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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  
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

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

Dear Parishioners,

On Thursday, March 19, 2015, St. John the Baptist Parish will celebrate 180 years as a faith community. Since the Eucharist is centered on the themes of *remembrance* and *thanksgiving*, it is important that we celebrate this anniversary and offer gratitude to God for his many blessings these last 180 years.

The signers of the 1835 act of incorporation had names like Hebert, Landry, Doiron, and LaBauve. Their descendants are among the families that worship here today. A strong sense of attachment to the land and to the faith is characteristic of a community that endures over many decades of change and growth.

A small anniversary committee led by Lucy Landry has put together a very nice program to mark our anniversary. They commissioned a large scale painting of the Acadian settlers gathered around our small Catholic Church as it might have appeared in the early 1800's. They also commissioned a skit to be performed by some of the children of our parish as a further way of celebrating our rich history.

The unveiling of the painting and the performance of the skit will both take place on the evening of Thursday, March 19, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center. The parish is also providing a meal that night so please call the parish office (749-2189) if you plan to attend so we can prepare enough food. The combined meal and program will last about two hours.

Our neighbors at Holy Family Parish and School have their annual "Bear Fair" on Friday and Saturday, March 20 and 21, 2015. Parent volunteers will be selling raffle tickets after all of our Masses next weekend, March 14-15. Please help support this important fundraiser and community builder for the school by purchasing tickets or attending the fair.

I continue to remind you of our four-night Lenten Mission to be held Sunday – Wednesday, March 22-25, beginning at 7:00 p.m. each night in the church. Our retreat director is Father Blaise Czaja, CP, and the theme for this year's mission is "*On the Way to*

*Jesus Christ.*" Father Czaja will also celebrate an 8:00 a.m. morning Mass on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings of the same week for the benefit of those who cannot attend the evening presentations. His morning talks will take the form of a twenty minute homily at each of the 8:00 a.m. Masses.

Please remember to include vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life in your daily prayers for Lent and Easter. We recently lost two priests to untimely deaths: Father Clarence Waguespack died on December 8 in a freak bicycle accident and Father Than Vu died on January 28 after a long battle with cancer. We need to follow Jesus' command to "ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest" so that we will always have sufficient priests and religious to staff our parishes and schools.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

## Christian Formation

The 10th Grade Parent Session scheduled for March 10 has been cancelled.  
The 10th Graders will still have class on that date.

Monday, March 9th and Tuesday, March 10th will be Sacramental Prep Classes for 2nd Graders. Students should bring First Eucharist books to class.

### St. John the Baptist To Celebrate 180th Anniversary Thursday, March 19, 2015 (6:30—8:30 pm)

At the 180th Parish Anniversary Celebration, children of our parish will perform a skit called "We Remember". The skit was developed from material found in a parish history compiled by Mr. Joseph Bres and Fr. Eugene Royer in the 1930's. Also, family and community memories from Jocelyn Gauthreaux are included. "We Remember" was written by Pam Folsie of Vacherie, and is being coordinated by Susie Prejean and Karen Lemoine. Audience members will have a chance to participate.

Circle your calendars—Thursday, March 19, 2015, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and come out to learn parish history and visit with parish family.

**PLEASE RSVP (749-2189) by March 16 IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND SO THAT WE CAN PLAN FOR THE MEAL**



### 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!



*THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS  
NOW BURNING IN  
MEMORY OF BRYAN MABLE*

*PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Kim LeMoine & family upon the death of his wife, Julie. Please keep them in your prayers.*

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Are you a Catholic Woman 18 years or older interested in joining a wonderful, fulfilling, faith-filled service and charitable organization? Please consider the Catholic Daughters. All interested are welcome to come and join us. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 18th in the Activity Center. There will be NO DINNER this month as the meeting will immediately follow Mass and the Way of the Cross and will begin at approximately 7:15 pm. Hope to see you there!

## *Congratulations!*

### BAPTIZED

*Troy Woods McKinney, son of  
Steve "Andy" & Carrie Cavaliere McKinney*

### MARRIED

*Kristen Michelle Gilbreath and  
David "Sammy" Corrent, Jr.*

### RICE BOWL

*Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers*

Because of extreme weather patterns, half of the Nigerian population faces food insecurity during the "Hungry season" when food supplies run out. Now, CRS provides jobs digging reservoirs so that farmers do not have to leave home to find work so their children can eat. Here at home, 25% of your donation is used to fund programs such as employment counseling and placement services for older workers and refugees. This week, pray and contribute to Rice Bowl in gratitude for productive work and a fair wage and to support people working to provide a better livelihood for their families.

### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

March 1, 2015

REGULAR:

295 Identified- - - - - \$16,504.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 1,579.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$18,083.00

### A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money-changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a religious vocation in the Church. If you think God might be calling you to one, call or email Father Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, [mdupre@diobr.org](mailto:mdupre@diobr.org).

### THANK YOU!

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank everyone for the recent donations in memory of Cliff Goodwin, Julie S. Lemoine and Hilda Guedry.

### HOLY FAMILY BEAR FAIR

March 20th & 21st

Holy Family parishioners will be selling Raffle Tickets after all Masses here next weekend (March 14th & 15th). Tickets are \$3.00 each and winner will be drawn on March 21st at 7:00 pm (winner need not be present).

**Prizes are: 1 week stay in Gatlinburg; \$2,000; \$1,500; and \$500.**



### JESUS THE BRIDEGROOM

*A Presentation from the Scriptures by Dr. Brant Pitre*

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

Baton Rouge, LA

Saturday, March 14th (8:15 am—12:00 Noon)

\$10 per person

Call (225) 387-6671 for more information



### NEW HORIZONS MEETING

Originally started by Bishop Ott, the New Horizons Group is recommencing their efforts and meetings to support widows and widowers. This is a peer social ministry group that will meet regularly once a month on the third Tuesday. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17th at 11:30 am in the Lake Sherwood Village Retirement community, located at 4101 Plaza Tower Dr., Baton Rouge. Lunch is available for \$10. Please contact Shannon Baldrige at Marriage & Family Life (225) 242-0323 if you plan to attend.

### Readings for the Week of March 8, 2015

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/  
Cor 1:22-125/Jn 2:13-25

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/  
Jn 3:14-21

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2014-2015**

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**3rd Sunday of Lent**

"While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing." How we would love to see those signs! How easy it would be for us to believe if we too could witness Jesus healing the sick, feeding the multitudes, calming the storm. It's tempting to imagine that faith was a simple thing back in those days. We might be inclined to think that we don't have the same benefits as those first believers, and so faith is harder in our day and age. But is it, really?

In truth, we have an advantage that none of those people had: two thousand years of Church history! Two millennia of faithful, prayerful Christians believing in Jesus and spreading the Gospel; the collective witness of the saints--many of whom have also worked "signs" in Jesus' name; the effects of the Church on culture and the world through its schools, its hospitals, its spiritual movements, and religious institutions; the unbroken line of apostolic succession that traces back to the time of Christ. Just the fact alone that the Church is still alive and well in spite of all of its sinful members ought to be miracle enough for us.

But even with all of this testimony, it's important to remember that seeing signs and believing in Jesus are not the same thing. Even those who witnessed Jesus' miracles had to take the next step by choosing to accept him as their Lord. Ultimately, all of these convincing details are not the point. The point is to encounter Jesus on a personal level. The signs may open the door to bring us closer to him, but it's up to us to walk through that door. May we walk so as to come "to believe the Scripture."