



*May 4, 2014
Third 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.

They returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. - Lk 24:33-35

Dear Parishioners,

Our Catholic Daughters have their jambalaya dinner fundraiser this Sunday, May 4, in support of their many charitable activities. We also chose this Sunday to honor all of our high school seniors at the 11:00 Mass and at lunch immediately following Mass in the parish activity center. Parents and siblings of seniors were also invited to join us for Mass and lunch. The menu is of course jambalaya thanks to the aforementioned CDA fundraiser. Graduation is a great accomplishment and milestone in the life of any person and we are very proud of our graduating seniors.

Nominations are now open to fill two upcoming vacancies on our Parish Pastoral Council. Jerry Deshotel and David Toups are completing their second terms of service on the council and so must be replaced. Nomination forms are available in the back of church and you are invited to nominate yourself or any other registered parishioner. The deadline for nominations is the last Sunday of this month, May 25, and the forms may either be mailed to the church office or placed in the collection basket.

Once all of the nominations have been received, the names will be sent to the members of the current council for prayerful review. The current members will then elect one new member at their June 11 meeting. The second new member will be appointed by me as pastor, and may come from the pool of nominated candidates or from the community at large. Both of the new members will serve three year terms beginning with the September 2014 meeting. This is the main consultative body for our parish so please give serious consideration to possible members.

Next Sunday, May 11, is the date selected to honor our Blessed Mother through a traditional May crowning ceremony. We will follow the same procedure as in past years and process out to our Lourdes Grotto at the conclusion of the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The crown will be carried by one of our second graders, accompanied by other children and adults carrying flowers for the Blessed Virgin 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

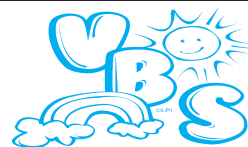
and the Mother of the Church. In honoring her we honor all of the mothers of our community on this special day.

I will be away from the parish from Monday through Thursday of this week, May 5-8, attending the Spring Formation Days with all of the priests of the Baton Rouge Diocese. Our theme this year is "Pastoring in the 21st Century," and our presenter is Mr. Paul Breaux, founder and managing director of SBS Partners, a management consulting firm. Mr. Breaux had all of the priests complete an online questionnaire prior to the study days to help identify our individual leadership style, so it should be an interesting conference.

Since the Study Days are mandatory for all priests, we will not be able to have daily Mass on Tuesday – Thursday of this week. The priests who I sometimes call to celebrate Mass in my absence will also be attending the study days, so we will have Communion Services in place of the Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this week. Bishop Muench has also asked that funerals be scheduled after the study days are over if possible, or that one of our deacons celebrate the funeral without a Mass.

In Christ,
Father Matt

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Vacation Bible School
July 14—17



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR 2014
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**
We are proud of your many accomplishments and wish you well in your future endeavors. The graduates will be honored at a luncheon following 11:00 am Mass this weekend.

**MAY
MONTH OF MARY
May Crowning
Sunday, May 11, 2014**





Congratulations to the following young people from our church community who received the Eucharist here for the first time last weekend.

<i>Cale Alexander</i>	<i>John Maciasz</i>
<i>John Foster Benoit</i>	<i>Natalie Marchiafava</i>
<i>Avery Berthelot</i>	<i>Lane Marino</i>
<i>Nathan Berthelot</i>	<i>Kelsie Martin</i>
<i>Gianna Bono</i>	<i>Caroline Martinez</i>
<i>Kade Bourgoyne</i>	<i>John Mulhearn</i>
<i>Brooklyn Bourque</i>	<i>Lane Palermo</i>
<i>Noah Bourque</i>	<i>Luke Patrick</i>
<i>Ellis Braud</i>	<i>Madison Prudhomme</i>
<i>Ryleigh Carline</i>	<i>Beau Rabalais</i>
<i>MacKenzie Cavalier</i>	<i>Abigail Rizer</i>
<i>Ethan Crochet</i>	<i>Anna Claire Scott</i>
<i>Hannah Crochet</i>	<i>Brandt Settoon</i>
<i>Julian Devall</i>	<i>Camille Shaffer</i>
<i>Emma Fabre</i>	<i>Brody Slayton</i>
<i>Lauren Flatau</i>	<i>Rylee Stein</i>
<i>Logan Harrell</i>	<i>Allie Theriot</i>
<i>Allie Hebert</i>	<i>Drew Tullier</i>
<i>Shelby Johnson</i>	<i>Jude Verret</i>
<i>Destiny LeBlanc</i>	<i>Elaina Waguespack</i>
<i>Ryder Loupe</i>	<i>Elie Wallace</i>



BAPTISMAL SEMINAR
 Wednesday, May 14, 2014
 6:30 pm—Classroom #5
 Mandatory for baptism of your child.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Plans are being made for classes to prepare any adults who for some reason are not confirmed. The actual Confirmation will be on June 8, 2014 at 3:00 pm at Our Lady of Mercy Church.

Anyone wishing to be Confirmed must attend the classes. Please call the Christian Formation Office (749-3387) to register.

Classes will be held in the Parish Office on May 8, 22, & 29 and June 5 at 7:00 pm.



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Lou Brown and family upon the death of his brother, Kenneth “Klu” Brown and to the family of Gordon Hebert upon his recent death. Please keep them in your prayers.

A VOCATION VIEW

“They recognized Him in the breaking of the bread.” Through the ministry of priesthood, brotherhood or sisterhood, people will continue to find Jesus. If you think He may be calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Matt Dupre’ at 225.336.8778, or email to mdupre@diobr.org.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF JULIETTE BONIOL BY THE BONIOL FAMILY

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES ATTENDING SOUTHEASTERN 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 St. Let them be “your home away from home” while you are at Southeastern! See their website for more information about joining Southeastern’s Catholic Student Association, or to contact them: www.stalbertselu.org.

**CATHOLIC HOME SCHOOL CONFERENCE
 May 9, 2014**

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Lafayette Homeschool and Parent Conference will be held at the Cajundome and Convention Center, 444Cajundome Blvd. in Lafayette, LA on Friday, May 9 (12:00 pm—8:00 pm) Speakers include: Fr. Jason Vidrine, Dr. Dominic Aquila, Mrs. Mary Ellen Barrett and Mrs. Colleen Hammond. Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. Call (504) 636-1946 for more information.

Readings for the Week of May 4, 2014

Sunday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/ Lk 24:13-35
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51--8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/ Jn 10:1-10

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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3rd Sunday of Easter

"Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." Can you imagine this scene? Jesus comes up next to these two disciples, walks with them, talks with them, even goes so far as to explain the Scriptures about him to them, and they still fail to notice who he is. Understandably, they were sad, "looking downcast" because of Christ's death. Maybe their eyes glumly watched their feet as they trod along instead of taking in the sights around them. But at some point they must have looked at their companion's face. Why didn't they recognize Jesus until "he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them"?

In everything else during their encounter, Jesus had appeared to be just another man. But when he broke the bread, in fact celebrating the Eucharist, they realized who he was. And then, he "vanished from their sight." Could it be that the risen Lord wanted to teach his followers about the new way in which he was present? He may have vanished from sight, but he did not leave them. He was there, as we Catholics profess, through his real presence in the Eucharist.

We are not so different from the disciples on the road to Emmaus. We may at times become downcast, wishing that Jesus was with us in a more obvious, traditional way. But in fact, the risen Lord comes to join us every time we go to Mass, remaining with us through his presence in the Eucharist. We only need the eyes of faith to believe that it's true. This is not the same as physical sight, to be sure. But he is there. As Jesus himself said in last Sunday's Gospel, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29).