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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  
June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
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

"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice." - Jn 10:2-4

Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to all of our high school seniors who are being honored at the 11:00 Mass this Sunday, May 7, 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.

Holy Family School celebrates its 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Mass this Tuesday evening. St. John High School has its graduation this Thursday night, followed by Brusly High School on Thursday of next week. Catholic High School and St. Joseph's Academy hold their graduations on May 20 and 21 respectively. Congratulations all around!

We will honor our Blessed Mother with a traditional May crowning ceremony next Sunday, May 14, 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.

Our church was pressure washed just before Easter and has now received a fresh coat of paint in select areas. The metal handrails were repainted, as well as the exterior window frames. In addition several of the doors, columns, and canopies were suffering the effects of exposure to sun and rain and so were repainted in order to protect them and maintain our church's beautiful exterior.

As I mentioned last week, the Parish Activity Center will be closed for 1-2 weeks beginning on Monday so that we can install new flooring. The time table is a little uncertain since we have to first remove the existing skim coat of concrete before installing the new floor. This project is being financed with a portion of the proceeds from the 2016 *Feast on the Levee*.

Martha Dugas, who schedules the liturgical ministers for our weekend Masses, recently informed me that additional altar servers are needed for the 4:30 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Youth are eligible to serve once they have completed the fourth grade. Adults are also invited to participate in this special ministry of service. So please think about it and call the office if you wish to volunteer so we can schedule a training session.

The 2017 NFL Draft is now in the books and Saints fans hope and pray that our draft picks will help us to finally return to the playoffs. For the second year in a row, the Saints finished with a disappointing record of 7 wins and 9 losses, and so improvements are much needed. The Saints drafted the number one rated cornerback, an offensive tackle, a safety, a running back, a linebacker, and two defensive ends, in that order. Let's hope that does the trick.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

## Please Note!!



### MAUSOLEUM

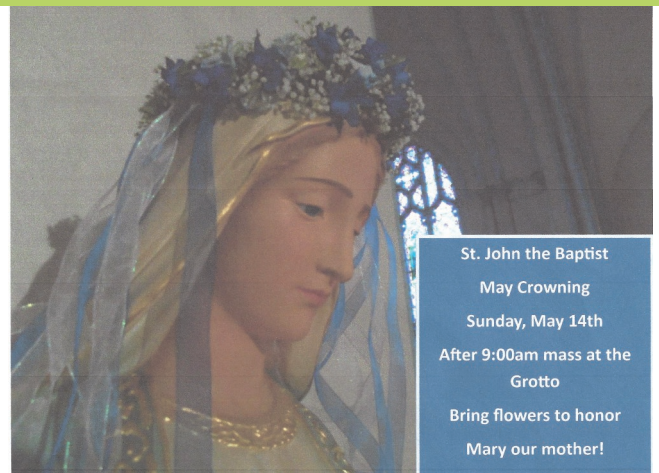
We will be pressure washing the Mausoleum Monday thru Wednesday, May 8th thru 10th.

If you can help, please show up at 7:30 am on those days.

We will be re-surfacing the Activity Center Floors during the weeks of May 8th thru May 19th.

Floors cannot be walked on at that time.

All meetings scheduled for those weeks have been moved and none will be scheduled during that time.



St. John the Baptist  
May Crowning  
Sunday, May 14th  
After 9:00am mass at the  
Grotto  
Bring flowers to honor  
Mary our mother!

# Congratulations!

To the following group of young people who received the Eucharist for the first time last weekend.

## FIRST EUCHARIST CLASS OF 2017

Leighanna Allain	Anna Langlois
Samantha Alleman	Ali Mae LeBlanc
Hayden Bayham	Garrett LeJeune
Mikayla Beard	Grace LeJeune
Brandon Blanchard	Blake LeRay
Carsyn Boudreaux	Andrew Martinez
Aiden Bouvier	Audrey Meyer
Brendan Campo	Claire Michel
Collin Carline	Reese Michel
Caitlyn Castle	Isabelle Morvant
Brenley Cazes	Owen Mulhearn
Lucas Cordell	Julia Ourso
Chloe Corkern	Lillian Prejean
John Paul Devillier	Shaelyn Rentz
Mylié Kate Dickey	MacKenzie Reulet
Zoe Fabre	Cade Rills
Tyler Foster	Kaydin Rodriguez
Emily Garcia	Jo Anna Russo
Lillian Gremillion	Savanna Saale
Adler Hans	Rhett Saizan
Aiden Harris	Adison Salcedo
Landon Harrell	Sean Seaman
Ashton Hebert	Ryan Simon
Kaleb Hebert	Tate Tassin
Sydney Hebert	Kate Theriot
Brynleigh Jones	Sophie Tullier
Faith Landry	Macaulley Verret
Tres Landry	



## A VOCATION VIEW

*World Day of Prayer for Vocations*  
Whose voice will you follow—the Good Shepherd’s or a stranger’s? Pray for a listening heart. If you think God is calling you, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org.

# WORLD DAY OF Prayer Altar Servers

We are presently in need of more Altar Servers for 4:30 pm Saturday and 11:00 am Sunday Masses. Please give us a call if you have completed 4th grade and would like to help. Adults are also welcome and invited to assist in this ministry.

## ROSARYVILLE RETREAT

Ponchatoula, LA

Women’s Emmaus Retreat

June 9—11, 2017

Open to all Women

Put aside the “hustle and bustle” of daily life and attend the upcoming women’s Emmaus retreat the weekend of June 9—11, 2017. The retreat is held at Rosaryville Spirit Life Center in beautiful, peaceful Ponchatoula, LA and provides a unique experience. Based on the scripture passage, “The Road to Emmaus” (Lk 24:13-35), this retreat has a great effect on women’s lives. Begins at 5:00 pm on Friday and ends after the 5:30 pm Mass on Sunday.

Contact Rosaryville at 225-294-5039 or Email scallais@opeace.org



## BAPTISMAL SEMINAR

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

6:00 pm -Classroom #5

Catechetical Building

This class is mandatory for parents wishing to baptize their child.

The following children were baptized here last weekend: Ryan Drue Domingue, son of Michael A. & Emily Naquin Domingue and Evelyn Kate Gossen, daughter of Gregory C, II & Taylor Broussard Gossen. Congratulations to them and their families and welcome into our faith community!

## **Be Merciful**

Make a meal or buy a gift certificate for a mom who’s just given birth or adopted a child, or for someone who’s just gone through a loss.

## STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

April 30, 2017

REGULAR:

160 Identified- - - - - \$6,523.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 1,303.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$7,826.00

## Readings for the Week of May 7, 2017

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10  
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Jn 10:11-18  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-7/Jn 10:22-30  
Wednesday: Acts 12:24--13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Jn 12:44-50  
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27/Jn 13:16-20  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11ab/Jn 14:1-6  
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 14:7-14  
Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2016-2017**

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

"Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." Jesus uses the image of a gate today to help us understand how we are to relate to him. He is our path to "pasture," in other words, to the peace and prosperity that we long for. He shows us the way to find all that we need right there before us.

Some people, however, may think that it's better to avoid the trouble of finding the gate and thus choose to enter another way instead. But Jesus says, "Whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber." Although this is all cast in the gentle terms of an analogy about sheep, the message is actually rather stern. Jesus is telling us that if we don't follow him, we are taking the wrong course of action. He is not suggesting a kind of relativistic principle that says, "Following me is one of many good options." No. He is telling us that in order to "have life and have it more abundantly," we must follow the path that goes by way of Christ. This isn't always the easiest path to follow. It might mean taking the long way around a situation instead of a shortcut. It might mean waiting a little while to get to that pasture instead of hopping the fence and finding it on our own terms. Insisting on using the gate may also make us look like fools to those around us. But to be truly faithful followers of Jesus, we need to trust that his way is the best way. We need to trust that, by letting him lead, we will ultimately end up in the best possible pasture.

In our culture, it is becoming less and less popular to believe in one true religion, but as Christians we know that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.