email mdu.stjohn@gmail.com if interested

4th of July Holidays



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JULY 3rd And TUESDAY, JULY 4th IN HONOR OF INDEPENDENCE DAY!



STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

June 18, 2017

REGULAR:

190 Identified-	-----	-\$6,420.00
Loose Collection-	-----	708.00
TOTAL-	-----	\$7,128.00

Readings for the Week of June 25, 2017

Sunday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35/ Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33
Monday:	Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/ Mt 7:15-20
Thursday:	Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-5/Gal 1:11-20/ Jn 21:15-19
Day:	Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/ Mt 16:13-19
Friday:	Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-5/Mt 8:1-4
Saturday:	Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-50, 53-55/Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday:	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/ Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid." Can it really be true? Is our heavenly Father actually so aware of us? Does the Creator of the universe pay that much attention to me? Jesus says yes. God knows us far more intimately than we even know ourselves. And so, we have nothing to fear.

Being Christian isn't guaranteed to be easy. More and more even in our own culture, following the faith is being criticized and discouraged in the public square. Privately, we may struggle with the demands of the commandments or the ability to believe when we face the inevitable trials that come our way. But passages like this one in today's Gospel are a source of tremendous hope and consolation. We are loved beyond measure. We enjoy the care and concern of God in every situation, big and small. Truly we have no need to worry or be anxious because God is in control.

For our part, of course, Jesus asks us to trust him and stay faithful. He asks us not to apologize for our faith, especially publicly. "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." When we live our faith with confidence, it's a way of accepting the power and providence of God. But when we try to hide our faith away because we're afraid of causing problems, we only damage our relationship with the One who can actually solve them.

At the end of the day, the only really serious problem we need to worry about is losing our soul-and that, to be sure, is up to us. As the great French novelist Léon Bloy wrote, "There is only one tragedy in the end: not to have been a saint."