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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
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

"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me." - **Jn 16:12-14a**

Dear Parishioners,

As Catholics, we rejoice at the upcoming ordination of three new priests for our Diocese next Saturday, May 30, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral. The three being ordained are *Brad Doyle*, who interned here one summer under Father Matt Dupre, *Reuben Dykes*, originally from Covington but who served one summer at Holy Family Parish, and *Matthew Graham*, a professional engineer who resigned from his work to answer God's call to the priesthood.

The soon to be Father Brad Doyle will celebrate his First Mass at 4:00 p.m. that same day, May 30, at St. George Church. Father Reuben Dykes will celebrate his First Mass at 12:00 noon on May 31 at St. Joseph Cathedral. Father Matthew Graham will celebrate his First Mass at 11:30 a.m. on May 31 at St. Jude Church. We are anxiously awaiting word from Bishop Muench regarding their first parish assignments.

Father Brad Doyle at 27 years of age will become the youngest priest in the Diocese. The title of oldest priest is held by Msgr. William Greene who is 89 years old. The rest of us fall somewhere in between these two, but I imagine we are weighted on the high or old side. So please continue your good prayers for more vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated religious life. Make the effort to plant good seeds of encouragement in the hearts of our young parishioners so that they might be open to God's call.

We welcome some young adult missionaries from our Baton Rouge Diocese who are visiting this weekend, May 23-24, to speak to us about their upcoming trip to Honduras. This is the same organization that visited our parish in March 2012 and they are here to once again ask for our prayers and material support for this year's mission. I thank you in advance for your kind and prayerful support of their mission.

Registration forms are now available in the back of church for this year's Vacation Bible School to be held July 13-17, 2015. VBS is open to children in grades K through 5th so sign up your kids for a week of fun, faith-filled activities. We need teachers and aides as well as participants and the forms for adult and youth volunteers are also located in the back of

church. VBS is a joint effort of Holy Family and St. John the Baptist Parishes.

Our parish activity center receives a great deal of use throughout the year and we recently noticed that it was looking a little worn. In response, we just added a fresh coat of paint to the interior doors and columns. We also replaced the carpet on the stage underneath the stained glass window. Our next project is to professionally repair some of the pews and kneelers in the church.

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day, and again on Wednesday, May 27, for our annual Staff Planning Day. This is the time of year when we review the calendar and set dates for the upcoming fall and spring. Enjoy this Memorial Day weekend.

In Christ,
Father Matt

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Vacation Bible School 2015
St. John the Baptist/Holy Family
"Exploring Mt. Everest,
With God Everything is Possible"
July 13—17, 2015 (9 am—12 Noon)
Grades K—5
Registration Fee \$20 (\$60 family max)
Pick up registration forms in the parish office or
in the back of church.
Registration Deadline: Tuesday, June 30, 2015

NEEDED!!!

Adult & Youth Volunteers (Forms available in the
Parish Office and in the back of church).

Call Jennifer LeJeune: 336-4463
Karen Lemoine: 749-3387 or June Hebert: 749-3387



"I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd will lay down His life for His sheep." **John 10-11**

Get to know the Good Shepherd Who laid down His life for us. He waits for our visit in Eucharistic Adoration.

All night Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, June 5th at 8pm thru Saturday, June 6th at 8am.

Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of Church. For more info, contact Julie @ 749-8260 or Mary @ 324-5289.



MEMORIAL DAY
Monday, May 25, 2015
We remember and honor all of the brave people who gave their lives for our freedom!

Heavenly Father,

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. My the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with our strength and peace.

In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 25th IN HONOR OF MEMORIAL DAY.



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Mary Benoit and her family upon the death of her mother, Joyce LaGrone. Please keep them in your prayers.



STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

May 17, 2015

REGULAR:

208 Identified- - - - - \$ 9,581.83

Loose Collection- - - - - 813.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$10,394.83

Catholic Communications—\$591.00

A VOCATION VIEW

The confused and fear-filled apostles were totally changed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as they became powerful and dynamic proclaimers of their faith in Jesus Christ. God calls priests and religious to serve Him and to serve others, especially by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in today's church. If you feel God may be calling you to this ministry, call or email Father Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

ATTENTION

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES ATTENDING SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY

If you will be attending Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond this fall, look for the tent of St. Albert chapel & Catholic Student Center on campus at your summer orientation session, and sign up to join Southeastern's Catholic Student Association (CSA)! St. Albert Catholic Student Center is operated by the Diocese of Baton rouge and is located on the southern perimeter of the campus at 409 W Dakota Street. They invite you to let them be "your home away from home" while you are a student at Southeastern! See their website for more information about joining Southeastern's Catholic Student Association, or contact them at www.stalbertselu.org.



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS

Retreat Center

Upcoming Retreats

June 12-14, 2015

The Gift of the Seven Sacraments
Rev. Donald Blanchard

June 26-28, 2015

Allowing God to Love Me as He Desires
Rev. Henry Shelton

June 26, 2015

Day of Prayer
Lord, Teach Us How to Pray
Archbishop Alfred Hughes

July 10-12, 2015

Exploring the Pathways To Gospel Joy
Rev. Whitney Miller

5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie, LA 70006
(504) 267-9604 * retreats.arch-no.org

Readings for the Week of May 24, 2015

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Gal 5:16-25 or
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/
Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15
or Jn 20:19-23

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/
Mt 28:16-20

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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Pentecost Sunday

"Rivers of living water will flow from within him who believes in me.' He said this in reference to the Spirit." Rivers of living water. What does this image make us think of? Something active. Something dynamic and changing, yet constant and dependable. A river with living water is not stagnant; it is not silent, but rather it speaks. This river is not mucky or full of algae. This river is clear, beautiful, refreshing, and life-giving. It draws people to its banks by providing the kind of water that sustains life and the kind of scenery that is a joy to behold.

Those who believe in Jesus will be like this river. Through the Spirit of Christ, which first came upon Christian believers at Pentecost and which came upon us at our baptism, we become a source of "living water." Instead of being motionless, dull, murky, unproductive people, we are strengthened by God's power to be dynamic, refreshing, and life-giving.

This isn't automatic, however. We must cooperate with the Spirit that has been given to us. Those of us who have received confirmation have been sacramentally gifted with the fullness of the Spirit, but that doesn't mean that the living water is flowing at full speed. As St. Paul wrote in his second letter to Timothy, we need to "stir into flame the gift of God" (1:6). The flame may be there, but if we don't fan it through prayer, virtuous living, spiritual formation, and frequent reception of the sacraments, then it will never burst forth with the full power that it could have. But let us take heart! Even this process of "fanning" is made easier when we call upon the Holy Spirit to help us. For St. Paul reminds us today that "the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness."