



*May 26, 2019
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
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

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I." - Jn 14:27-28

Dear Parishioners,

Our parish office will be closed on Monday in honor of Memorial Day, a day to remember all of the men and women who died while serving in our country's armed forces. We offer special prayers for all of our parishioners and family members who died in service to our country.

Please be reminded that the observance of the Feast of the Ascension is transferred from this 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.

Remember to mark your calendars for our annual Ministry Appreciation Dinner to be held two weeks from now 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. Please RSVP to the parish office so we can plan the meal.

As I mentioned last week, we are in special need of liturgical ministers to serve at our weekend Masses. Altar Servers (5th grade and up), Eucharistic Ministers (18 and older), Lectors, and Ushers are needed at all four of our Masses. Since you have to attend Mass 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.)

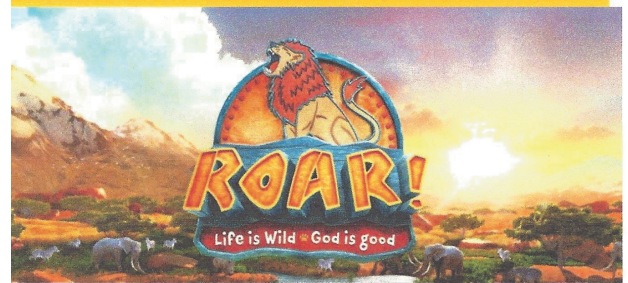
Today is the last day to nominate one or more of your fellow parishioners to serve on our Parish Pastoral Council. The forms may either be mailed to the church office or placed in the collection basket. The five new members will then be chosen at the June 12 meeting of the Council. They will serve three year terms beginning with the September 2019 meeting.

Lastly, our Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus invite everyone to spend an hour in prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament this Friday, May 31, starting at 8:00 p.m. and ending just prior to our 8:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass on June 1. Friday, May 31, is also the 33rd Anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. I give thanks to God for my vocation and for the privilege of serving Him as a Catholic priest.

In Christ,
Father Matt

VBS 2019

Registration and Volunteer forms are
in the back of Church or online at
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





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.



24 Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8 pm Friday, May 31—8 am Saturday, June 1
Come and spend an hour in prayer and adoration.

Organizations

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, June 2, 2019

Communion Service for KC. Members & their families at 7:30 am Mass

Coffee & Donuts will be served in the Activity Center after 7:30 am Mass

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Wendy Daniel and her group for cleaning the church during the month of May. Cleaning for June will be done by Opie Vidrine (749-4403) and her group. Please give her a call to offer a hand.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Janice & Joel Hebert for chairing this committee during the month of May. Chairperson for June will be Beverly Babin. Give her a call at 749-2027 with any concerns.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of this holiday.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

May 19, 2019

REGULAR:

183 Identified- - - - - \$9,275.83

Loose Collection- - - - - 777.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$10,052.83



A VOCATION VIEW

Those who love me will be true to my word. My Father will love them and will come to them! How will I respond to that one love? Am I being called to priesthood or religious life? If God is calling you, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF GENE & GENNY PITRE

WHY SETTLE FOR A "GOOD" MARRIAGE WHEN YOU CAN HAVE A "GREAT" MARRIAGE?

You can make the leap from just "good" to "great" on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! The weekend is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, the internet & phones and focus their attention only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend can offer! The next weekend in Louisiana is scheduled on June 21-23 at the **Bishop Robert E. Tracy Center** in Baton Rouge. You can register online today at www.LAMS-wwme.org or call Matt & Gail Quinn at (813)548-1655.

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

Get your tickets from any Lions Club Member or after Masses this weekend.

Readings for the week of May 26, 2019

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
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26--16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13-14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/ Jn 16:16-20
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/ Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/ Lk 24:46-53
Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/ Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9[6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:20-23/Lk 24:46-53

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018

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6th Sunday of Easter

Theology has two words to describe the space between God and us - transcendent and immanent. When we say God is transcendent, we speak of the One whose ways are not our ways, the placer of stars and maker of mountains. This is God who transcends our understanding, whose being goes beyond what we can know. When we say God is immanent, we mean His nearness to us. This is the way Jesus speaks of himself in today's Gospel. "Whoever loves me keeps my word...and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."

The Hebrews saw God as intimately involved with the fate of their people. But for all His care, God was still distant to most. He spoke through prophets and was represented in blazes of fire and pillars of cloud. Priests offered animal sacrifice to atone for the nation's sins. While we still know that God is transcendent - any morning's resplendent sunrise confirms this - Jesus introduces us to himself in a new way. Not only does Jesus walk among us, but the Holy Spirit dwells within us. "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit...will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you!"

How do you tend to view God? For many of us, the transcendent sense of a distant God might fill our perception. Today's Gospel reminds us of something altogether different, something more intimate. Our God remains with us. He overcomes the confusion of the world and speaks peace to our troubled hearts. Our God is not far from us. The more we remain connected to Him and love as He loved, the more we will experience His nearness. We can have confidence in His presence and rest in His encouragement: "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."