



*May 19, 2019  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
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# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

• catholic church •



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**CHRISTIAN FORMATION: 225-749-3387**

### 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  
Pedro Garcia ..... 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 the Parish Office

*"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." - Jn 13:34-35*

Dear Parishioners,

As Catholics, we rejoice at the upcoming ordination of two new priests for our Diocese next Saturday, May 25, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral. The two being ordained are Tim Grimes, a parishioner of St. Joseph Cathedral and son of well-known musicians Bill and Jan Grimes, and John Vu, a parishioner of St. Anthony Parish and the younger brother of Father Joe Vu, Pastor of St. Anne Parish in Napoleonville.

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday of this week while our parish staff works on the 2019-2020 church calendar. We usually travel to an off-site location for our planning day and this year we will be in Convent enjoying the hospitality of Father Dufresne and St. Michael 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.

This Thursday is the last day of school in West Baton Rouge Parish so I congratulate all of our students and teachers on the completion of another successful year. Beginnings and endings are sacred moments which help us to pause and give thanks for the past and future. We do our best to forget the painful or unpleasant moments and hold on to the beautiful and grace-filled moments. I pray that everyone will have a restful and enjoyable summer vacation.

Please mark your calendars for our annual Ministry Appreciation Dinner to be held on Saturday, June 8, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the parish activity center. The dinner is our way of thanking all of you who contribute to the vitality of our parish through serving in one of our various ministries. This includes liturgical ministers; Christian formation catechists; Feast workers; Bereavement Committee; Homebound and hospital visitation; Zippers; Food Bank; K.C.'s, Catholic Daughters; Altar Society; and any others I may have missed. Please RSVP to the parish office so we can plan the meal.

Speaking of ministry, we are in special need of liturgical ministers to serve at our weekend Masses. Altar Servers (5<sup>th</sup> grade and up), Eucharistic Ministers (18 and older), Lectors and Ushers are needed at all four of our Masses. Since you have to attend Masses anyway, why not volunteer to serve in one of these

capacities on a rotating basis? Your ministry will give you new insight into the Mass and hopefully enrich your relationship with the Lord. Please pick up one of the forms in the back of church and give one of these special ministries a try.

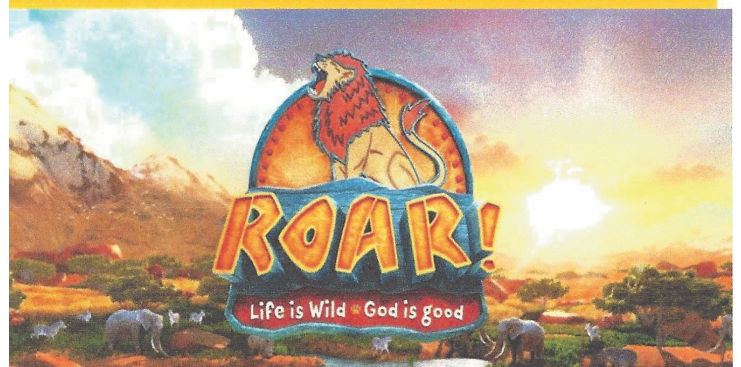
Vacation Bible School is July 15-19 this year so be sure to mark your calendars and come enjoy a week's activities with classmates and friends. We need teachers and aides as well as participants so all are invited to join us. Registration forms are available in the back of church or you may call the Christian Formation Office at 749-3387 for more information. (Holy Family is holding its own VBS this year the week of June 24-28.)

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 26, and the forms may either be mailed to the church office or placed in the collection basket. The five new members will then be chosen at the June 12 meeting of the Council. They will serve three year terms beginning with the September 2019 meeting. This is the main consultative body for our parish so please give serious consideration to possible members.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

VBS 2019

Registration and Volunteer forms are  
in the back of Church or online at  
[www.sjb-brusly.com](http://www.sjb-brusly.com)



THE ADVENTURE BEGINS—JULY 15 - 19, 2019

Adult Retreat to Angola  
State Penitentiary  
Saturday, July 13, 2019  
\$40—per person limited space if  
interested contact June Hebert  
225-749-3387 or  
june@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com




**A VOCATION VIEW**  
The new commandment of love is required of everyone who follows the risen Lord. How do you fulfill the command? If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.878, frammerick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

**St. John the Evangelist, Plaquemine, LA**

*“Be Still and Know God  
Making time for God in Our Busyness”*  
Day of Reflection for Women  
Wednesday, May 22, 2019 (6:30pm—8:30pm)  
St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall  
Refreshments will be served at 6:00pm  
Special gift for first 50 attendees  
Call 687-2402 for More Details



**MINISTRY APPRECIATION MEAL  
SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
4:30 PM MASS**

Choir Members, RCIA Team, Catechists,  
Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers,  
Altar Society, Ushers, Zippers, Food Pantry Workers,  
Money Counters, Catholic Daughters, K.C. Members  
Bereavement & Environment Committees  
*Please join us as we celebrate you and your faithful  
service to our wonderful faith community! We look  
forward to an evening of fellowship and good food!  
Please call 749-2189 by May 31st to RSVP.*

Suffering from a past abortion?  
*Healing is possible.*

Entering Canaan  
**Women's Day  
of Prayer & Healing**  
Saturday, June 1, 2019  
10 am - 6 pm

For more information:  
225-325-3459  
EnteringCanaan@diobr.org  
*-All inquiries are confidential*




**ATTENTION:  
ALL BLOOD DONORS**  
The Bus will be here Next Sunday from  
7:30 am—1:30 pm for our Annual Blood  
Drive.

**BRUSLY LIONS CLUB  
ANNUAL BAR-B-Q**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019**  
**Bar-B-Q Chicken Dinners**  
Served from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
**DONATION PER PLATE..... \$8.00**  
202 E. St. Francis St. - Brusly, Louisiana

**KC CALENDAR WINNERS—APRIL**  
Stella Tanoos, Jeff Cavin, Johnny Tempet, Neisler,  
Henry Daigle III, Michael & Jenny Pintado,  
Sylvia Vidrine, Tiffany & Anthony O'Neill,  
Daniel Rowland, Donald Braud, Stephen Viso, Sr.,  
James Cox, Maurice Brown, Steve & Jill Ritzmann,  
Don Breau, Elyse Daigle, Courtney & Hugh Ra,  
Veronica Wells, Blaine Tooley, Ralph Hill,  
Danielle Dugas, Wydell Bergeron, Ian Barber,  
Gary & Linda Gaudet, Candice Coupel, Arthur Barrilleaux  
Raelyn Blanchard,

**Readings for the week of May 19, 2019**  
Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 .  
[cf1]/ Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35  
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/  
Jn 14:21-26  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21  
[cf. 12]Jn 14:27-31a  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5  
[cf1]/Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/  
Jn 15:9-11  
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/  
Jn 15:12-17  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/  
Jn 15:18-21  
Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]  
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**  
May 12, 2019

REGULAR:

204 Identified- - - - -	\$8,901.00
Loose Collection- - - - -	1,011.00
<b>TOTAL- - - - -</b>	<b>-\$9,912.00</b>

Catholic Commentator- - - - - \$799.00

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018**

John Begue  
Bob Bewick  
Jamie Bourg  
Chris Buckle  
Christie Chapman  
Jules Lefeaux, Vice-Chairman  
Mark Loreno, Chairman  
Fr. Matt Lorrain  
Mary Claire Meyer, Secretary  
Jason Murphey  
Joey Normand  
Derek Scott  
Andrea Smicker



**5th Sunday of Easter**

"I give you a new commandment: love one another."  
With these words, Jesus sums up the law and the prophets in one concise phrase. Love one another. After 2,000 years, you'd think we'd have it figured out by now! But all too often we fail in this commandment. Perhaps we mistake "love" for mere "common decency." Perhaps we've been betrayed, or our own visions of love have been tarnished or misrepresented in our lives. Blessedly, Jesus doesn't leave us without a guide.

"As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." Jesus himself modeled what this love should look like. So what are some of the characteristics of the love of Christ? Humility, for one. St. Paul writes that Jesus "emptied Himself." In becoming man, Jesus puts aside the full splendor of the Godhead. Not only does he become human, but he takes on many of the mundane privations of human life. He spent most of his life in relative poverty - especially by our standards - as a common laborer. When he began gaining popularity as a preacher, he still traveled on foot and spent nights in other people's homes or outdoors.

Jesus' love is generous. He was always available to the crowds and to being interrupted by people in need. He invested time in his disciples and patiently taught them about the kingdom of God. The love of Jesus is also courageous. He encountered many people deemed less worthy of human respect, due to being public sinners or having a physical or mental disability. Jesus was brave in breaking these social boundaries to show care and concern to the outcast. These traits are possible for us to imitate! Indeed, we are hardly identifiable as Christians without them. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."