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The Most Holy Trinity
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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

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
- Mt 28:18-19

Dear Parishioners,

Sunday, May 31, is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity and the 29th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. May 31 is normally celebrated as the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary except when it conflicts with a higher ranking solemnity such as this year's Most Holy Trinity.

I was ordained on May 31, 1986 by Bishop Stanley Ott at St. Joseph Cathedral. Also ordained that day were Father Eric Gyan who served as pastor here from 1996-2003, and Father Louis Oubre who served as a deacon intern here under Father Howard Hall in 1985. Our parishioner and maintenance supervisor, Larry Durbin, was the photographer for our ordination.

Since I grew up in Metairie, my adopted home parish in the Baton Rouge Diocese was Christ the King Parish on the L.S.U. campus. I celebrated my first Mass there on June 1, 1986 which was the Solemnity of Corpus Christi that year. I returned to Christ the King four years ago for my 25th Anniversary and had a very nice celebration. I will probably do another big Mass and reception for my 40th anniversary eleven years from now.

You may recall that three of our stained glass windows above the sanctuary are dedicated to the Holy Trinity. The theme of the first window on the far left is the *Word of God*, and the theme of the last window on the far right is *Baptism*, but the middle three windows are titled *God the Father*, *God the Son*, and *God the Holy Spirit*. *God the Son* is mostly hidden by the high altar, but it was designed to surround the altar with the light and radiance of Christ.

Gazing at the second window representing *God the Father*, one can see the hands of God, reminiscent of creation and our ongoing belief that we are held in the palms of God's hands. One can also see wings symbolizing the protective and sheltering love of God. This window also contains the moon, stars, and a rainbow.

The fourth window representing *God the Holy Spirit* contains abstract images of doves ascending and descending, as if floating on wind and water. This win-

dow also includes more red-colored glass representing Pentecost and the sending of the Holy Spirit.

Registration continues for this year's Vacation Bible School to be held July 13-17, 2015. VBS is a joint effort of Holy Family and St. John the Baptist Parishes, and is open to children in grades K through 5th. Registration forms for the children as well as volunteer forms for adults and youth are available in the back of church.

Finally, our Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus invite everyone to spend an hour in prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament this First Friday, June 5, starting at 8:00 p.m. and ending just prior to our 8:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass.

In Christ,
Father Matt



ALTAR SERVER PRACTICES

Practices have been scheduled for Altar Servers as follows:

PRESENT SERVERS:

Sunday, June 14 (2—3 pm)

NEW SERVERS:

Sunday, June 21 (2—3:30 pm)

Both sessions will be held in church.

Please make every effort to attend!



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. You can also download applications from our website: sjb-brusly.com

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



NEEDED!!!

**Children's Church Catechist
for 11:00 am Masses.
Please call Karen (749-3387)
for more information.**

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) and her group. Please give her a call to offer your help.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Harold & Beverly Babin for chairing the committee during the month of May. Chaircouple for June will be Janice & Joel Hebert (749-3863). Please call them with any concerns.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, June 7

- ⇒ Monthly Communion Service for K.C. Members and their families at 7:30 am Mass.
- ⇒ Coffee & Donuts will be served after 7:30 am Mass.



***THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
IS NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF
DUSTIN DELAPASSE***

Congratulations!

BAPTISMS

Baptized here last weekend: Noah Michael Himel, son of Michael & Michelle Himel; Hadrian Grey O'Brien, son of Gregory & Leigh O'Brien; and Theodore Francis Barkerding, IV, son of Theodore & Mallory Barkerding.

MARRIAGE

*Married here last weekend:
Ivy Joseph Thibodeaux, III & Emily Christine Gassie*

ADULT CONFIRMATION

*Confirmed at St. Joseph Cathedral last Sunday:
Kerri Eagan Brown*



A VOCATION VIEW

God the Father, Creator. God the Son, Redeemer. God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier. When we "go out to make disciples of all nations" we have a lot to tell! God is present everywhere. Would you be willing to proclaim the truth of God's love and presence in your life as a priest or religious? If so, call or email Father Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.



***"All authority in heaven
and on earth has been
given to Me."***

NEED HELP? GO TO JESUS!

All night Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, June 5th at 8 pm thru Saturday, June 6th at 8 am. Please consider joining Jesus in an hour of prayer. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of the church.

For more info contact Julie Millard @ 749-8260 or Mary Benoit @ 324-5289.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Adoption Matters Seminar

MONDAY, June 22 at 12:00 pm—1:00 pm
1900 S. Acadian Thruway,
Baton Rouge, LA

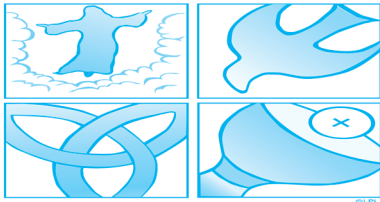
You are invited to a FREE one-hour information session about the journey toward a successful adoption. Many are intimidated by the process and aren't sure where to start. Experienced social workers will cover all aspects of finding families for children and building happy families. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge is Louisiana's only Hague-accredited agency that provides both international and domestic adoption services. Registration is free and open to people of all faiths. Space is limited. Call 225-336-8708 or visit www.CatholicCharitiesBR.org to register.

Readings for the Week of May 31, 2015

- Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/
Mt 28:16-20
- Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Mk 12:1-12
- Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Mk 12:13-17
- Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Mk 12:18-27
- Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/
Mk12:28-34
- Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Mk 12:35-37
- Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Mk 12:38-44
- Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16,
22-26

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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The Most Holy Trinity

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." It's easy to take this formula for granted. Every time we attend Mass, we make the sign of the cross and say "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Many of us also make the sign of the cross before meals or to begin our personal prayers. Because we are so used to hearing this Trinitarian reference to the one God in three Persons, we might tend to gloss over its significance. But today, on the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, we stop to remind ourselves what this really means.

We might begin by remembering that Christianity is absolutely unique in its belief in the Trinity. No other religion claims such a remarkable doctrine--that God is one in three. And it's important to understand that Christians didn't make this up; it was revealed to us directly from Christ himself. As we hear in today's Gospel, and elsewhere throughout the four Gospels, Jesus taught about this mysterious union of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As Christians, we follow what he taught.

Perhaps the most beautiful part of this great mystery of God's nature is what it means for us. We believe in a God whose very essence is made up of loving relationships between three divine Persons. It follows that, as people made in God's image (cf. Gn 1:27), we are to live in loving relationships. We are made to love: to love God, to love one another, and to love ourselves. Our God is not a force, a power, or an idea. Our God is a personal God who loves each of us and calls us to do the same.