



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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Pentecost Sunday  
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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  
Pedro Garcia ..... 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 the Parish Office

*Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." - Jn 20:21-23*

Dear Parishioners,

Please take a look at the new edition of the "Gather" hymnals which were placed in church on this Feast of Pentecost. They were purchased with funds raised through the "iGiveCatholic" campaign, as well as donations received at our Christmas concert last December. Singing is a beautiful expression of one's faith and prayer, and I pray that these new hymnals will further enhance our celebration of the Eucharist. Thanks to all who made their purchase possible.

The Confirmation Retreat for our 11<sup>th</sup> graders is at the end of this month on Thursday-Saturday, June 27-29, at Rosaryville Retreat Center near Ponchatoula. A two night retreat provides a wonderful experience for our candidates to grow closer to God in preparation for their final sacrament of initiation. The date for Confirmation is Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. so please keep them in your prayers during the next six months. I look forward to spending some time with them at their retreat.

Registration continues for this year's Vacation Bible School to be held July 15-19, 2019. Forms are available in the back of church as well as on our parish website, and the deadline to register without incurring a late fee is June 28 so don't delay. VBS is open to children in grades K through 5<sup>th</sup> so sign up your kids for a week of fun, faith-filled activities. We need teachers and aides as well as participants and the forms for adult and youth volunteers are also located on our website. (Holy Family is holding its own VBS this year the week of June 24-28.)

Our custodian and maintenance director, Pedro Garcia, was unfortunately not able to provide the number of hours needed by the church, and so we have begun a search for his replacement. 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.

We are somewhat flexible with the days and times, but would prefer to have someone here four or five

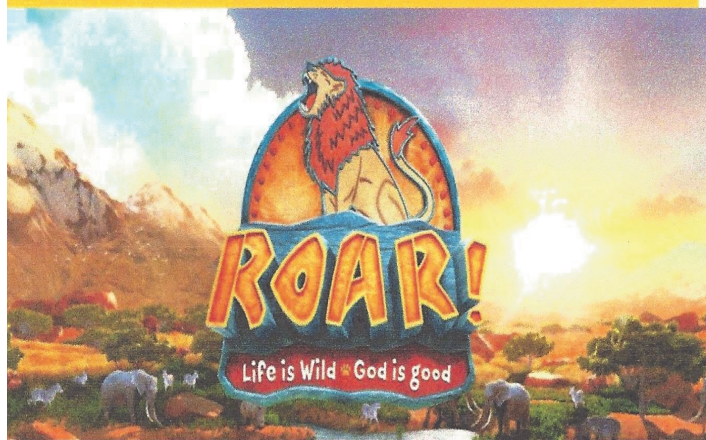
days per week from 7:00 or 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Interested persons should pick up an employment application from the church office. The pay is negotiable depending upon experience. The ideal candidate is someone who is reliable and physically able to handle the demands of the job.

On Thursday I leave for a 10-day trip to Hungary, Austria, Germany, and the Czech Republic. I am taking a Viking river cruise with a large group numbering close to 50 parishioners and friends. We start our cruise in Budapest and then travel up the Danube River to Vienna, Passau, Regensburg, and Nuremberg before busing over to Prague to end our trip. Father Jon Koehler and Father Bob Stine are scheduled to celebrate the Masses here next weekend, June 15 & 16, and Father Tom Carroll the Masses the following weekend of June 22 & 23. We will have Communion Services in place of our 8:00 a.m. weekday Masses on June 12-14, 18-21, and 25.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

VBS 2019

Registration and Volunteer forms are  
in the back of Church or online at  
[www.sjb-brusly.com](http://www.sjb-brusly.com)



THE ADVENTURE BEGINS—JULY 15 - 19, 2019



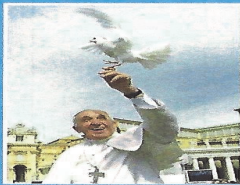
Adult Retreat to Angola  
 State Penitentiary  
 Saturday, July 13, 2019  
 \$40—per person limited space if  
 interested contact June Hebert  
 225-749-3387 or  
 june@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com



**Catechists Needed  
 for 2019-2020  
 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**



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE  
 IS NOW BURNING IN MEMORY  
 OF ALTON LANDRY, ADDISON KNOTTS &  
 WAYNE KNOTTS**

*Rest in Peace*

**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY** are extended to  
 Lucy Landry & family upon the death of her sister,  
 Joyce Caffarel and to Aline Thibodeaux & family upon  
 the death of her husband, Jules. Please keep them in  
 your prayers.

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

May 26, 2019  
 170 Identified- - - - - \$7,685.00  
 Loose Collection- - - - - 796.75  
 TOTAL- - - - - \$8,481.75

June 2, 2019  
 265 Identified- - - - - \$16,113.50  
 Loose Collection- - - - - 869.00  
 TOTAL- - - - - \$16,982.50

Catholic Communications Campaign—\$706.40

**A VOCATION VIEW**

“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.” Send forth workers into your vineyard. May some of parishioners choose to serve you by becoming priests, brothers and sisters. If you feel God may be calling you to this ministry call or email Father Andrew Merrick at (225) 336-8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

- ◆ Pro-Life Rosary—Saturday, June 15  
4:00 pm in church
- ◆ Monthly Meeting—Wednesday, June 19  
Officers Mtg.—6:00 pm  
Regular Meeting—7:15 pm

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**

- ⇒ Blessing Bags are ready for you to distribute to the Roadside Homeless People. Please take from the bins in the back of Church. Thank you for your donations of toiletry items and your acts of kindness in making this project a complete success.
- ⇒ June 15th/16th—Father’s Day—CDA Annual Cake Sale—Proceeds will go to Metanoia House and our SJB Local Disaster Relief Fund. All members are asked to bring a cake or 2 to contribute to this wonderful project.
- ⇒ June 19th will be our next meeting—6pm Rosary; 6:30 pm Dinner with KC’s; 7:00 pm meeting.
- ⇒ June 30—Sweet Dreams BBQ Meal at St. Vincent de Paul.

**Readings for the week of June 9, 2019**

- Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15 Rom -16, 23b-26
- Monday: Gen 3:9-15 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [cf. 2b]/Mt 5:13-16
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15--4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 5:20-26
- Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [17a]/Mt 5:27-32
- Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12, [8a]/Mt 5:33-37
- Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5-1/Jn 16:12-15

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018**

John Begue  
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Fr. Matt Lorrain  
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Jason Murphey  
Joey Normand  
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**Pentecost Sunday**

"God is always more." Have you ever heard that? If we truly believe that He is infinite, then this statement is worth exploring. Today, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit in power upon the early Church. But Pentecost wasn't the first time the disciples received the Holy Spirit. The Gospel actually occurs chronologically before Pentecost. Soon after the Resurrection, Jesus already "came and stood in their [the disciples'] midst... he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

God is always more. Sometimes we might think the grace of God as one and done. God might break through in people's lives, but it's a one-time event on a retreat or preceding a dramatic conversion of life. But there's always more to come. Even today's Gospel isn't the first time the breath of God stirred. In Genesis, it's God's breath that stirs life into Adam in the garden. Jesus breathes on the Apostles, giving them the Holy Spirit in the quiet and silence. Later, that breath will stir into a "driving wind", and the Spirit will descend with flame...not unlike Moses on Mount Sinai.

God is always more. He has spoken throughout salvation history, and continues to speak into our lives through His Church and through the Holy Spirit alive in our hearts. This Pentecost Sunday, let us come before Him with expectant hearts! Like the disciples in the Gospel and first reading, let us await what "more" God will do.