



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

"Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." - Mk 13:30-32

Dear Parishioners,

The "Rite of Acceptance" will take place at the 9:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, the Solemnity of Christ the King, for this year's four R.C.I.A. candidates who are inquiring into the Catholic faith. The Rite of Acceptance is the first of several thresholds that our inquirers cross as they discern entrance into the Catholic Church.

During this Rite the candidates are marked with the sign of the cross over their foreheads, ears, eyes, lips, hearts, shoulders, hands, and feet. The sign of the cross represents the immensity of Christ's love and strength, even as it invites us to a deeper level of discipleship and friendship with the Lord. This is a dynamic of faith for all followers of Christ that we continually discover throughout our lives.

The new liturgical year begins two weeks from now on November 29, the first Sunday of Advent. The lectionary readings switch to cycle "C" which means we will be following the Gospel of Luke for the next 12 months. This fits well with the "Year of Mercy" announced by Pope Francis since St. Luke's Gospel is also known as the *Gospel of Mercy* and the *Gospel of Universal Salvation*. It contains the beautiful parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son, as well as the charming story of Zacchaeus.

The Gospel of Luke is unique in that it is the only one written by a Gentile. The other three gospels as well as the other books of the New Testament (with the exception of the Acts of the Apostles) were all written by Jewish Christians. Luke was a Gentile Christian, a physician, and a companion of St. Paul. Luke is also the author of the aforementioned Acts of the Apostles which is a continuation of his gospel and which is read throughout the fifty days of Easter.

Remember that we are hosting a parish Thanksgiving Pot-Luck Dinner and Food Drive this Thursday, November 19, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. The Church will provide the turkey so you just need to bring a side dish if you would like to attend. The evening should provide a nice warmup for the main celebration of Thanksgiving in one week's time.

L.S.U. suffered a devastating loss at the hands of archrival Alabama last Saturday night in Tuscaloosa. We can't blame the weather or the officials – we were simply dominated in every phase of the game. It's a psychic wound that has been reopened every year for five years and which refuses to heal.

We could pray for revenge but that would be unchristian so we will just have to settle for redemption, hopefully starting next year and on national television. And by redemption I don't mean just one victory but multiple victories in successive years. And the Saints aren't helping matters with their unpredictable play. I best go light a votive candle for our boys.

In Christ,
Father Matt

Eucharistic



Adoration

Our 10th graders will be afforded the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, Nov. 17th and spend time in Adoration with Jesus. I want to invite the 10th grade parents to come spend time in adoration also. Even if you can't spend an hour maybe you could come for 15 or 30 minutes.

Mark Your Calendar!

Thursday, November 19

HOLIDAY POT LUCK DINNER

6:30 pm in the Activity Center. Bring your favorite casserole/side dish/salad/dessert to share. The parish will provide the turkeys.

Thursday, December 17

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CONCERT

7:00 pm in Church

St. John the Baptist Choir

No Charge—Canned Good Donations to benefit the Food Pantry are welcome!

A Christmas Cookie Reception will follow in the Activity Center

Monday, November 23

**Deadline to turn in Christmas Cards
for Inmates**



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to L.M. Comeaux and family upon the recent death of his wife, Joy. Please keep them in your prayers.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF WAYNE KNOTTS

Congratulations!

JUST MARRIED

Garrett John & Mallory Rae Guerin Kemp

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Lucas James Brancamp, son of Jason & April Perrero Brancamp

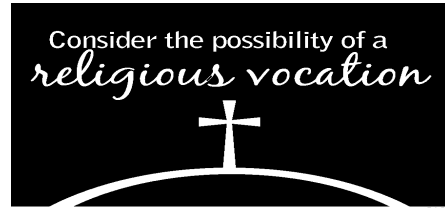
Stella Elizabeth Clouatre, daughter of Justin & Melanie Woolf Clouatre

Pray for Vocations



A VOCATION VIEW

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.” How is Christ calling you to share His eternal words of salvation? Consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. If you feel God may be calling you to a religious vocation in His Church, call or email Father Matt Dupre’ at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.



Knights of Columbus

Regular Meeting—Wednesday, November 18
Activity Center
Officers’ Meeting—6:00 pm
Regular Meeting—7:15 pm

October Calendar Winners

Vivian Goolsley, Chad Guillot, Carol Crouch, Jacob Kershaw, Ruth Thibodaux, Gene Bertrand, George Tewell, Cindy Ocmand, Cedrick Lewis, Donald DeLatin, Lesa & Fred Sanchez, Rosemary Rachal, Danny Cedotal, Steven Foret, Trey Rugiero, Pamela Rhodes, Rene Paul Scott, Karen Lemoine, Paul Hebert, Gina Verret, Betty Bouchereau, Buddy Gaidry, Ronnie Rodrigue, John Wayne Flowers, Sally LeBlanc, Zeaven Hunt, Tyler Freeland, Catherine B. Miller, Billy Story, Jill Daigle, Allen Aillet

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Saturday, November 21—4:00 pm in Church

			
<p>Upcoming Retreats – December 2015 – January 2016</p>			
<p>December 11, 2015 Day of Prayer – God’s Unconditional Love: Beginning the Year of Mercy <i>Rev. Msgr. Doug Doussan</i></p>	<p>January 22-24, 2016 Practicing Mercy: Kissed by Love, Embraced by Love <i>Rev. Philip Chircop</i></p>	<p>January 12, 2016 Day of Prayer – Finding Peace Through Forgiveness <i>Fr. Tony Rigoli, O.M.I.</i></p>	<p>January 29-31, 2016 Family Patterns: Blessings, Burdens and Bedlam <i>Jan Tate, Fr. Joe Krafft</i></p>
<p>5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie, LA 70006 (504) 267-9604 * retreats.arch-no.org</p>			

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next week’s collection for CCHD needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle for poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins. Please give to the CCHD Collection.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

November 8, 2015

REGULAR:

234 Identified- - - - - \$8,605.00
Loose Collection- - - - - 667.00
TOTAL- - - - - \$9,272.00

Readings for the Week of November 15, 2015

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/
Mk 13:24-32
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/
Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." It may strike us as odd that there are things that the angels don't know. But it's even more surprising that Jesus--the Son of God--would have been unaware of the divine schedule for the end of the world. Given all of this, should it come as any surprise that there are things that God chooses not to reveal to us right now?

In his wisdom, God knows when the timing is right to reveal his plans to us. The fact that we don't know everything helps us remember that we are not God. We are his creatures, dependent upon him for our existence, our sustenance, and for the hour of our death too. In this era of instant Internet information, advanced diagnostic medical tests, and statistical surveys predicting future trends, it's hard to accept the fact that there are some things we just can't know. But this reality should keep us humble, reminding us that we don't have to know everything because we are in the powerful hands of a loving God.

Thus, any attempt to "see the future" through psychic mediums like palm reading, tarot cards, or astrology suggests a kind of distrust in God. As the catechism states, such practices "contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone" (§2116). As much as we might want to know when the world will end, when our dreams will come true, or when our problems will cease, we are called to walk in faith, accepting what God chooses to reveal and trusting that even our moments of uncertainty are part of his benevolent plan for us. As today's psalm declares, "you will show me the path to life." What else do we really need to know?