

*Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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
Larry Durbin..... Maintenance Supervisor
Wayne Delapasse..... Maintenance
Katie Roettger..... Mothers’s 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

"Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.'" - Mt 25:7-9

Dear Parishioners,

We offer special prayers for all of our veterans at all of our Masses this weekend, including a musical tribute at our 9:00 a.m. Mass. Veterans Day began as Armistice Day which commemorated the end of World War I on November 11, 1918. Just three years later, on November 11, 1921, an American unknown soldier was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C., a British unknown soldier was laid to rest in Westminster Abbey in London, and a French unknown soldier was laid to rest at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. All three were killed during what was then known as the Great War.

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 4.7 million Americans served during World War I, 16 million served during World War II, 5.7 million served during the Korean War, 8.7 million served during the Vietnam War, and 2.3 million served during Desert Shield/Desert Storm. There is still no official end date for the Persian Gulf/Global War on Terror, and we pray for all those serving on active duty.

Veterans Day is sometimes confused with Memorial Day which falls on the fourth Monday in May. Memorial Day honors American service members who died as a result of injuries incurred during battle. Veterans Day honors all American veterans, living and dead, but especially living veterans who served their country honorably.

The new liturgical year begins three weeks from now on December 3, the first Sunday of Advent. The lectionary readings switch to cycle "B" which means we will be following the Gospel of Mark for the next 12 months. St. Mark's Gospel was the first gospel to be written and is also the shortest of the four gospels. Mark was a disciple of Peter but not one of the apostles, and most likely wrote his gospel for Gentile Christians living in Rome.

St. Mark is the patron saint of Venice with its beautiful Piazza San Marco and St. Mark's Basilica. His symbol is the winged lion which can be seen throughout Venice. Father Leonard Foley, OFM, concluded a brief reflection on St. Mark by writing: "Mark fulfilled in his life what every Christian is called to do:

proclaim to all people the Good News that is the source of salvation. In particular, Mark's way was by writing. Others may proclaim the Good News by music, drama, poetry or by teaching children around a family table."

The #iGiveCatholic Giving Day was created to rally the Catholic community on "Giving Tuesday," a global day celebrating generosity. #iGive Catholic is a call to share of our blessings with our Catholic parishes, schools, and ministries.

This completely online fundraising drive will take place on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 from 12:01 a.m. – 11:59 p.m. On that day, friends and parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church will be able to use their credit cards to help us raise funds to purchase playground equipment for our new Mother's Day Out program. Please visit <https://igivecatholic.org/> for more information, and search for our parish under the Diocese of Baton Rouge listing.

In Christ,
Father Matt

Christian Formation Update

CATECHISTS NEEDED!!!!

We are in need of a 4th Grade Catechist to complete this school year! Please contact Karen or June at (225) 749-3387 if you are able to help out.

We also need an 11:00 Children's Church Catechist beginning March, 2018. Please contact June or Karen for more details! THANKS



**March
for Life**

We will be selling magnets, scapulars and other religious items after all masses the weekend of November 18th and 19th. All proceeds will help to defray the cost of the youth going to the March for Life in Washington D.C.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION INFORMATION

NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES ON MONDAY, NOV. 20 OR TUESDAY, NOV. 21 DUE TO THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS.



Congratulations!

We are so proud of our own parishioner, Jade Woods, for being selected as one of the 2 winners nationwide of Popular Science's "Innovators of Tomorrow" Award. She submitted her pitch on eye-tracking glasses worn by teen athletes to more quickly and accurately diagnose concussions and was selected by a panel of judges who based their picks on relevance, achievability, uniqueness and economic viability. She will fly to the University of California to present her idea to business and academic leaders and has already won up to \$10,000 in scholarship money to the university! **CONGRATULATIONS JADE!!!**

✓ Check This Out...



The holidays are quickly approaching! Our Balm for the Soul church parish cookbooks are very popular and we have just received a new shipment just in time for Christmas! The book was first published in 2011. Our recent order is the

tenth printing. We have sold over 1200 copies to date. They are only \$15.00 and profits support our amazing Bereavement Committee. If you are interested, please contact Margaret Canella at 225-749-2874.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The annual collection for Campaign for Human Development will be taken up next weekend. Please place your special envelope in the regular collection.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

All Saints—\$1,601.00
November 5, 2017

REGULAR:

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| 276 Identified- | ----- | \$15,913.50 |
| Loose Collection- | ----- | 722.00 |
| TOTAL- | ----- | \$16,635.50 |



A VOCATION VIEW

Are your eyes open to the presence of God? Pray for the wisdom to know God's will in your life. Perhaps it is to serve Him as a priest, sister or brother. If so, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, or email: amerrick@diobr.org.

Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, November 15 - Activity Center

6:00 pm—Officers' Meeting
7:15 pm—Regular Meeting

Saturday, November 18

Pro-Life Rosary—4:00 pm in Church

OCTOBER CALENDAR WINNERS

Alex Vince, David & Caleb Toups, Bobby Jean Cart, Robert Neames, Charles Simon, Gianna Cordell, Van Junot, Mike Prejean, Peter Vitale, Pat Durbin, Kerrilyn Breaux, Johnny Landry, Joycelyn Haydel, E.J. Mayeaux, Gary Tullier, Allison Gravois, Emma Cox, Pamela Rhodes, David & Melissa Toups, Raymond Patin, John W. Flowers, Travis Stevens, Braden Cazes, Nina & Clint Seneca, Lisa Fenton, Elaine B. Robison, St. Joseph the Worker Church, David Deculus, Noline Landry, Joyce Carter, Shelby Landry



*THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
IS NOW BURNING IN
MEMORY OF BETTY GASSIE*

Readings for the Week of November 12, 2017

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| Sunday: | Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13 |
| Monday: | Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-10/Lk 17:1-6 |
| Tuesday: | Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-19/Lk 17:7-10 |
| Wednesday: | Wis 6:1-11/Ps /Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19 |
| Thursday: | Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25 |
| Friday: | Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-5ab/Lk 17:26-37 |
| Saturday: | Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8 |
| Saturday: | Dedication: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/ Ps 98:1-6/Mt 14:22-33 |
| Next Sunday: | Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5/ 1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21 |

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"But the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps." The foolish versus the wise. Today's parable sets these two groups in stark contrast to one another. Two crowds of young women wait for a wedding feast. One group comes prepared for the unexpected, the other just assumes everything will go according to schedule. But it doesn't! The Bridegroom is late, and the foolish virgins are left out in the dark--literally--while the wise ones enjoy the feast inside.

The lesson here is not just about having foresight and gathering the corresponding equipment. It's about being ready for the second coming of Christ. Jesus himself is the "Bridegroom." Traditionally we refer to the Church as the "Bride of Christ" and we, as the people of God who constitute the Church, are even now awaiting the real feast, the culmination of time when Jesus returns. But are we standing among the wise or the foolish as we wait?

Jesus tells us today, "Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Are we spiritually awake? Do we have extra oil to see us through, or are we hitting the bottom of the barrel and running on spiritual fumes so to speak? Do we think it's enough to do the bare minimum as we wait for Christ--stepping into church without really being present, or calling ourselves Christian without really taking up the challenge of the cross? In order to avoid standing outside the feast with the foolish, we will want to make sure we fill our flasks with oil or, in other words, fill our hearts with the love of God, fill our minds with his word and his teachings, and fill our souls with the virtues that unite us to his will. If we stock up on these important supplies, we can count ourselves among the wise!