



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

And to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me." - Jn 2:16-17

Dear Parishioners,

In my homily last Sunday I mentioned the following description of prayer that I find very helpful: *To pray is to be in God's presence with open hands and an open heart. If we stay that way long enough, God will come and have a look in our open hands.* "So many things," God will say. "Would you mind if I took something out?" "Of course not, God, that's why I'm here with my hands open." Another time, God will wander through our prayer and ask, "Would you mind if I put something in those open hands?" "Of course not," I repeat, "that's why I'm here with my hands open." (Excerpted and adapted from "As Bread that is Broken" by Peter Vanbreeman.)

The season of Lent is a special time of year when our hearts are unusually receptive to God's grace and guiding presence. He helps us to let go of hurts, resentments, and unhealthy attachments in order to live with a greater sense of freedom. His spirit also helps us to embrace those sometimes challenging invitations to love which lead to a deeper faith. All we have to do is make time in our lives for God to fill us with his presence.

If you are looking for a special opportunity to deepen your faith this Lent, then come to our Lenten Mission this Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, March 4, 5, and 6, beginning at 7:00 p.m. each night. The theme for this year's Mission is "Hope for the Restless Heart," and our presenter is Mrs. Becky Eldredge. Becky is an Ignatian-trained spiritual director, retreat facilitator, and writer. She is married with three children and lives in Baton Rouge. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Our neighbors at Holy Family Parish and School have their annual "Bear Fair" this Friday & Saturday, March 9 & 10, 2018. The fair opens at 5:00 p.m. on Friday and will include food, rides, and musical entertainment beginning at 6:30 p.m. The silent auction opens Friday and ends at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, and is followed by a live auction beginning at 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Lastly, barbecue chicken plates will be sold on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Please help support this important fundraiser and community builder for the school.

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 on 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 deauxla-dy1947@yahoo.com. It's always a very nice event.

Daylight Saving Time starts next Sunday, March 11, so remember to move your clocks ahead by one hour before going to bed next Saturday night. Otherwise you will be late for Mass and that's never a good thing, especially on a Sunday during Lent.


In Christ,
Father Matt




Lent
"He fasted for forty days and forty nights..."
NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES
MONDAY, MARCH 5TH OR TUESDAY, MARCH 6TH
DUE TO PARISH LENTEN MISSION.



MASS FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION
STUDENTS K-8
TUESDAY, MARCH 13TH
DROP OFF IN ACTIVITY CENTER 5:15
PICK UP IN CHURCH AT 6:30.
THERE WILL BE NO CLASS
ON MONDAY, MARCH 12TH
DUE TO MASS ON TUESDAY.



6TH GRADE STUDENTS
The 6th grade students **ONLY WILL NOT COME TO MASS ON Tuesday, March 13TH OR CLASS ON MONDAY, MARCH 12TH.** They will come to CLASS on Wednesday, March 14TH 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.



BAPTISM
CELEBRATING COMMITMENT TO CHRIST

Congratulations to Abigail Ann Clark, daughter of Ronald & Ashley Prejean Clark. Abigail was baptized here this past weekend. Welcome into our faith community!



LENTEN SCHEDULE
 Wednesdays, February 21 & 28 and
 March 7, 14, and 21
 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
LENTEN MISSION
"Hope is for the Restless Heart"
 Presenter: Becky Eldredge
 Sunday, Monday & Tuesday—March 4, 5, and 6
 7:00 pm Each Night

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 Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

Spring Cleaning

Several umbrellas have been left in the stands in church. In an effort to 'clean up' we are asking that if any belong to you, that you please pick them up or they will be removed.
 Also, the Lost & Found items are building up (in the cabinet to the left when you walk into church.) If any of these items belong to you, **please pick them up before Easter**, so that we can 'spruce up' the Church.
In the future, we will be checking once a month, and leftover items will be removed, so please claim your items and help us keep this area clean!

 **Rest in Peace**

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY
are extended to Pat Blanchard and her family upon the death of her son, Scott Blanchard and to the family of John Featherling upon his recent death. Please keep them in your prayers.



The Sanctuary Candle is now burning in Memory of Virgie Bea Curcio as requested by her family.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
 Collection will be taken up next week.

Place your special envelope in the regular collection.



DON'T FORGET YOUR RICE BOWLS!
THEY SHOULD BE TURNED IN BEFORE EASTER SUNDAY.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES	
February 25, 2018	
REGULAR:	
193 Identified-	-----\$6,823.00
Loose Collection-	----- 884.07
TOTAL-	------\$7,707.07

GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY
 Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct?
 Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our Annual Guide Book & Directory if you haven't already done so.
It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.
 Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?
 If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the info in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. The parish office number is (225) 749-2189.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

Readings for the Week of March 4, 2018	
Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30 or Ex 17:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 [8]/Jn 4:5-42
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35 Ex 17:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 [8]/Jn 4:5-42
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19 or Ex 17:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 [8]/Jn 4:5-42
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23 or Ex 17:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 [8]/Jn 4:5-42
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34 or Ex 17:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 [8]/Jn 4:5-42
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Ho6:6]/Lk 18:9-14 or Ex 17:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 [8]/Jn 4:5-42
Next Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

It has been suggested that some articles should be published from time to time addressing the history of our church and its contents. The following is the first with more to come. ENJOY!!!

ST. RITA OF CASCIA

In August of 2016, a long lost “friend” of St. John the Baptist returned to Brusly. This friend was an unassuming statue of St. Rita of Cascia which had sat for decades next to the reredos of the main altar before being removed and sold at auction in the early 1970’s. St. Rita may have been one of the number of artworks purchased by Fr. Eugene Royer during his pastorate from 1901-1936. The exact date of her purchase is unknown but we know she was in the Sanctuary by 1948 from the wedding photos of Paul Caffarel and Joyce Peavy.

Ruth Landry purchased the statue at auction, and it remained with her until the late 1990’s. Eventually, the statue was taken to Arizona to reside with Jackie Rita Murphy, Ruth’s niece, and later found its way to Jackie’s mother, Rita May LaBauve Mullins. Rita offered to return the statue to Ruth during an August 2016 visit to Arizona. Ruth and her brother, Fr. Joel LaBauve, secured St. Rita in the back seat of their car for the return trip.

Following St. Rita’s return to Brusly, Patrice Brewer engaged her friend, Bob Dubos, to restore the statue. The restoration process revealed that St. Rita had once been previously repaired with sheet metal in her head and refinished with automotive paint. St. Rita presently resides in the Bridal Room of the Annex.

St. Rita was a 24th century Augustinian nun, who was canonized on May 24, 1900. Our statue depicts her in a black habit, a Rosary at her waist, gazing at a crucifix, with a forehead wound indicative of the partial stigmata which she bore. She is a patron Saint of widows, impossible causes, bodily ills, and sterility. It would not be unreasonable to assume that many a petition was addressed for St. Rita’s intercession while she graced our church.

- -Submitted by Brian Falcon



RELAY FOR LIFE
PRAYER BREAKFAST
Saturday, March 24, 2018

The Annual Relay for Life Survivor Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2018 beginning at 8:30 am in St. John the Baptist Activity Center. Survivors of all faiths are invited to attend. RSVP: For you and your spouse or caregiver to Elaine Pearce at Relayforlife.org/westbatonrougela or at 413-7102 or deauxlady1947@yahoo.com by March 17th.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
Begins Sunday, March 11th
Remember to set your clocks
ahead 1 hour before going to bed
Saturday night.