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Third 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  
Sammy Collura ..... Permanent Deacon  
Carolyn Dupuy ..... Bookkeeper  
Pat Durbin..... Parish Secretary  
June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
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

"God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." - Jn 4:24-26

Dear Parishioners,

I am staffing an Engaged Encounter this weekend, March 18-19, so please welcome Father Joel LaBauve and Father Jon Koehler who are covering the Masses for me. Father Joel is celebrating the 4:30 p.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. Masses, and Father Jon is celebrating the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

You may have seen my advertisement in the *Catholic Commentator* for a group trip that I am planning to London this September 22-30, 2017. It's an eight day tour of London and the surrounding area, and the nice thing about this trip is that we stay in the same hotel for the entire time and just take day trips to Stratford-upon-Avon, Oxford, Stonehenge, and Bath. The rest of the time will be spent touring the sites in London itself. I would like to travel with about 20 people so let me know if you are interested in joining us.

This year's Lenten Mission begins next weekend and will be directed by Father Matthew Bonk, CSsR, a young Redemptorist priest who previously served at St. Gerard Majella Parish in Baton Rouge. Those of you who watch our local *Catholic Life* television channel might also remember him from the "Called to Serve" program that he hosted where he interviewed a number of priests, religious, and lay people regarding their vocation.

Father Bonk will introduce the Mission at all of the weekend Masses on March 25 & 26, and then offer his main talks on four consecutive evenings, March 26 – 29, beginning at 7:00 p.m. each night. Sunday night's gathering will center on the *Bible*; Monday night's session will focus on the *Crucifix*; Tuesday night's theme is the *Easter Candle* and will include an opportunity for confession; and Wednesday night will center on the *Altar* and include the celebration of Mass.

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 7, 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* on Saturday, March 25, at 8:30 a.m. in our Activity Center. For

more information or to register, please call Elaine Pearce at 413-7102 or email [deauxla-dy1947@yahoo.com](mailto:deauxla-dy1947@yahoo.com). It's always a very nice event.

We are still looking for a dedicated parishioner to chair this year's *Feast on the Levee*. Please think about it and consider helping your parish in this important role. Also, as I mentioned last week, I am interested in hiring a part-time housekeeper for the rectory. I need someone to work two or three mornings a week to clean house, wash linens, and prepare lunch. The days and hours are negotiable, but I am proposing 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, or 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, or something similar. Please call the parish office for an application.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

JOIN US IN



# Celebration

MASS FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION  
STUDENTS K-8 TUESDAY, MARCH 21ST  
DROP OFF IN ACTIVITY CENTER 5:15  
PICK UP IN ACTIVITY CENTER AT 6:30.  
THERE WILL BE NO CLASS  
ON MONDAY, MARCH 20TH  
DUE TO MASS ON TUESDAY.



The Stations of the Cross


The 6th grade students ONLY will not COME TO MASS ON Tuesday, March 21st. They will come to CLASS on Wednesday, March 22nd 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.



*Lent*

"He fasted for forty days and forty nights..."

NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES MONDAY, MARCH 27TH OR TUESDAY, MARCH 28TH DUE TO PARISH LENTEN MISSION.



**10TH GRADE  
RETREAT  
SUNDAY  
APRIL 2ND  
BEGINS WITH  
MASS AT 11:00**



**A VOCATION VIEW**  
 If we open ourselves to Jesus as did the Samaritan woman, then His grace will help us to know ourselves as He knows us and to follow His call—perhaps as a priest, brother or sister. If God is calling you, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org.

*You are Invited—*

**ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH  
BATON ROUGE, LA**  
*“24 Hours with Our Lord”*

March 31 (9:00 am—April 1 (8:00 am)  
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions by Priests of the Diocese will begin at 9:00 am, March 31st until 8:00 am April 1st. Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Liturgy of the Hours, Praise and Worship and other devotionals will be provided during the 24 hours. Snacks, Coffee, Water & Security will be provided.

Call Angela M. Falgoust (225-343-6657) for more information or to register.



**BATON ROUGE DIOCESE  
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY RETREAT**  
*“Encountering the Heart of God”*

St. Patrick’s Catholic Church—Baton Rouge  
 Saturday, April 1, 2017 (9am—5pm)

This retreat will be presented by Becky and Chris Eldredge and is structured for people in their 20’s and 30’s.

You are invited to join them as they explore *“How we encounter the heart of God within us , our relationships and the world”* and *“How our encounters with God call us outward to be men and women for others.”*



**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY** are extended to Kenny Cazes & family upon the death of his brother, Harold “Bo” J. Cazes, Jr. Also to Chris & Kristy Irvine & family upon the death of their son, Christian Jude. Please keep them in your prayers.

<b>STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES</b>	
March 12, 2017	
REGULAR:	
206 Identified- - - - -	\$8,395.00
Loose Collection- - - - -	721.00
<b>TOTAL- - - - -</b>	<b>\$9,116.00</b>



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

**THANKS!**

The family of **DIMPLE SPRAGIO** would like to extend their thanks to St. John the Baptist parishioners for the prayers, cards, visits, food and condolences on the recent death of their mother. Your outreach to them was so appreciated and will not be forgotten!



*Baptized here last weekend were Abigail Rae Rills, daughter of Mark & Amanda Rills and Genevieve Yvette Schoppe daughter of Ryan & Claire Gauthreaux Schoppe. Congratulations and welcome into our faith community!*

**Knights of Columbus**

**FEBRUARY CALENDAR WINNERS**

- Larry & Rumiko Bourg, Benjamin Stove, Jr., Cindy Rodrigue, Gary Vidrine, Blake Saucier, Dale Liftartch, Dylan & Kayla Tempanaro, Benjamin Anderson, St. John Fathers Club, Paul M. Levert, Laura Daigle, Sharon Thibodeaux, Emily White, Buddy Gaidry, Linda Oneal, Sonny LeJeune, Haven Sedotal, Christina Doiron, Roland Clement, Kristy LeJeune, Lydia Richard, Katy Scalise, Joshua Slayton, Mike Cazes, Joel Ducote, Kirstie Rodriguez, Dakota Bourgeois, Pat Landry

**Readings for the Week of March 19, 2017**

Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9/ Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/ Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17/ Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:3-4, 18-21ab/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/ Eph14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2016-2017**

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Fr. Matt Lorrain  
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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth." Are we true worshippers? Do we praise and honor God the Father in the way Jesus described to the Samaritan woman at the well?

It seems that this woman was caught up in logistics about WHERE to worship more than HOW to worship. Her people worshiped in one place, the Jews in another. She was puzzled by this and, even though she could see that Jesus was a prophet, she challenged him because she thought perhaps he wasn't a true worshipper of God. The Lord's response to her was to shift the focus away from a particular physical location for honoring God. In essence, he told her that what mattered was that we worship God by being filled with his Spirit, "the Spirit of truth, [who] will guide you to all truth," as Jesus will say later in John's Gospel (16:13). This woman, whose life was marked by such a sad string of broken relationships, had been missing the point.

Worshipping God means more than merely practicing a community ritual or frequenting a sacred site. If we don't come to truly know God by welcoming his Spirit into our hearts, then our worship will be empty and our lives will always be missing something. The deep fulfillment that is meant to come from following the Lord is a fruit of being filled with his Spirit. Without drinking fully of this "living water" that is available to all of us through the waters of baptism, we will always be seeking something more, like this poor woman. Instead, may we be true worshippers, who drink with satisfaction from the Lord's own "spring of water welling up to eternal life."