



*May 3, 2015
Fifth 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
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

"Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - Jn 15:4-5

Dear Parishioners,

Needless to say, I had a wonderful, grace-filled trip to Italy and France last month. We saw beautiful churches and art work, were reminded of the important role played by the Church in the history of Western Europe, and sampled some of the famous food and wines of Italy and France. Our British tour director drove us pretty hard but we managed to see every site listed on the brochure and then some. To borrow a quote from Julius Ceasar: "veni, vidi, vici," I came, I saw, I conquered.

While in Rome we were able to visit the basilicas of St. Mary Major, St. Paul and St. Peter, including the tombs of the holy apostles Peter and Paul located in the crypts of their respective churches. We saw the newly cleaned frescos of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel, and then took a very enjoyable walking tour of the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain (currently undergoing restoration), the Pantheon, and Piazza Navona. We also spent part of a day in Assisi where we were able to say a prayer at the tomb of St. Francis, and then traveled to Venice, Florence, and Pisa.

We were blessed with beautiful weather the entire trip except for part of one day in Florence when it rained. The French Rivera was magnificent with the bluest water one could possibly imagine. It was too cold to actually get into the water but that didn't stop some people from sunbathing. I was content to soak up the atmosphere on the wide Promenade which overlooks the beaches. We toured Monaco and then concluded our trip in the "city of light," Paris.

Congratulations to all of our high school seniors who are being honored at the 11:00 Mass this Sunday, May 3, and then treated to a catered lunch in our Parish Activity Center. Their parents have also been invited to the Mass and luncheon. We are extremely proud of their accomplishment and wish to assure them of our continued prayers as they plan for the next phase of their life's journey.

We will honor our Blessed Mother with a traditional May crowning ceremony next Sunday, May 10, at the conclusion of the 9:00 Mass. We will walk in procession to our Lourdes Grotto and then ask one of our

second graders to place the crown on Mary. We will then offer prayers and hymns to our Blessed Mother as an expression of our love and devotion. This date was chosen to coincide with Mother's Day since Mary is the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of the Church. In honoring her we honor all of the mothers of our community on this special day.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Baton Rouge is hosting a multimedia presentation on the "Shroud of Turin," believed to be the burial cloth of Jesus. The presenter is international expert Russ Breault who has studied the shroud for 25 years and appeared on the History Channel and Discovery Channel. The presentation begins at 6:00 p.m. next Saturday, May 9, and is free to the public.

I will be out Monday through Friday this week visiting Tennessee with Father Paul Counce.

In Christ,
Father Matt

First
Communicants



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING YOUNG PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED THE EUCHARIST FOR THE FIRST TIME LAST WEEKEND:

FIRST EUCHARIST CLASS OF 2015

Jack "Twitch" Allain

Hunter Babin

Jackson Batts

Julieann Bourque

Aubrie Braud

Michael Brouillette

Jonah Bryant

Ian Chapman

Mason Comeaux

Gabriel Cordell

Avery Crochet

Emma Grace Daigle

Claire Devillier

Hunter Distefano

Yareli Doroteo

Coltin Fabre

Kennedy Fiscus

Gracie Gantt

Haley Gaspard

Braylee Gassie

Kameron Graves

Emma Gueho

Collin Haley

Tanson Hebert

Isabelle Hernandez

Ava Jewell

Jordan Jace

Lailah Julian

Noah Lacara

Max Latino

Colin LeBlanc

Brein Ledford

Claire LeRay

Amalie Mabille

Abigail Morales

Christen Rivet

Robert "Trevor" Rivet

Cort Romero

Ivett Rubio

Anthony "Bubbie" Russo

Ryler Simoneaux

Kason Smart



MAY CROWNING

*Please join us at the Grotto
Next Sunday, May 10th after 9:00 am
Mass for the May Crowning of
our Blessed Mother, Mary*



ARCHDIOCESE OF
NEW ORLEANS

Retreat Center

Upcoming Retreats

May 15-17, 2015

Seeking the God of Mercy
Rev. Simeon Gallagher

May 29-31, 2015

The Gift of St. Francis of Assisi
Rev. Keith Hosey

May 22-24, 2015

Seeking the God of Mercy
Rev. Simeon Gallagher

May 30-31, 2015

Young Women's Retreat
Yvonne Hymel (834-0042)

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



BAPTISMAL SEMINAR
Wednesday, May 13, 2015
6:00 pm—Classroom #5

This class is mandatory for baptism.
Please call the parish office to register.

*CONGRATULATIONS to Cotton Anthony Sarradet,
son of Blake Sarradet & Brittany Blanchard who was
baptized here last weekend.*

WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW
BURNING IN MEMORY OF
SKIPPY MABLE**

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended
to Donna Ashford & family upon the death
of her mother, Martha "Flo" Chustz.
Please keep them in your prayers.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

April 26, 2015

REGULAR:

207 Identified- - - - - \$7,461.00

Loose- - - - - 1,176.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$8,637.00

Catholic Home Missions—\$524.00

A VOCATION VIEW

Our second Scripture reading reminds us that we are to love, not in word and speech only, but in truth and action. If you feel God is calling you to His priesthood or religious life, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org.



Tuesday, May 5, 2015

*If you are enjoying reading
this, be sure to **THANK A
TEACHER** on their
National Day of Recognition!*

SENIOR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Are you over 55 and out of work? Perhaps you've been retired for a while, but need to get back to work? Catholic Charities is accepting applications for the Senior Employment Program. Our staff will assess your job skills and place you in a paid training position at a nonprofit or government agency. You can learn new skills and get help finding a permanent job. Call (225) 336-8700, ext. 309 to see if you qualify.

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM

Now through August 16, 2015, the Museum will feature: When the Cannons Fell Silent:

A Sesquicentennial Celebration of the End of the American Civil War, one of the finest collections of original Civil War prints available, including works published by Frank Leslie, who spared no expense in commissioning twenty skilled artists to sketch "every battle, skirmish and military movement, to give to the anxious ones at home a vivid and realistic picture of the real war."

Call Toni Brantley, Visitor Services Coordinator at (225) 336-2422, ext. 16 for more information.

ROSARYVILLE SPIRIT LIFE CENTER

"FUN RUN"

On May 9th, Rosaryville will hold its second annual Nun Run 5K: A Run Like Nun Other! You and your whole family are invited to participate. Wear your most creative nun outfit and come out for this trail run through Rosaryville's beautiful grounds. Fun Run will begin at 8:30 AM with the 5K Trail Run beginning at 9:00 AM. Please call (225) 294-5039 with any questions or to register, or go to website: www.rosaryvillela.com.

Readings for the Week of May 3, 2015

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
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 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/
Jn 15:9-17

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2014-2015

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5th Sunday of Easter

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you." What a lovely promise! Imagine how satisfying it would be to ask for whatever we wanted and then to see that wish granted. Truly, it would be difficult to think of anyone who would not love to see a promise like this fulfilled. But we know Jesus isn't a genie in a magic lamp sent to indulge every selfish whim. So, what's the catch?

Well, as Jesus puts it in today's Gospel, this promise is extended to those who "remain" in him. He uses the beautiful analogy of the vine and the branches to explain what this means. "A branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine ... I am the vine, you are the branches." The idea here is that we are to be connected to Jesus so closely that our very life, our growth, our actions, indeed even our desires come from him as their source. When we are authentically rooted in Christ, and when his words remain in us, then that cannot help but transform us into people who want what Jesus wants. And when we want what he wants, why wouldn't he give it to us?

This brings to mind a quote from St. Alphonsus Liguori. "In cold and heat, in rain and wind," said this wise doctor of the church, "the soul united to God says: 'I want it to be warm, to be cold, windy, to rain, because God wills it.'" In a similar vein, another doctor of the church, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, said that God has "always given me what I've desired, or rather, He's made me desire what He wanted to give me." This is the secret to constant contentment. No matter what life brings, when we truly desire to embrace God's will, we are bound to be happy.