



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe
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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

Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here."

-Jn 18:36

Dear Parishioners,

Nearly all of the numbers have now been tabulated for this year's *Feast on the Levee* and our net income is roughly \$47,000. That is about \$15,000 less than last year but still very successful given the rainy weather. So thank you very much for all that you did to contribute to our success through the sale of raffle tickets, the donation of auction items, and the preparation of food. Thanks once again to Mimi Clouatre and all who worked so hard to benefit our Church and community.

We will apply one half of the proceeds to our loan and deposit the other half into our regular parish savings. We are able to dedicate the money to increasing our savings and paying down our debt because of your generous support of our Sunday offertory collections. We are very blessed as a faith community to have funds available to care for our church and provide for the pastoral and spiritual needs of our parish family.

We will celebrate Mass on Thanksgiving morning at 8:00 a.m. As in the past, you are invited to bring a canned good with you to our Thanksgiving Day Mass to benefit our food pantry. The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 by the Pilgrims in New England. It was something of a harvest festival after suffering a great loss of life the previous winter. In 1789 President George Washington declared a day of thanksgiving in honor of our new country. Then President Abraham Lincoln established the fourth Thursday of November as the annual date for Thanksgiving in 1863.

Next Sunday, November 29, is the First Sunday of Advent. The Saint Andrew Bible Missal contains the following introduction to the season:

An essential component of Christian spirituality is a living sense of vigilance, a state of being alert for the coming of Christ who is among us, yet who comes anew each day and who will come in a definitive end time. The scriptures recount humanity's longing, satisfied in the birth of Jesus who went beyond all human hope in taking upon himself everything that is truly human.

The Advent season reconnects us to the waiting of our ancestors, fulfilled in Christ's humble birth. The

Advent season proclaims day after day the vision of the prophet Isaiah who was inspired to preach the message of a new world which is being built on the foundation of the child born to us at Bethlehem. Advent rekindles in us that sense of watching and waiting wherein we see and identify Christ's constant breaking into our daily existence.

The world around us will rush the Christmas season and clothe itself in tinsel while Christians find themselves wrapped in a deep spirit of hope restored. Christ has come among us. Christ is among us. Christ will come again in a glory to be recognized only by those who keep watch in the growing darkness and cold.

Have a good week and a blessed Thanksgiving!

In Christ,
Father Matt

**WISHING YOU
AND YOURS A
HAPPY & BLESSED
THANKSGIVING!**



Mark Your Calendar!

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**

 **Thank You** 

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank the families and friends of Melanie Rodriguez for their recent donations.



*Pray for
Vocations*



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION
FOR DECEMBER 7th & 8th
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Youth in grades K-4 and 5-8 will have class on MONDAY, Dec. 7th as regularly scheduled.

The youth in grades K-4 who attend class on TUESDAY, December 8th will be dropped off as usual but will attend Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at 6:00 P.M.

Parents are invited to attend Mass. Please plan to pick up your children after Mass at 7:00 in the Activity Center if you do not attend Mass. Young adults in the 10th grade will attend 6:00 P.M. Mass instead of having class that evening.

A VOCATION VIEW

Today we hail Christ as our king, the victor over the power of death. This Jesus, who loves us and freed us from our sins by his own blood, and who by Baptism has made us a royal nation of priests in the service of His God and Father. He who is King continues to choose men and women to serve as priests, sisters, brothers and deacons, so that all that He has won for us might be continually taught and celebrated through His Church so that the faithful may know Him, love Him, and serve Him as well. If you feel God is calling you to such a church vocation, call or email Father Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

Come & Adore Him!

EUCHARIST ADORATION

All the Angels and Saints Adore Our Lord.

Shouldn't we too?

Visit and adore Him during Eucharistic Adoration
All night Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, Dec. 4th at 8:00 pm thru Saturday Dec. 5th at 8:00 am
Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of Church
For more info contact Mary@ 324-5289

Thanksgiving Holidays



NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION ON NOVEMBER 23 & 24

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 26 & 27

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following children were baptized here last weekend. We congratulate them and their families: Rylan & Samantha Polansky, son and daughter of Ryan & Lindsey Aguillard Polansky. WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY.



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY *ae extended to Ken Lemoine & Melanie Chatelain and families upon the death of their mother, Mrs. Pearl Lemoine and to Pat Travasos & family upon the death of her mother, Mrs. Madgie Dufour.*

Advent Penance Services

PREPARE



FOR HIM

- Tues., Dec. 1 (7:00 pm)
St. Joan of Arc, Bayou Pigeon
- Thurs., Dec. 3 (6:30 pm)
St. John's, Plaquemine
- Thurs., Dec. 10 (6:30 pm)
Holy Family, Port Allen
- Thurs., Dec. 10 (6:00 pm)
Immaculate Conception, Lakeland
- Tues., Dec. 15 (7:00 pm)
St. John the Baptist, Brusly
- Wed., Dec. 16 (6:00 pm)
St. Ann, Morganza

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

November 15, 2015

REGULAR:

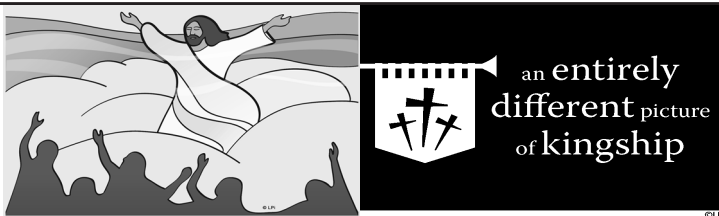
250 Identified- - - - - \$11,339.83
Loose collection- - - - - 720.00
TOTAL- - - - - \$12,059.83

Readings for the Week of November 22, 2015

- Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
- Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/
Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28
- Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36
- Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12--4:2/
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2014-2015

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"Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Once they wear the crown, earthly kings don't have to win the allegiance of their subjects; if you live in the kingdom, you're part of the kingdom and are under the authority of the king. But things are different with Jesus. As the Lord told Pilate, "my kingdom does not belong to this world." His subjects are not given by default. His kingdom is not established in a particular place or even in a particular time. Rather, the realm of the King of the universe encompasses all the other kingdoms of the world. And everyone, regardless of any earthly allegiance, is invited to be the privileged subject of this King. The key to entering this kingdom, as Jesus says, is to listen to his voice. Heeding the voice--the teachings, the guidance, the commandments--of Jesus enables us to belong to this kingdom that is founded upon truth.

Jesus defines his authority in these terms: "For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth." As Christians, we profess to follow the King of kings. Therefore, as members of his royal realm, we too should be about the business of testifying to the truth. Of course there are many ways to defend the truth in our modern age. Upholding the dignity of life and protecting religious liberty are two examples of the pressing issues of our day. But even more fundamental is the basic claim we make: that Jesus is in fact God-made-man and that, through his death and resurrection, he has saved us from our sins.

This Gospel message, both simple and profound, is a truth that never grows old. Let us boldly profess the truth of the Gospel as we invite all those we encounter to join in the joy of the kingdom of Jesus.