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Fifth Sunday of 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
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin..... Parish Secretary
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Karen Lemoine Christian Formation
Celeste Veillon Music Director
Wayne Delapasse..... 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 Judy Thousand, 749-9257 or the Parish office

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." - Jn 11:25-27

Dear Parishioners,

This is the last full week before Holy Week, so please make plans to come to confession in preparation for Easter if you have not already done so. I am available this Wednesday, March 21, from 5:30 – 5:50 p.m. just prior to the 6:00 p.m. Mass, and then immediately following the Mass from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. This is the last week for our Wednesday evening Mass, Stations of the Cross, and Confessions during Lent. I am also available from 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. next Saturday afternoon.

Our schedule for Holy Week is as follows: The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening is at 7:00 p.m. The Mass will be followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for about one hour. On Good Friday, the Way of the Cross is at 12:00 noon and the Celebration of the Lord's Passion is at 3:00 p.m. (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. Our Masses on Easter Sunday will be at the regular times of 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

This Monday, March 19, 2018, is the *Solemnity of St. Joseph* and the 183rd anniversary of the founding of our church parish. The act of incorporation was signed on this date in 1835. On Tuesday, April 10, 2018, we will celebrate 7 years since the rededication of our church after its major restoration. And I am happy to announce that we are a mere three months away from retiring the debt. The discovery of termites was a disappointment but our contractor is making good progress with the repairs.

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 13, 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* next Saturday, March 24, at 8:30 a.m. in our Activity Center. For more information or to register, please call Elaine Pearce at 413-7102 or email deauxlady1947@yahoo.com. It is always a very nice event.

We are looking for a dedicated parishioner to chair this year's *Feast on the Levee*. Last year we managed to get by without a chairperson thanks to the dedication of our office staff. However, this was by exception and I don't want to ask them to do it again this year. So we need an individual or married couple or a pair of close friends who can get things organized and attend to some of the early tasks like booking the bands. Please think about it and consider helping your parish in this important role.

For those who participated in Operation Rice Bowl during Lent, you can start returning your monies to church next weekend.

In Christ,
Father Matt



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION SESSION
FOR ALL SECOND GRADERS AND ALL OTHER STUDENTS
PREPARING FOR FIRST EUCHARIST ON MONDAY,
MARCH 19TH OR TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH AT THEIR
REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASS TIMES. THE NEXT WEEK
MONDAY, MARCH 26TH AND TUESDAY, MARCH 27TH
WILL ALSO BE SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES
FOR ALL SECOND GRADERS AND ALL OTHER STUDENTS
PREPARING FOR FIRST EUCHARIST. CATHOLIC SCHOOL
STUDENTS WILL CHOOSE TO COME ON ONE OF THESE
DAYS EACH WEEK. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE
COMPLETED CH. 1-4 IN YOUR BOOK.

PRAYER
FASTING
ALMSGIVING



5TH GRADE STUDENTS

The 5th grade students ONLY WILL NOT COME TO CLASS ON MONDAY, MARCH 19TH. They will come to CLASS on Wednesday, March 21ST 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.





LENTEN SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 21, 2018
 Confessions: 5:30 pm
 Mass: 6:00 pm
 Way of the Cross: 6:30 pm
 The Light is On For You: 6:30-7:30 pm

Holy Thursday -March 29

Services—7:00 pm

Good Friday—March 30

Way of the Cross—Noon
 Veneration of the Cross—3:00 pm

Easter Vigil—March 31—8:00 pm

Easter Sunday—April 1—7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am



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

Senior Spirit Events

A LOOK AT OUR W.B.R. AND POINTE COUPEE
 HERITAGE

Saturday, April 21 (8:30 am—5:30 pm)

Come visit and learn more about historic places in West Baton Rouge and Pointe Coupee Parishes that are a part of our heritage. The tour bus will leave SJB Catholic Church at 8:30 am. Several landmarks, historic homes, cemeteries and the WBR Museum will be visited.

While in New Roads, the group will enjoy lunch at Morel's Restaurant overlooking False River.

To register, please call Carolyn at 749-2189 **by March 26th**. Registration fee is \$45, payable by March 26. Checks can be mailed to Carolyn Dupuy, St. John the Baptist, P.O. Box 248, Brusly, LA 70719 or left at the Church Office. Fee includes bus, lunch and any admission fees.

An itinerary will be mailed to participants about a week before the trip.

POT LUCK SUPPER AND
 HOLY LAND TRAVELOGUE.

Sunday, March 25—6:00 pm
 Senior Center—235 Elaine St., Brusly

Jean Crites and Tom & Mary Acosta will lead a presentation on their travels to the Holy Land. They will share their experiences and present pictures of their journey to Israel, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and the Jordan River.

Please bring your favorite salad, casserole or dessert. Beverages will be supplied by Senior Spirit. To register call or email: Babs Babin at 749-2518, bbbabin@cox.net or Lucy Landry at 749-2981, lucyplandry@bellsouth.net by March 23rd.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

March 11, 2018
 195 Identified- - - - - \$7,349.00
 Loose Collection- - - - - 698.00
 TOTAL- - - - - \$8,047.00
 Catholic Relief Services—\$830.00



Our Feast on the Levee is scheduled for October 28 this year!
 We need a chairperson or couple to get it going. It's time for us to book the bands and it needs to be soon
 Please call the office (749-2189) to help! WE NEED YOU!!!

K.C.'s/C.D.A.

K.C.'s MONTHLY MEETING

Activity Center

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Officers' Meeting—6:00 pm

Regular Meeting—7:15 pm

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

Wednesday, March 21st immediately following the Way of the Cross (approximately 7:00 pm).

Meeting Highlights

Jambalaya Dinner, Scholarship, Newsletter, and Election of Nominating Committee. Come join in on the discussion! Hope to see you there. **NO MEAL** will be served at this meeting.

2018 SCHOLARSHIP

Our SJB CDA Court #2079 announces the \$500 annual scholarship given to a graduating, confirmed, female parishioner. Applications are available by emailing Laura Mayeux at lmyu2084@gmail.com or picking them up from Ms. June in the Parish Christian Formation Office. All applications are due by Tuesday, April 10, 2018. A letter has also been sent to all 2017 lady confirmands' parents. An application has been included with these mailings.

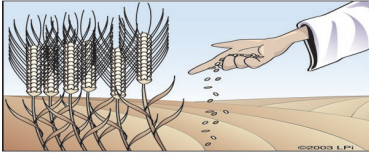
Readings for the Week of March 18, 2018

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/ Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12 14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
 Monday: 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
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/ Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/ Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56
 Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/ Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/ Phil 2:6-11/ Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39



A VOCATION VIEW

"He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him". The gift of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life requires an obedient response through prayer and action. If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest or religious for His Church, call or email Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com.



March 18, 2018 5th Sunday of Lent

Now there were some Greeks among those who had come to worship at the feast. They came to Philip and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." It has begun. News of Jesus has spread beyond native-born, Aramaic-speaking Jews. We don't know if the Greeks mentioned here heard of Jesus from fellow travelers or if news of this intriguing rabbi had reached all the way to their home. What we do know is that this interaction spurred an interesting comment from Jesus: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." In other words, it has begun. The time has come for the message to move beyond the geographic bounds of Israel.

But what does this message require? The Gospel is clear: "he said this indicating the kind of death he would die." A grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies to its life as only a seed. A caterpillar takes on the appearance of temporary death in order to transform into a butterfly. In the Gospels, sacrifice and death are a way of becoming something more than you were before.

This Lent, new life can come from our sacrifices. When we enter into the season with Jesus, our difficulties can transform our perspective. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

As we abstain from meat and fast from eating between meals, we can grow in compassion for the hungry. We can give alms of our time, sacrificially spending time with the lonely, the sick, and the marginalized. Our little Lenten "deaths" -- death to unnecessary preferences, death to selfish living, death to ignorance of other's pain -- can bring new life to the world long after the season is over. This is the invitation this Sunday and every Lenten season,

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