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Fourth Sunday in Lent
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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
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.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. - Jn 9:35-38

Dear Parishioners,

Our Lenten Mission begins next weekend with a brief introduction by our presenter at all four of our weekend Masses, followed by the main presentations at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 6, and Monday, April 7. Our presenter is Mr. Cooper Ray, former Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Baton Rouge. The theme of the mission is "The Call" and Cooper's talks will explore the Gospel call to holiness, relationship, and mission. Please try to attend.

Missions are often grace-filled opportunities to deepen our awareness of God's presence in our lives. It is a special time to attune one's mind and heart to God's voice speaking to us through the presenter, music, or gathered assembly. The sobriety of the Lenten season has prepared us spiritually by removing many of the typical distractions that might ordinarily interfere with our ability to recognize God's voice. We pray for the openness to respond to God's call to holiness during this Lenten mission.

The Wednesday evening confessions have been going very well during this Lenten season. The number of penitents has been small but this has allowed the priests to take more time with each confession. There are two more weeks remaining for the *Light is On For You* program, and Father David Allen will be here this Wednesday and Father Todd Lloyd will be here the following Wednesday to assist me with confessions. Both nights are from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. so please take advantage of this opportunity to celebrate God's forgiveness. I am also available from 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. the next two Friday evenings, and from 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. every Saturday afternoon.

Our monthly 12 hour period of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament begins at 8:00 p.m. this Friday, April 4, and ends with 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, April 5. All are invited to sign-up for an hour of prayer and adoration during the night or early morning. You are free to sit or kneel in silent prayer, or pray the rosary, or engage in spiritual reading and meditation while in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Our regular Friday afternoon adoration will also take place that same day from 2:30 – 5:40 p.m., followed by Benediction, Mass, and Way of the Cross as usual.

I have lost about ten pounds so far this Lent, mostly due to fasting but also aided by that terrible cold which afflicted me for three weeks. We have three more weeks to go so I encourage you to persevere in your Lenten practices so we can together receive the full benefit of this blessed season. God is never outdone in generosity so we can be confident that he will multiply the graces attained through our prayers and sacrifice. Be assured of my daily prayers for all of you as we approach Holy Week and Easter.

In Christ,
Father Matt



**The Great Adventure Bible Study
On the book of James
(Pearls for Wise Living)**

Begins on April 21st for 10 weeks

Each Monday at 7:00 pm

SJB Activity Center—Room #1

Material Fee: \$25.00

**Contact Parish Office (749-2189) or
Brenda Gomez (225) 276-3490**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Look Upon Him whom they have pierced..."

Let your eyes of faith see within the Sacred Host,
Our Savior Jesus Christ,

Whose Heart was pierced for love of us!

**All night Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, April 4th at
8pm thru Saturday, April 5th at 8am.**

Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of church.

For more info, call Julie (749-8260)
or Mary (324-5289)

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



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

JUNIOR HIGH LOCK-IN

Friday, April 11 (8pm—8am)

\$30 Fee covers food, activities & inflatable

SJB Activity Center

If any parents are available to help, please call Julie at 749-3387

SAVE THESE DATES

April 6 & 7 (7:00 pm) - Parish Mission

July 14—17—Vacation Bible School

Organizations

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Cindi Breaux & her group for cleaning the church during the month of March. They will be cleaning again during the month of April. Please give her a call at 749-3842 to offer your help.



BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

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

Thanks to friends & families of Kutchie Sarradet and Walter Babin for their recent donations.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, April 6

Monthly Communion Service for K.C.

Members and their families at
7:30 am Mass.

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

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

March 23, 2014

REGULAR:

251 Identified- - - - - \$10,933.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 708.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$11,641.00

A VOCATION VIEW

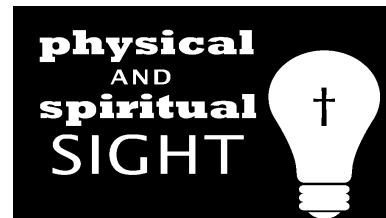
Jesus gave sight to the blind man. He will also give “insight” on what to do with our lives...if we ask Him. If you think God could be calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Matt Dupre’ at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org.



CDA SCHOLARSHIP 2014

CDA 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 7, 2014.

For more info and forms, contact Laura Mayeux at 749-2144 or 278-3563 (texting available with this number.)



THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Penance Services will be held on Wednesdays,
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.

Readings for the Week of March 30, 2014

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17,
34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45
or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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4th Sunday of Lent

"So he went and washed, and came back able to see." The man born blind was healed by the power of Christ. But the man played his part as well. First, he let Jesus spread the clay on his eyes, which was probably just as strange as it sounds. This wasn't a typical practice for curing blindness! In fact, there was no such practice; as the blind man said, "It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind." Yet the man trusted Jesus enough to submit to this odd therapy. Then, still caked in mud, the man followed Christ's direction to wash in the Pool of Siloam. Only after this washing was the healing complete.

If the man had doubted Jesus, if he had been too skeptical to participate in this unusual ritual, he would not have been cured. But he believed. He took Jesus at his word and obeyed his command. Ironically, this man without physical vision "saw" what those around him did not. He recognized that Jesus was a prophet. The Pharisees, on the other hand, were "blinded" by Jesus' boldness in curing the man on a Sabbath day. They thought they were looking at a sinner.

Jesus tells us he came, "so that those who do not see might see." Where do we fall on this spectrum of spiritual vision? Are we like the man who followed Christ without question? Like him, do we respond to Jesus with obedience, even when it doesn't "appear" to make sense at the time? Or do we struggle to see Christ in the trials of life? During this season of Lent may we identify any areas where doubt has created a blind spot in our hearts. Let us pray that our eyes may be opened to recognize, even amidst struggles, the One who is "the light of the world."