

May 6, 2018
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
Wayne Delapasse..... Maintenance
Katie Roettger..... Mothers' 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 Judy Thousand, 749-9257 or the Parish office

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

- Mk 16:15b-17, 18c

Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to all of our high school seniors who are being honored at the 11:00 Mass this Sunday, May 6, and then treated to 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 13, 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.

Nominations are now open to fill three upcoming vacancies on our Parish Pastoral Council. Donna Badon, Maria Bertrand and Toni Tolar are all 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 27, 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 three new members at their June 13 meeting. All three new members will serve three year terms beginning with the September 2018 meeting. This is the main consultative body for our parish so please give serious consideration to possible members.

The 2018 NFL Draft is now in the books and Saints fans hope and pray that our draft picks will help us to build on last year's impressive record of 11 wins and 5 losses. Their first pick was bold and somewhat risky

in that the Saints traded this year's 1st and 5th round picks, and next year's 1st round pick, in order to move up 13 spots and draft defensive end Marcus Davenport. He is a raw but talented edge rusher who could provide needed help for our defense. He was the Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year with 8.5 sacks in 2017, and is the grandson of Artis Davenport, the former track and field coach at SUNO.

The 256th and final pick of the draft, also labeled Mr. Irrelevant, was Trey Quinn, wide receiver out of SMU who was drafted by the Washington Redskins. Trey is a Louisiana product who attended Barbe High School and initially signed with LSU before transferring to SMU. He had 114 catches for 1,236 yards and 13 touchdowns in 2017, so I hope he proves everyone wrong and makes it in the pros.

In Christ,
Father Matt

Christian Formation Info





Registration and Volunteer forms are in the back of Church or online at www.sjb-brusly.com

Join us for VBS 2018

July 9th - 18th

Congratulations

The following children were baptized here last weekend:

Dawson Keith Aguillard, son of Bryan & Brittany Aguillard; Cohen Christopher Capone, son of Edwin Capone & Melanie Chauvin; Mason Paul Dupont, son of Donnie Paul Dupont & Leslie Gaubert; Creek Rye Gaudet, son of Hilary Gaudet & Laken Bourgoyne; Landon Alyse Ramagos, daughter of Matthew & Victoria Ramagos; Giselle de Lourdes Salcedo, daughter of Joseph & Jazmin Salcedo; and Caeson James Toomey, son of James Toomey, III and Katie Soniat Dawson.

WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank the family of Rod Prejean for their recent donations.

COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC COMMENTATOR

To be taken up next weekend. Please put your special envelope in the regular collection.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

April 29, 2018

REGULAR:

174 Identified- - - - - \$7,176.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 797.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$7,973.00

Catholic Home Missions—\$876.00



A VOCATION VIEW

The greatest love story that ever happened: God's continuing love for His people. All God asks is "Love one another as I have loved you." The world really needs to see people who are trying to love others with all their hearts. Priests and religious can be excellent examples of this love. If you are willing to answer God's call, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

W.B.R. Museum

Fait a la main: Acadian Handicrafts

Exhibit through August 5, 2018

The Acadian Handicraft Project existed from 1942 until 1962, growing out of an earlier effort by the General Education Board to support French language and culture in Louisiana. This exhibit showcases the hand-made crafts that were purchased and marketed throughout the state, as well as shows how local artisans are keeping Acadian craft traditions alive today.



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday, 10, 2018

The obligation for this holy day has been moved to Sunday, May 13

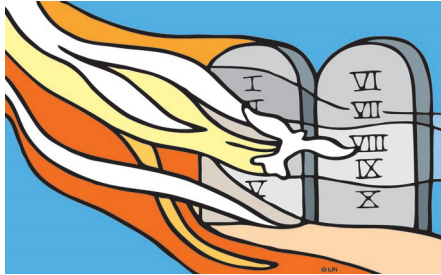


Readings for the Week of May 6, 2018

Sunday:	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
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:	Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018

Donna Badon
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Sixth Sunday of Easter

"I have called you friends." Authentic friendship can seem hard to come by these days, especially in our transient society. We move away from family, change jobs, switch parishes, and end up in entirely new places with entirely new people. When we look for new friends, we all have different qualities we're looking for. While we may think of certain standards of behavior necessary to be a "good" friend, we would hardly refer to them as rules or "commandments."

In fact, if a friendship or romantic relationship-new or old-becomes characterized by imposed obligations, we would rightly be suspicious. Friendships, we understand, ought to be characterized by freedom. We love the person, even sacrifice for them at times because, within ourselves, we want to maintain the friendship. So why does Jesus use the language of command as he calls the Apostles his friends? "You are my friends if you do what I command you."

Jesus is radically transforming the concept of commandment. In the Jewish heritage of the Apostles, they would hear the word "command" and immediately think of the strict Levitical law and distance from God. In introducing the language of friendship, Jesus ties "commandment" to inner freedom of heart. The disciples have this freedom precisely because they know "what [the] Master is doing." Jesus has invited his followers into intimate friendship all along. He shares openly with them. He has patience with their flaws. He isn't scandalized by their failures. He celebrates their successes. We, too, have been called by love and invited into a relationship with Jesus. It is you and I that Jesus chooses and appoints. He does so personally, not from a distant mountain shrouded in clouds. This "new commandment" to "love one another" is received around the shared table in the breaking of the bread.