



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
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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  
Julie Ginther Cilano ..... Christian Formation  
Carolyn Dupuy ..... Bookkeeper  
Pat Durbin..... Parish Secretary  
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

"Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' " - Mt 25:20b-21

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 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.

Since faith formation is a lifelong process, please mark your calendars for an "Advent Morning of Reflection" to be led by Father Brian Webre, CJC, on Saturday, December 6, 2014. The program will begin with the first Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m., followed by coffee and donuts in the activity center, and then a talk by Father Webre. The reflection will focus on the Advent call to "*Prepare the Way of the Lord,*" and the morning schedule will also include the opportunity for confession. The program will end no later than 12:00 noon.

Father Brian Webre, CJC, grew up in New Orleans and Mandeville and began his studies for the priesthood as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. He later discerned a call to join the *Community of Jesus Crucified*, a small religious community based in the Diocese of Lafayette. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 26, 2014 at St. John the Evangelist Cathedral in Lafayette.

A newly ordained priest provides a beautiful witness to Christ's ongoing care for his Church by sending new priests to work in his vineyard. Religious vocations are not where we wish they would be in terms of numbers, but the quality of our newly ordained priests is very inspiring. They will undoubtedly make some mistakes in their first years of ministry, but that doesn't diminish the energy and blessings they bring to our church. Youthful exuberance is balanced by wisdom and ex-

perience, so we have also booked an older priest to lead our Lenten Mission this year. Father Blaise Czaja, CP, a Passionist priest, will be here March 22-25, 2015 to lead a four-night Parish Mission for us. Father Czaja ("chai-ah") was born and raised in Port Arthur, Texas, and recently celebrated 50 years as a priest. We look forward to benefitting from the insights he has gained in those 50 years of prayer and service.

Our Parish Pot-Luck Dinner for November is this Thursday evening, November 20, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. The theme is Thanksgiving so why not try out one of your old or new dishes in preparation for your family Thanksgiving meal the following week.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

## *Christian Formation*

**9th GRADE PARENT SESSION**  
**Tuesday, November 18 (7:00 pm)**

**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS**  
**No Classes Monday & Tuesday**  
**November 24 & 25**

### **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**

Are you a Catholic Woman 18 years or older interested in joining a wonderful, fulfilling, faith-filled, service, and charitable organization? Please consider the Catholic Daughters. All interested are welcome to come and join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, November 19th in the Activity Center. We will be enjoying dinner at 6:30 pm with KC's and the meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. We hope to see you there!

### **BAKE SALE**

The Catholic Daughters are holding a Bake Sale for whole cakes or pies to be delivered or picked up the Sunday or Monday before Thanksgiving. There will be an Order Form in the back of church with a description of each delicious dessert available. Advanced ordering is required to insure we can accommodate all those who wish to add these sensational sweets to their holiday menu. Call Mary Benoit at (225) 324-5289 for more information.

## DAY OF REFLECTION

Saturday, December 6, 2014

*Feast of St. Nicholas*

Come—Help us prepare for the Coming of Christ as St. John the Baptist did!

8:00 am—Holy Mass (Optional)

9:00 am—Fr. Brian Webre, C.J.C.

(Reflections on Advent)

Confessions until all are heard.

10:00 am—Jennifer N. Prather begins with children, then adults and high school students.

11:00 am—Sharing

11:30 am—Dismissal

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Pete

Curcio and family upon the death of his brother,

Frank Curcio and to Mary Catherine Berthelot and

family upon the death of her husband, L.J. Berthelot.

Please keep them in your prayers.



### Christmas Cards for Inmates

Please bring to the Parish Office by November 30th.

### BORN TO RUN 2014

5K Run/1 Mile Fun Run & Walk

Saturday, November 22, 2014

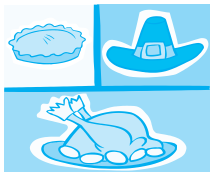
Town Square/Downtown Baton Rouge

Join at [www.womansnewlife.com/Born To Run](http://www.womansnewlife.com/Born%20To%20Run)

### 25th & 50th Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, February 8, 2015 (3:00 pm)

Our Lady of Mercy Church—Baton Rouge, LA



### POT LUCK DINNER

Thursday, November 20, 2014

6:30 pm—Activity Center

**THEME: THANKSGIVING**

### CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION

Please place special envelope in regular collection next weekend.

### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

November 9, 2014

REGULAR:

212 Identified- - - - - \$9,008.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 842.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$9,850.00

## A VOCATION VIEW

“To those who have, much will be given!” Are you willing to share your talents and abilities by announcing the Good News of Jesus Christ as a priest, sister or brother? If so, call Fr. Matt Dupre’ at 225.336.8778, [mdupre@dobr.org](mailto:mdupre@dobr.org).

## OCTOBER K.C. CALENDAR WINNERS

Alexis & Maci Douglas, Christopher & Molli Meaux, Linda Sue Johnson, Scott Favre, Corey Crochet, Brenley Cazes, Kristie Rodriguez, Susan Hebert, Ann Cazes, Julianna Distefano, Greg Smith, Mary Mouch, Harry Case, Jr., Teri Ducote, Anthony White, Mabel Simoneaux, Ann Cazes, Mr. & Mrs. Ken Hagius, Donna Rastanis, Marceline Naquin, Mindi Gauthreaux, Jean & Cliff Kershaw, Edward Earl Comeaux, Rebekah Adcox, Lorraine Breaux, Corrine Reeves, Curtis Folks, Ada Ritzmann, Chuck Falcon, Jeffery Ourso, Cecile Blanchard



## PILGRIMAGES

Do something this spring that will change your life forever! Award-winning Catholic writer, Stephen J. Binz, is leading two pilgrimages- -to the Holy Land and to Italy. Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land, April 22-May 2, 2015, with Fr. Paul Counce, and Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of the Saints in Italy, May 18-29, 2015, with Fr. Todd Lloyd. Life is short. Go on a pilgrimage. See details, itineraries, and testimonials of pilgrims from the past at [www.Bridge-B.com](http://www.Bridge-B.com).

## NEW ORLEANS RETREAT CENTER

- ◇ December 5: *Lord, Teach Us How to Pray*  
Archbishop Alfred Hughes
  - ◇ December 5-7: *The Recovery of Hope*  
Rev. Joseph Nassal
  - ◇ January 9-11: *Being Made Channels of God's Peace*  
Sr. Cathy Cahill
- For more info or to register call (504) 267-9604

## Readings for the Week of November 16, 2014

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/  
1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or  
25:14-15, 19-21

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/  
Mt 25:31-46

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them." In today's Gospel parable, this man represents God, and the servants represent us. The story makes a clear point about the importance of putting the gifts God has given us to good use. Unlike the first two servants, the third servant chose not to make a return on his "talent." Thus we can understand the frustration of the master. He trusted this servant, and the fellow let him down. Remember, this all began with an act of trust when the master handed over care of his things. The fact is that the third servant did not take good care of what he was given.

What have we been given? Some gifts from God we all share in common: life and salvation. But others differ from person to person. We each have our own set of "talents": our personal skills, our material blessings, our education, family background, and so on. Some have more, and some have fewer. But the point is that we are called to make the most of what we have, whatever that may be.

Perhaps the starting point for making a return on God's investment in us is to recognize that what we have is really his! In a sense, our gifts and skills, even our lives, are all "on loan" from God. He is generous in sharing his life and his blessings with us. And, like the parable's master, he is quick to praise and reward our efforts. But when we choose to be "wicked, lazy" servants, taking everything for granted and not using our gifts for God's glory, then "even what [we have] will be taken away." What we bury underground is as good as gone. So let's bring our gifts into the light of day by sharing them with others and making the best possible use of all we've received.