



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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Palm Sunday of  
The Passion of The 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  
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

*So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8*

Dear Parishioners,

Our Mass on this 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. Peggy Bernard and Jane Caillouet 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. We have selected twelve parishioners representing various walks of life to participate in the washing of the feet at Mass. Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will continue for one hour following the Mass.

On Good Friday, the Way of the Cross will be prayed 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 once again have the opportunity to venerate the blessed cross by which Christ conquered sin and death. Remember that Good Friday is a day of both 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.

In his homily for Good Friday in 1974, Cardinal Albino Luciani (who later became Pope John Paul I) said: "During the reading of John's deeply compassionate account, I have contemplated him together with you, full of sorrows, nailed in his hands and suspended; nailed in his feet and immobilized. There I was, facing him; I, who cannot bear obstacles; I, who shrug off every annoyance; I, who am drowning in ease. And yet I profess to be his disciple."

The Holy Week liturgies provide a graced opportunity to once again encounter the love of our Savior. Despite all of our imperfections, our lack of will power, our tendency to judge and to complain, our forgetfulness and laziness, still, we believe we are loved by Christ and saved by him. And so we renew our faith and our commitment to follow him and to grow in love for him.

We are still 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.

In Christ,  
Father Matt



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION SESSION  
FOR ALL SECOND GRADERS AND ALL OTHER STUDENTS  
PREPARING FOR FIRST EUCHARIST ON MONDAY,  
MARCH 26TH AND TUESDAY, MARCH 27TH, AT THEIR  
REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASS TIMES. CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL CHOOSE TO COME ON ONE  
OF THESE DAYS .



HAPPY EASTER

THERE WILL BE NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION  
CLASSES ON MONDAY, APRIL 2ND OR TUESDAY,  
APRIL 3RD DUE TO EASTER HOLIDAYS. WE WILL  
RESUME CLASSES ON MONDAY, APRIL 9TH AND  
TUESDAY, APRIL 10TH.



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**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 PARISH OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY,  
MARCH 30th and EASTER MONDAY,  
APRIL 2nd

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Sunday, April 1**

- ⇒ Communion Service for Members and their families at 7:30 am Mass.
- ⇒ Coffee and donuts will be served in the Activity Center immediately following 7:30 am Mass.

### FEBRUARY CALENDAR WINNERS

Julie Bewick, Andy Case, Gene Rills, Glenda Barlow, Sandra & Gerald Fitzgerald, Peggy Sedotal, Cory Leonard, Ty Lee, Wallace Thibodeaux, Lea White, Tommie Smothers, Ty Lee, Kristy LeJeune, Jason Campo, Toni Tolar, Dolores Pruitt, Lynn LeJeune, Earl Richard, Peggy Albert, Barry Maggio, Julie Bewick, Lynette Tucker, Haven Sedotal, Kenny Alexander, Grant Gauthreaux, Robert Glenn, Barry Crochet, St. John Fathers' Club

### ALTARSOCIETY

Thanks to Maria Bertrand and her group for cleaning the church during the month of March. Cleaning for April will be done by Karen Cordell (749-3458) and her group. Please give her a call if you want to help.

### 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 (921-9933.) Please give the a call with any concerns.

### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

March 18, 2018

REGULAR:

186 Identified- - - - - \$6,916.00  
Loose Collection- - - - - 827.00  
TOTAL- - - - - \$7,743.00



### 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 Andre Merrick at 225.336.8778, [framerick@gmail.com](mailto:framerick@gmail.com), or visit, [www.diobrong/vocations](http://www.diobrong/vocations)



*PRAYERS & SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO THE BABIN FAMILY UPON THE DEATH OF THEIR BROTHER, JOSEPH ALLIE BABIN, JR.. PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.*



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!!!

### Readings for the Week of March 25, 2018

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

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15--15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/ Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/ Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7or Lk 24:13-35

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018**

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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Our humanity bleeds through today's Gospel passages in more ways than one. We see both elation and fall, hope in the midst of the darker sides of our natures. If we allow it, these Gospels hold a mirror to our own fickle hearts. The crowds cry "Hosanna" and the Apostles profess allegiance unto death. In a manner of days -- even hours -- Jesus is betrayed, abandoned, denied, condemned, tortured, and executed. As God, he could have stopped this horrific narrative from unfolding, but he doesn't. He allows free will to play itself out.

There are nearly two millennia between this spectacle and us. We can stand safely removed, if we choose. But Lent invites us to return to this story. Lent invites us to find ourselves in the people we encounter there. Are we the repentant woman at Bethany? Are we naysayers of such lavish piety? Have we acted in a way that betrays those we love or denies what we know to be good and true? Have we fallen asleep in our faith? Have we unfairly accused others of a crime or immorality we imagine, though perhaps they didn't commit? Do we help others carry their burdens? Do we stand in solidarity with those who suffer? Do we care for the dying?

This week, take up today's Gospel again. Look carefully at the Passion narrative and sit with it in silence. Find yourself in the story and ponder its meaning for your own life. Journey with Jesus to the foot of the Cross so that you too may say, along with the faithful centurion, "truly this man was the Son of God!"