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Sixth Sunday of Easter
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ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST
catholic church



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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

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
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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.

"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,

I will be away from the parish all of this week, May 6-10, attending the Spring Formation Study Days with all of the priests of the Baton Rouge Diocese. Our theme this year is "The Biblical Roots of Priestly Prayer," and our presenter is Dr. Brant Pitre, professor of sacred scripture at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. Dr. Pitre is a native of Houma and has become quite well-known nationally as a teacher, speaker, and author.

Priests are required to attend at least one week of continuing formation annually. This is in addition to an annual retreat that all priests make. The purpose of continuing education is to stay current in one's field and in the case of priests to deepen our knowledge and understanding of theology and ministry. Study days also allow time for prayer and fraternity with brother priests, which is essential to maintaining unity with one another and with the Lord. Our time together strengthens our priestly identity and helps us to see our ministry as a shared ministry under the leadership of our bishop and the Holy Father.

Since the Study Days are mandatory for all priests, we will not be able to have daily Mass 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 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.

We typically rotate the location for our study days and this year we are meeting in my hometown of Metairie. One of the reasons we sometimes hold these gatherings outside of our own diocese is to encourage priests to leave their work behind for a few days in order to give their full attention to their spiritual and professional growth. Some priests are workaholics and tend to run back to their parishes to celebrate Mass, check messages, and return phone calls or emails. While they may be admired for their hard work, their effectiveness is diminished over time and eventually their health and happiness begins to decline.

Happiness and holiness usually go hand in hand, and the priestly vocation is too important to leave to chance. If we are not actively engaged in deepening our relationship with the Lord and with our brother priests, then we are on the path to isolation and dissatisfaction with our ministry. So please pray for us that these days might be a time of spiritual growth and communion.

Finally, we are blessed with a very beautiful church and campus here at St. John the Baptist. To help maintain our parish facilities, and to promote a sense of community among us, I would like to start having two work days a year, one in the spring and one in the fall, so that we can better care for our spiritual home. The first Work Day will take place in two weeks, on Saturday, May 18, beginning at 8:00 a.m., so please write it on your calendar. We will focus on the flower beds and grounds this time so dress appropriately for the outdoors. All ages are welcome!

In Christ,
Father Matt

REAL WORLD SERVICE IMMERSION CAMP

A 5-day experience of learning and living the principles of Catholic Social Teaching
July 23-27

Cost: \$80

Open to current 9th-12th graders

Housing Location:
St. Isidore, Baker LA

Contact: Julie Cilano

225-749-3387

Register by May 16!

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Four Confirmation Certificates were left after the reception. If you did not receive yours, please come by the Christian Formation Office to pick it up.

SUMMER SOFTBALL *Calling all High School Students!*

Sign up for the Co-Ed summer Softball League! Mondays in June & July. Contact Julie Cilano at (225) 749-3387. Sign up by May 20th.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY **Book of Revelation**

You are invited to join us for a Bible Study on the Book of Revelation on Mondays at 6:30 pm from May 20th thru July 29th. It will be held in Classroom #1 in the Activity Center each week. Material fees: \$20.00. Please register ahead of time so we can plan to purchase materials. Call Brenda at 276-3490 for information or to register.

Steubenville South
CHOSEN
BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US 1 JOHN 4:19

June 2 1-23; Alexandria, LA
 Open to High School Youth
 Youth Cost: \$225
 (First \$75 due by April 30; \$75 due by May 15th;
 Last \$75 due by June 13th)
 Chaperone Cost: \$50
 Interested? Julie@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com



**GROUNDS CLEAN-UP DAY
 SATURDAY, MAY 18th**

Springtime brings green grass and blooming flowers that we all get to enjoy, but it also brings weeds and grounds maintenance to be done. We would like to ask that any of you who are available to join us on **Saturday, May 18th at 8:00 am** to help spruce up our flower beds and grounds around the church. We will be cleaning, mulching and planting, so please bring your shovels, rakes, pruner, etc. to help us.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THEN!

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PLANS A BUS TRIP
 TO NEW ORLEANS FOR
 PORTRAIT OF FAITH TOUR**

On **Thursday, May 23**, St. John Parishioners are invited to travel to New Orleans with Fr. Matt Lorrain for a visit to the New Orleans Museum of Art and a 12:15 p.m. tour of the **Pope John Paul II exhibit, "Portrait of Faith"**. The cost of the tour is \$13.00 and includes an introductory film and audio guide. The tour lasts approximately 1 hour. The \$13.00 fee includes general admission to the museum and the sculpture garden.

After the tour, we will have a Dutch-treat lunch at Mandina's restaurant in Mid-City, Canal St. Their website includes a menu and history of Mandina's, which is a local favorite.

We plan to carpool for this trip. Please call the Parish Office to register and let us know if you can drive your vehicle or not. When we get a final count, accommodations will be made for the carpool. We will leave St. John the Baptist at 9:30 am and return at about 5:00 pm. **Deadline to register is Friday, May 17th.** Come, and join together for an inspiring visit with Pope John Paul II.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

April 28, 2013

222 Identified- -----\$6,118.00
 Loose Collection- ----- 1,317.00
 TOTAL----- 7,435.00
 Catholic Home Missions—\$571.00

A VOCATION VIEW

The new commandment of love is required of everyone who follows the risen Lord. How do you fulfill the command? If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

CARDS, ETC.

Mark Your Calendar

Plan to join us on **Monday, October 21st** for our Annual Card Party & Lunch. Please call Gale Thibodeaux (749-3769) or (413-5809) or email gale43@cox.net for information.



The Sanctuary Candle is now burning in thanksgiving & for special intentions.

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples—and us—a new commandment: "Love one another." good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Justin & Melanie Cloutre upon the death of their baby, Ann Marie Cloutre. Please keep them in your prayers.



ATTENTION: HIKERS & BIKERS

West Baton Rouge Parish is seeking input from persons interested in hiking, biking and multi-use trails. Please contact Kevin Durbin, Coordinator, Office of Community Planning & Development at 225-336-2434 if interested.

ANNUAL LIONS CLUB BAR-B-QUE

Sunday, June 2 at Brusly Lions Den

\$7.00 per meal

Includes Chicken, Rice Dressing & Green Beans

Get your tickets from any Lions Member

Readings for the Week of May 5, 2013

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29
 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: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
 Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/ Lk 24:46-53

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6th Sunday of Easter

The housing market is often used as a leading indicator of economic recovery because so much money is invested in this segment of the economy. Construction of new homes provides jobs, and the purchase of existing homes leads to additional consumer spending as homeowners move in, repair, and renovate. Analysts use a baseline that they consider a "normal" market, and then measure improvement from there. In the dark days of the housing collapse five years ago new construction starts were less than one-third the desired level of 1.5 million a month. Just three years ago, mortgage delinquency and foreclosure rates were almost triple what is considered an acceptable rate of 5.25%. These are dark and dismal figures if you are a banker or construction worker.

In the Gospel this weekend Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper describing the relationship between himself and the Father and the Holy Spirit. Those who love Jesus will keep his word and he and the Father will come and make their dwelling with the disciple. This image of dwelling speaks to the abiding presence of God in the followers of Jesus. God is always with them.

Owning a home was long considered a part of the American dream. If a family could purchase a place of their own, then they would consider themselves to have "made it." Home ownership is still a value many people cling to, but its luster has dimmed since the collapse of the housing market. We are six Sundays away from Easter now, and maybe the joy of that feast has also dimmed a bit in our hearts. Maybe we've slipped back into some of our usual patterns and lost some of the fervor of our baptismal commitment. Even the Christian life is occasionally subject to a certain buyer's remorse. Jesus tells us in the Gospel not to be troubled or afraid. He and the Father are with us in a dwelling that is forever.