



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
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.

"Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they?" - Mt 6:26

Dear Parishioners,

The grace-filled season of Lent begins this Wednesday, March 5, so please take some time to decide on one or two activities of prayer or penance to deepen your faith and draw you closer to God. Our Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 6:00 p.m., and our Friday Mass will move to 6:00 p.m. followed by the Way of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. for the entire season of Lent. Even if your work or school schedule will not allow you to attend morning Mass on most days, you may be able to attend the Friday evening Mass each week as an extra opportunity to nourish your faith life.

In addition to the Eucharist, the Sacrament of Confession offers another opportunity to deepen our sense of God's mercy and love. Confession will be available in our church every Wednesday evening from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., starting the week after Ash Wednesday, and every Friday evening from 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. starting this Friday. Opportunities for confession will be limited during Holy Week so please try to go sometime during the first five weeks of Lent.

Priests are fortunate in that we have ample opportunities to celebrate Mass as part of our vocation and ministry. But we still benefit by taking on extra sacrifices for Lent and removing certain forms of temptation from our lives. I know plenty of priests who give up alcohol for Lent, and even one priest who gives up coffee. I usually give up television which has the added benefit of encouraging me to go to bed a little earlier than usual. Other friends give up social media or limit their time on the computer. Our goal is to make these 40 days different from the rest of the year so that we can become more thoughtful and considerate.

We are excited to offer another two-night Parish Mission this Lent led by Mr. Cooper Ray, former Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Cooper is a dynamic speaker and musician who holds a bachelors degree in psychology and a masters degree in pastoral studies. He is married with two sons and now resides in Dallas, Texas. He will introduce the theme of the Mission at all of our Masses the weekend of April 5 & 6, and then offer his main presentations at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday and Monday

evenings, April 6 and 7. Please reserve the dates on your calendar and join us for two nights of prayer, reflection, and song.

Several of you asked about the Jesuit priest that I mentioned in my homily last weekend. His name is Father Walter Cizek, S.J., and he spent 23 years in Soviet prisons and the labor camps of Siberia before his release in 1963. His first book is "With God in Russia," and his second book is "He Leadeth Me." Both are published by Ignatius Press and should be fairly easy to locate if you are interested in reading one or both of them. The second book is particularly appropriate for meditation or for a mini-retreat.

Daylight Saving Time starts next Sunday, March 9, so remember to move your clocks ahead by one hour before going to bed next Saturday night. Otherwise you will be late for Mass and that's never a good thing, especially on the First Sunday of Lent.

In Christ,
Father Matt



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 5, 2014

Mass Schedule

**8:00 am; 12:00 noon and
6:00 pm**

Mardi Gras

**The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday & Tuesday, March 3rd &
4th for this holiday.**

**NO 8:00 AM MASS ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 4th**



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday through Thursday—8:00 am

Friday Schedule:

Adoration: 2:30 pm

Confessions—5:00-5:30 pm

Benediction—5:40 pm

Mass— 6:00 pm

Way of the Cross—6:30 pm

Rice Bowls will be available in church next weekend and sent home with our Christian Formation students the following week. Please use them as a Lenten sacrifice to help the poor in the world.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT AT ST. ISIDORE

Saturday, March 8th

5:30 pm Mass at St. Isidore followed by Movie & Dinner
with St. Isidore Youth Ministry

ABBEY YOUTH FESTIVAL

Saturday, March 22nd

RSVP by Tuesday, Feb. 25th

Cost \$46 (includes registration, 2 meals and t-shirt)



“SENIOR PROM”

At the Hop

Featuring the band: PENALTY BOX

Friday, March 28 (7—10 pm)

Ages 50+ Invited to attend.

Wear your favorite 50's outfit or Dressy Attire!

Come Vote for Prom King and queen!

Tickets \$15/person

JUNIOR HIGH LOCK IN

Friday, April 11 (8pm—8am)

Cost: \$30 (covers food, activities and inflatable)

SJB Activity Center

Parents—If you are available to help please
contact Julie.

SAVE THESE DATES

Parish Mission—April 6-7 (7:00 pm)

SJB Parish Mission Featuring Cooper Ray

Vacation Bible School (July 14—17, 2014)

St. John the Baptist//Holy Family

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Please give generously to this special collection next week-end. This fund provides affordable shelter and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles with the effects of Soviet rule. It also provides pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations and helps to restore the church and build the future in the region. [Please place your special envelope in the regular collection.](#)

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

February 23, 2014

REGULAR:

194 Identified- - - - - \$5,364.00

Loose Collection- - - - 462.30

TOTAL- - - - - \$5,826.30

A VOCATION VIEW

The Spirit of truth is within you. You are not alone. Reflect on how God is calling you at this time in your life. If God is calling you to a Church vocation. Call Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778 or mdupe@diobr.org.



*The Sanctuary Candle is now
burning in memory of Virgie Curcio
by Pete Curcio & Family*

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Penance Services will be held on Wednesdays,
March 12, 19, & 26 and April 2 & 9 (6 pm—7pm)
during Lent at the following churches:

- ⇒ St. Mary's in New Roads
- ⇒ Immaculate Heart of Mary—Maringouin
- ⇒ St. John the Baptist—Brusly
- ⇒ St. John the Evangelist—Plaquemine

Everyone is invited. This is a perfect opportunity for reconciliation during the Lenten Season.



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to
the family of Peggy LeBlanc upon
Her recent death. Please keep
them in your prayers.



BAPTISMAL SEMINAR

Wednesday, March 12—6:30 pm

Classroom #5

Mandatory for parents to baptize
their children.

Call the office to register.

BAPTISMS

*The following babies were baptized here last weekend:
Annalise Kate Tassin, daughter of Brent & Samantha
Tassin and Alexander Michael Vince, son of Matthew
& Amanda. Congratulations and welcome into our
faith community.*

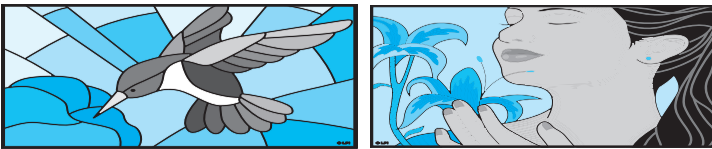
Readings for the Week of March 2, 2014

Sunday: Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34
Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6,
16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12,
17-19/Mt 4:1-11

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2013-2014

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LIVING FAITH BOOKLETS
FOR APRIL, MAY & JUNE ARE IN THE OFFICE
SMALL PRINT—\$1.00; LARGE PRINT—\$2.00



Lenten Disciplines of Fasting and Abstinence

It is Lent, and as Catholics we look forward to the feast of Easter and the great fifty day celebration of Easter. However, to truly enjoy something, like a feast, we need to feel hungry. If we are full, then we cannot enjoy that meal to which we are looking forward. This in a nutshell is our Catholic understanding of fast and abstinence. We associate ourselves with the suffering Christ in his forty day fast in the desert before his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. During the season of Lent, we spiritually give up something that we like. Then on Easter when we celebrate with the entire church the great feast of the resurrection of Christ and our Lenten fast is broken, we also celebrate with a family Easter meal with those we love. Christ loves us more than we may imagine. That is why he suffered.

Therefore, here are the rules for fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal. Catholics in good health ages eighteen to fifty-nine are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and to abstain from meat all other Fridays in Lent. Youth thirteen and older are to abstain from meat on these days.

Abstinence from meat on Fridays: Canon 1251 specifies that Catholics refrain from eating meat on all Fridays, as an act of penitence. In the US, Catholics are permitted to substitute another penance outside of the season of Lent. During Lent, however, all Catholics are obliged not to eat meat on Fridays.

Penance during Lent: The season of Lent is a penitential time and should also be marked by some additional form of self-denial.