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Sixth Sunday of Easter
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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
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.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you." - Jn 14:15-17

Dear Parishioners,

With praise and thanksgiving to almighty God, Deacon Joshua Johnson will be ordained to the priesthood next Saturday, May 31, at 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Baton Rouge. His ordination is taking place at Sacred Heart rather than St. Joseph Cathedral due to the parish hall construction currently underway at the Cathedral. Josh is an outstanding candidate and will make a very fine priest for our Diocese. His first parish assignment has not yet been announced but I am sure it will be made public by the time of his ordination. His first Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated the following day, Sunday, June 1, at 11:30 a.m. at his home parish of St. George in Baton Rouge.

The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University conducts an annual survey of the priestly ordination candidates for the United States. This year they received responses from 365 soon to be ordained priests which included those studying for Dioceses and Religious Orders. The average age of this year's class is 34. I believe Josh is 26 years old which puts him at the younger end of the range. Please pray for Josh and feel free to attend his ordination or First Mass if you wish to see something beautiful.

Two weeks after Josh's ordination, on Saturday, June 14, we will celebrate the ordination of three of our seminarians to the diaconate. Brad Doyle, Reuben Dykes, and Matthew Graham are one year behind Josh in the seminary, and so they are now ready to be ordained deacons and serve a five month parish internship before returning to the seminary in October. Their ordination will take place at St. Aloysius Church in Baton Rouge due to the aforementioned construction at the Cathedral. Brad has been assigned to St. Alphonsus Parish, Reuben to Sacred Heart Parish, and Matthew to Our Lady of Mercy Parish for their respective internships.

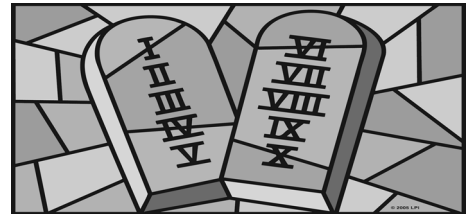
Please be reminded that the observance of the Feast of the Ascension is transferred from Thursday of the 6th week of Easter to the following Sunday for all of the Dioceses of Louisiana. So next weekend we will use the readings and prayers for the Ascension rather than those for the 7th Sunday of Easter. They are found

next to one another in the Missalette. The transfer of the Feast was made in an effort to allow more Catholics to celebrate the Ascension since Thursday is a workday for most people.

Today, Sunday, May 25, is the last day to nominate one or more of your fellow parishioners to serve on our Parish Pastoral Council. 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. Remember also that Thursday, May 29, is our final pot-luck supper of the spring. It begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center, and instead of adopting a theme we are each invited to bring our favorite dish.

Have a good week!

In Christ,
Father Matt



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

Attention Youth

REAL WORLD SERVICE CAMP

Join other youth from around the Diocese at the Real World Service Camp and the Change graduate program. Teens will be housed at St. Isidore Catholic Church, and serve in Baton Rouge and New Orleans area from July 22-26. It is open to 9th grade and above. Cost is \$100.

For more information and to register, visit www.realworldservicecamp.com or contact Julie at julie@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Vacation Bible School
July 14—17



A list of items needed for our Summer Food Pantry Drive is in the back of church. These items can be brought to Church or to the Parish Office during the month of June. Thank you for your donations. --St. John Food Pantry

Organizations

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, June 1

- ⇒ **Monthly Communion Service** for K.C. Members and their families at 7:00 am Mass.
- ⇒ **Coffee and donuts** will be served after 7:00 am Mass.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Cindi Breaux and her group for cleaning the church during the month of May. Cleaning for June will be done by Opie Vidrine (749-4403). Give her a call if you want to lend a hand.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Beverly & Harold Babin for chairing the committee during the month of May. Chairperson for June will be Mary Anita Tullier (749-3459). Give her a call with any concerns.

Newly Baptized

The following babies were baptized here last week: Henry Paul Guillory, son of Matthew & Kimberly Guillory and Madison Kate Stein, daughter of Luke & Tia Stein. CONGRATULATIONS and welcome into our faith community!

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

May 18, 2014

REGULAR:

198 Identified- - - - - \$5,872.00
 Loose Collection- - - - - 700.25
 TOTAL- - - - - \$6,572.25

BUILDING FUND

(Includes Building Fund Envelopes, Memorial Donations & Glass Church)

January—\$12,715.17
 February—\$14,276.33
 March—\$16,333.83
 April—\$14,179.94

A VOCATION VIEW

How firm is your foundation of faith? Listen to Jesus' words and use them as the solid rock on which to build your life. Consider ministry in the Church, call Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778,



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

Please keep Mrs. Virgie Hannah and her family in your prayers upon the death of her husband, Mr. Parks Hannah, Sr.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Christ now raised from the dead and will never die again; death no longer has power over Him."

Alleluia! (Rom 6:9)

Our Risen and Glorified Lord is present in our church.

Come adore Him!!

All night Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, June 6th at 8 pm thru Saturday, June 7th at 8 am.

Signup sheets are in the foyer of Church.

For more info, contact Julie @ 749-8260 or Mary @ 324-5289



W.B.R. MUSEUM

Some things coming up at the museum that might be of interest to you:

***A Louisianian's Grand Tour in the Belle Epoque** now thru July 20...illustrates the story of young Aurelie Levert of St. Delphine's Plantation in WBR who set out on an adventure of a lifetime in 1900 when she traveled Europe for 3 months. Some beautiful clothes and Tiffany glassware on display.

***May 29, noon Lunchtime Lecture**, NOMA Curator MelBuchanan, "Gorham Silver and Martele Silver."

Readings for the Week of May 25, 2014

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
 Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26--16:4a
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Jn 16:12-15
 Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
 Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/ Lk 1:39-56
 Next Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

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6th Sunday of Easter

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments." It's not uncommon to associate the word "commands" with images of dictatorship. We can tend to think of commandments as obstacles to real freedom, imposed by some angry, powerful tyrant who just wants to be in control. Call them directions, or suggestions, or guidelines if you will, but not commands! It almost feels like an insult. But today, Jesus breaks out of these stereotypes. He casts the commandments in the context of love. He does not insist on any obligation to follow them. Rather, he says that whoever observes his commandments "is the one who loves me."

So just what commandments will we be following if we love the Lord? When Jesus was questioned about this, he said the two greatest commandments are to "love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," and to "love your neighbor as yourself," (Mt 22:37-39). Even the commands he gives us are rooted in love, not legalism. Of course, when we follow these principles we will naturally keep the traditional Ten Commandments, which give more specific instructions on how to love God and neighbor.

As we know from experience, when we truly love someone, we desire to make them happy. When they are content, we are content. So the more we love Jesus, the more we will want to please him. Thus, following his commandments ultimately makes us happy too. Understood in these terms, the commandments don't stifle us, they satisfy us! God doesn't restrict our freedom; he respects it. Ultimately, it is our choice whether or not we will live the life of love that Jesus offers us.