



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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Palm Sunday, The Passion of Our Lord  
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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  
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 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

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!"

-Mk—11:9-10

Dear Parishioners,

This week is holy to all Catholics because of our collective memory and belief in our Savior's unconditional love for all humanity. Christ is our king who leads us from death to new life, and who nourishes our faith with the gift of his body and blood. You are invited and encouraged to participate in the beautiful Holy Week liturgies of the Catholic Church.

Our Mass on Wednesday of Holy Week returns to its regular time of 8:00 a.m. We will not celebrate an evening Mass or the Stations of the Cross or confessions this Wednesday. Bishop Muench will also celebrate the Chrism Mass at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Joseph Cathedral. This is the Mass where the Bishop blesses and consecrates the holy oils to be used in all parishes this coming year. Cindy Crochet will represent our parish to receive the holy oils at the Mass, and everyone is welcome to attend.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening will be at 7:00 p.m. I tried moving the time to 6:00 p.m. last year but it ended up being a little early for people so we are moving back to 7:00 p.m. Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will continue for one hour following the Mass.

On Good Friday, the Way of the Cross will be led by Deacon Sammy at 12:00 noon. I will be in the confessional during the Way of the Cross in case anyone missed the opportunity for confession. The Celebration of the Lord's Passion will begin at 3:00 p.m., and we will again use the new cross we had made for the Good Friday veneration. Remember that Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

On Holy Saturday, the Easter Vigil will begin after nightfall at 8:00 p.m. as required by the Church. The Vigil begins in the front of the church with the blessing of the Easter fire and the lighting of our new paschal candle. This is the service where we welcome our new Catholics into the Church. Our Masses on Easter Sunday will be at the regular times of 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

We had a great turnout for our 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on March 19. Lucy Landry and her committee

did a fantastic job organizing the anniversary and updating our archive area in the Parish Activity Center. Please be sure to stop by and look at some of the artifacts displayed there, along with the new painting by Baton Rouge artist Marc Verret of *Marc Fresh Art*. Our actors dressed in period attire did a great job in bringing the past to life so I thank them as well.

Finally, thank you to all who attended last week's Parish Mission. The spiritual development of a faith community is even more important than its physical development, so it's appropriate that we dedicate time and resources for our spiritual growth. Parish Missions and other opportunities for prayer and the sacraments help to insure that our inner beauty matches the outer beauty of our historic parish church.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

## Easter Triduum



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### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### Thursday, April 2

Mass of the Lord's Supper—7:00 pm  
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour.

#### Friday, April 3

Way of the Cross—12:00 noon  
The Lord's Passion—3:00 pm

#### Saturday, April 4

Easter Vigil—8:00 pm

#### Easter Sunday, April 5

Masses 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am

## Adult Confirmation

Plans are being made for classes to prepare any adults who for some reason are not yet confirmed. The actual Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015 at St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge.

Anyone wishing to be Confirmed must attend the classes which will be held here on Thursdays, April 23 & 30 and May 7 & 21, 2015. Please call the Parish Office to register.



# NOTICE - LAST CHANCE

## GUIDE BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED

Be sure to call the Office if you have any updates on your census information such as changes in phone number, address, children who have moved out of your home. Publication will begin this month!

## **FILL A PRESCRIPTION FOR THE NEEDY**

St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy is again asking you to participate in this effort geared toward helping the pharmacy secure the funding it needs to provide the thousands of prescription they fill in a year.

You can participate by removing the label from an empty prescription bottle from home, inserting your donation and placing it in the container in the back of church or in the collection. Empty bottles are also available near the container in church. THANK YOU!

## **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS SCHOLARSHIP-2015**

Court St. John the Baptist #2079 will award a \$500 undergraduate scholarship to a graduating female high school senior who is a parishioner of St John the Baptist Catholic Church Parish in Brusly. The deadline for returning the scholarship form is Monday, April 6, 2015. For more info and forms, contact Laura Mayeux at 749-2144 or 278-3563 (texting available with this number).



## **RICE BOWL** **Solidarity**

25% of contributions to CRS Rice Bowl remain in our diocese, helping to support local poverty and hunger alleviation programs. This week we pray for people in our own community and those throughout the United States who struggle with poverty and hunger. Give to your Rice Bowl to support programs that help the poor in our own community as well as in communities around the world. If you have not done so, please turn in your Rice Bowls this week. THANKS!

## **STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

March 22, 2015

REGULAR:

209 Identified- - - - - \$6,550.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 601.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$7,211.00

## **A VOCATION VIEW**

“Morning by morning He wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.” Listen in prayer daily to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, seeking to know your vocation. If He is asking you to consider the priesthood or consecrated life, call or email Father Matt Dupre’ at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Sunday, April 5**

Communion Service for K.C. Members and their families at 7:30 am Mass.

Coffee & Donuts will be served after 7:30 am Mass in the Activity Center.

## **BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE**

*Thanks to Scrap & Ella Dean Thibodeaux for chairing the committee during the month of March. Chaircouple for April will be Gerald & Sandra Fitzgerald. Please give them a call (749-3294) with any concerns.*

The Committee wishes to thank the family & friends of William Acosta for their recent donations.

## **ALTAR SOCIETY**

Thanks to Cindi Breaux (749-3842) & her group for cleaning the church during the month of March. They will be cleaning again for April. Please call if you can lend a hand.

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

## **Readings for the Week of March 29, 2015**

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/  
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1--15:47 or 15:1-39  
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11  
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25  
Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/  
Rv 1: 58/Lk 4:16-21  
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor  
Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15  
Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/  
Jn 18:1-19:42  
Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-  
Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/  
Ex 14:15--15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/  
Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ez 36:16-17a,  
18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7  
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b  
1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or  
Lk 24:13-35

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**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

"They began to be distressed and to say to him, one by one, Surely it is not I?" During this dramatic scene at the Last Supper, we can picture Judas Iscariot, the betrayer, trying to play up his innocence as long as possible. He knew he had already betrayed Jesus, and if he joined in the "who, me?" ritual, he was just putting on appearances. But what about the others? The rest of the Twelve were deeply disturbed by the idea that they might betray Jesus. As we know, however, when push came to shove, Peter's fear of betraying Jesus was trumped by fear for his own life. "I do not know this man about whom you are talking," he said in order to protect himself. But notice Peter's reaction when he realized what he'd done: "He broke down and wept."

How different was humble Peter's response from that of prideful Judas, who acted as if he hadn't done anything wrong: "Who, me?" Both men were unfaithful to the Lord, but only Peter immediately felt real sorrow, what we traditionally call contrition, for his sin.

The betrayers in today's Gospel readings are not just these two men. We also follow the crowd who hailed Jesus one day with "hosannas!" and a week later nailed him with their angry "crucify him!" How quickly our faith can turn fickle. For some of us, it may be easy to condemn the crowd and Judas and Peter, thinking that we would never do such a thing: "Who, me?" But today, let us resolve not to be so proud as to think we are perfect disciples. Let us have the humility of Peter who wept over his imperfections and, ultimately, repented of his sins. Only when we acknowledge that we need God's help will we be able to hail him and praise him as he truly deserves.