



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
Julie Ginther Cilano Christian Formation
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 at weekend Masses. Parents should call the office early to enroll in our baptismal preparation program. Parents should be registered and actively practicing the 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.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am, you also may be." - Jn 14:2-3

Dear Parishioners,

The 2014 NFL draft is now in the books and most analysts give the New Orleans Saints a "B" grade for the quality of their selections. I am not too worried since head coach Sean Payton and general manager Mickey Loomis usually do a great job in addressing team needs through free agency in addition to the draft. Prior to the draft they signed four players including Pro Bowl safety Jairus Byrd and veteran cornerback Champ Bailey. Their draft picks include one of the fastest players in college football in wide receiver Brandin Cooks, and a big, physical cornerback in Stanley Jean-Baptiste, plus two linebackers, a safety, and an offensive lineman.

The most celebrated college athletes are chosen in the first three rounds of the draft, but to me the most interesting stories are those of the players chosen in the late rounds or not even drafted. Saints wide receiver Marques Colston was a 7th round pick as was offensive tackle Zach Strief. Other players were undrafted and made the Saints team as undrafted free agents—players like Junior Galette and Pierre Thomas, and former players such as Garrett Hartley and Lance Moore. And then there is the example of Michael "Beer Man" Lewis, former kick return specialist who did not even play college football and was working for Budweiser when he was given a tryout.

Congratulations to L.S.U. who led all colleges in having nine players drafted! Alabama and Notre Dame were next with eight players drafted from each. This is an indication that Les Miles and his staff are recruiting quality players even if that doesn't always translate to a championship season. Football is a great team sport which requires unity, unselfishness, and cooperative effort in addition to individual talent. Coaches often appreciate the presence of players who are less talented physically but who contribute to team unity and discipline by virtue of their hard work and positive attitude.

Church parishes are in some ways similar to football teams. We are comprised of older, veteran parishioners who enrich the Church with their wisdom and faithfulness, and younger rookies who are new to the Church or to a particular parish and provide energy

and enthusiasm. Some excel in individual devotions and charitable works while others contribute through community activities and celebrations. Despite our differences, we create something beautiful for God when we work together to achieve a common vision which fosters the holiness of all our members.

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday of this week while our parish staff works on the 2014-2015 church calendar. We usually travel to an off-site location for our planning day and this year we will be in New Roads enjoying the hospitality of St. Mary's Parish. We will review all 52 weeks of the coming year so that we can get an early start in preparing for the many celebrations and events which occur in our parish each year.

Don't forget to nominate one or more of your fellow parishioners to serve on our Parish Pastoral Council. The deadline for nominations is next Sunday, May 25, and the forms may either be mailed to the church office or placed in the collection basket. The new members will then be chosen at the June 11 meeting of the Council.

In Christ,
Father Matt



POT LUCK DINNER
Thursday, May 29, 2014
6:30 pm—Activity Center
Theme: Your Favorite Dish

Let's take
that road!

Please Sign Up CLPI

If you are new to the parish or have recently married, please be sure to stop by the Parish Office to fill out a Census Form.

That information is stored on our computers for future reference such as recording Baptisms, First Eucharist, Confirmations, Weddings, and Funerals. Your contribution records are also kept on file for your tax purposes.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Vacation Bible School
July 14—17



BAPTISM

Easton Riley Cisneros, son of Erlys & Marissa Lemoine Cisneros baptized here last weekend. Welcome into our faith community.

MARRIED

Joe Neal Thompson, Jr. & Alyson Dru Larson were married here last week. Best wishes in your future as husband & wife!



BAPTISMAL SEMINAR
 Wednesday, May 21, 2014
 6:30 pm—Classroom #5
 Mandatory for baptism of your child.



And the winners are...

K.C. CALENDAR WINNERS—APRIL

Dawn Dupuis, Brent Landry, Suzie Shilling, Henry J. Daigle, III, Diane Dipirro, Ada Ritzmann, Tom & Rosie Scorsone, Owen Shelnett, Jodi Robinson, Alex Mabile, Letty Blanchard, Melissa Mullins, Anthony Simoneaux, Victoria Allain, Tammy Ponthieaux, Vianna Templet,, Lucas Cordell, Hewitt Bouquet, Greg Johnson, Kayne Daigle, Steve Soniat, John LeBlanc, Colin Winter, Jena Aucoin, Charles E. Decker, Cristy Navarro, Nicholas Landry, Alcide Delapasse, Karla Landry, Ralph Foret

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

May 11, 2014

REGULAR:

236 Identified- - - - - \$7,948.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 802.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$8,750.00

Catholic Commentator—\$961.00

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus tells us not to be troubled. Therefore, pray that the Lord will show you the way in your life. Just ask Him. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org.

MANRESA RETREAT

Men of St. John the Baptist who are 18 years or older: Have you ever made a Manresa Retreat? If you haven't, you owe it to yourself to take advantage of this special time with other men from our parish, as well as time with the Lord. Please consider joining other men from our parish for this year's retreat! For further information, please contact Deacon Sammy at (225) 603-9635 or Grayson Brewer at (225) 975-3603. You won't regret this retreat experience.



THE SANCUARY CANDLE IS NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF VIRGIE CURCIO BY PETE CURCIO & FAMILY.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The Catholic Daughters' meeting will be this Wednesday, May 21st in the Activity Center. Meal with K.C.'s at 6:30 pm and meeting at 7 pm. Please try to attend!!! We also invite all Catholic women, 18 years of age and older, to come to the meeting and learn more about Catholic Daughters.

Thank You!

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank everyone for the recent donations in memory of Mary Jo Parsons.

Readings for the Week of May 18, 2014

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18 or
 1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 14:15-21 or
 Jn 17:1-11a

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5th Sunday of Easter

"I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be." Now this is something to look forward to: being where Jesus is, in heaven. What could be more satisfying, more beautiful, more perfect? Heaven is where we find the "fulfillment of the deepest human longings" (Catechism of the Catholic Church §1024). Our longing for love that doesn't fail, our longing for peace that doesn't end, our longing for happiness that doesn't fade away—all of this is awaiting us. Today, Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to "prepare a place" for them. We are his disciples too, and so we also have a spot in the "Father's house." But we need to make sure we know how to get there!

This is what Thomas the (doubting) Apostle asked about in today's Gospel: "How can we know the way?" Thomas wants to be sure about things. He is looking for a kind of spiritual roadmap to give him the confidence that he's on the right path. This is what we have in Jesus. He responds to Thomas' question with these words: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." In other words, Jesus is like an infallible heavenly GPS. He gets us where we want to go.

By heeding Christ's teachings and following his example, we can navigate through the many competing "ways" that vie for our attention. But more than just serving as a spiritual signpost, Jesus wants us to be in a real relationship with him. As he asks Philip today, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me?" If Jesus himself is the way, then it is only by truly knowing him that we will find our way to heaven where we will finally behold him face-to-face.