



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
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

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. - Lk 9:29-31

Dear Parishioners,

This Tuesday, March 19, 2019, is the *Solemnity of St. Joseph* and the 184th anniversary of the founding of our church parish. The act of incorporation was signed on this date in 1835. Some of our early pastors were Father Francis Beauprez (1835-1839), Father J. Evrard (1839-1841), and Father Paul Jordan (1841-1846). The two priests buried in our priest's tomb arrived later in the century: Father Emmanuel Lossouarn in 1875 and Father Francois Lesaicherre in 1898.

St. Joseph is venerated as the husband of Mary and the legal father of Jesus. He is characterized as a just or righteous man, and was a carpenter by trade. It is interesting that the Gospels do not record a single word spoken by St. Joseph. We learn of his virtue through his silent thoughts and actions. He practiced a humble obedience to God's will in a manner similar to St. Mary. St. Joseph is the patron saint of our cathedral and Diocese.

Every year, the American Cancer Society sponsors its "Relay for Life" in communities all over the country to support cancer survivors, caregivers, and ongoing research. The West Baton Rouge Relay will be held Friday, April 5, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at Brusly High School. To help promote the event, we are hosting the annual Relay for Life *Prayer Breakfast* on Saturday, March 23, at 8:30 a.m. in our Activity Center. For more information or to register, please call Elaine Pearce at 413-7102 or email: deauxldy1947@yahoo.com. It's always a very nice event.

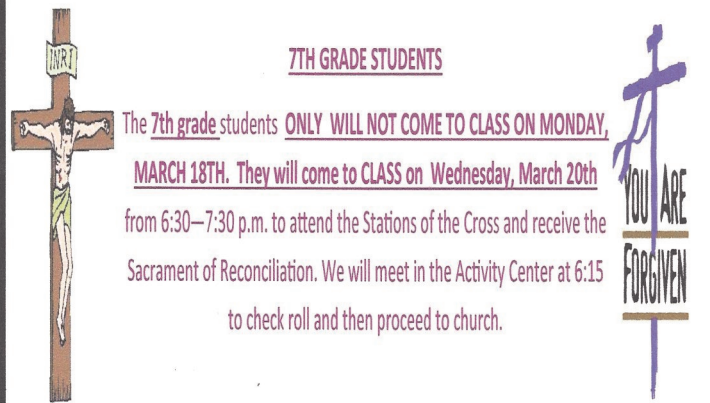
This year's Lenten Mission is just two weeks away and will be directed by Father Whitney Miller, a priest of the Diocese of Lake Charles. The Mission will be held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 1, 2, and 3, beginning at 7:00 p.m. each night. Father Miller will introduce the Mission by preaching at all of the weekend Masses on the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

The theme for this year's Mission is "Living the Theological Virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love." Monday night's gathering will center on "Right Faith;" Tuesday night's session will focus on "Sure Hope;" Wednesday night's theme is "Perfect Charity." We

look forward to his visit to our parish and the opportunity to strengthen our faith and deepen our love for God.


Karen Lemoine, who assists June Hebert in our Christian Formation office, will be retiring this spring after many years of faithful service. So we are in need of someone able to work about 20 hours per week, with most of the time spent on Mondays and Tuesdays in preparation for the evening religion classes. Karen manages registration and attendance, updates the student files, and records the sacraments for the 2nd and 11th graders. She also serves as the Child Protection Coordinator for our parish and ensures that all catechists and employees receive safe environment training. Interested persons should fill out an application form available from either the parish or Christian Formation Office.

In Christ,
Father Matt



7TH GRADE STUDENTS


The 7th grade students **ONLY WILL NOT COME TO CLASS ON MONDAY, MARCH 18TH.** They will come to **CLASS on Wednesday, March 20th** from 6:30—7:30 p.m. to attend the Stations of the Cross and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will meet in the Activity Center at 6:15 to check roll and then proceed to church.



WE WILL HAVE SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION SESSIONS ON MONDAY MARCH 18TH OR TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH AT THEIR REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASS TIMES. STUDENTS IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WILL CHOOSE TO COME ON ONE OF THESE DAYS.

6TH GRADE STUDENTS

The 6th grade students **WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY** on Wednesday, **March 27th** from 6:30—7:30 p.m. to attend the Stations of the Cross and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will meet in the Activity Center at 6:15 to check roll and then proceed to church. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU NOTE THE TIME CHANGE FOR THEM TO BE DROPPED OFF AND PICKED UP.**




A VOCATION VIEW

Peter, John and James had a mountaintop-experience with Jesus by witnessing His Transfiguration. We too can have a mountain-experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. If you are willing, and think God is calling you, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
IS BURNING IN MEMORY OF
CARLYS SIBILLE.**

Knights of Columbus

MONTHLY MEETING
Wednesday, March 20, 2019—Activity Center
6:00 pm—Officers' Meeting
7:15 pm—Regular Meeting

FEBRUARY CALENDAR WINNERS

Trey Tramonte, James Harvey, Ken Alford,
Gabi Kimble, Judy Waguespack, Jason Pruitt,
Celeste Perrault, Catherine Willis,
John & Helen Gossman, Matthew Distefano,
Lenny Tramonte, Janet Hebert, Tim Rodrigue,
Emery Broussard, Stanley Matherne,
Gloria Bourgeois, Dalton Landry, Brittany Dupont,
Roger Travasos, Mavis B. Landry, Katie Dimm,
Chris Gauthreaux, Juanita Stewart, John W. Flowers,
Connie Hebert, Paul M. Levert, Blake Lawhon,
Harold Babin



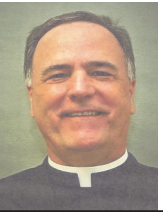
**RELAY FOR LIFE
PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Sponsored by SJB K.C. Council #10744
Saturday, March 23, 2019
8:30 am—Activity Center
Contact Elaine Pearce (413-7102) or
deauxlady1947@yahoo.com for reservations for
survivors & spouses/caregivers.

Thank You

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank the families and friends of Leonard Gauthreaux, Eddie Whitaker, Oscar Lemoine and DeeDee Besson for the recent donations.

Parish Lenten Mission



PLEASE JOIN US
As Fr. Whitney Miller Presents
*"A Lenten Challenge: Living the
Theological Virtues of Faith, Hope & Love"*

Monday, April 1—Right Faith
Tuesday, April 2— Sure Hope
Wednesday, April 3—Perfect Charity
7:00 pm Each Night

The content of this mission will be focused on David Haase's song, "Perfect Charity/Song Before the Cross".

REFRAIN:

*"Most high, glorious God, enlighten the
darkness of my heart,
give me right faith,
sure hope,
and perfect charity.
Fill me with understanding and knowledge that
I may fulfill your command."*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Readings for the week of March 17, 2019

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14
[1a]/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/
Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13
[cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27,
29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/
Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17,
18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43,
45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,
11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11
[8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

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Second Sunday of Lent

As we march through Lent, it can be easy to think it's all about sacrifice. No chocolate, no alcohol, no meat on Fridays. Yet here, only in the second week of Lent, we have the story of the transfiguration. This reading reminds us of the "why" behind what we do. We don't fast from dessert to lose weight. We don't donate money or serve others because it's merely a nice thing to do. Lent is about transformation!

Peter, James, and John trudged up the mountainside behind Jesus. This must have been a difficult hike, because when they reached the top, "Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep." Despite our best efforts, perhaps we, too, can be asleep to the deeper meaning of the Lenten season. Jesus is transfigured while they slumber, but eventually they become "fully awake, [and] they saw his glory and the two men standing with him."

This is no small thing! The disciples witness Jesus in his divine splendor and see the miraculous apparitions of Moses and Elijah. The entire mountain becomes a spiritual breakthrough. "A cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud." These symbols are present in the Old Testament. They are present on Mount Sinai when Moses prayed alone and received the 10 Commandments. Elijah had a similar experience when he prayed alone before God. But here are ordinary men, former fishermen, who have been drawn up into an adventure beyond their wildest expectations. Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the fulfillment of all that came before. But Christianity is not the religion of the elite, where only the select few are allowed to participate. We are all invited into spiritual transformation. Lent is a privileged time for this!