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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

"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'" - Mt 25:34-36

Dear Parishioners,

We finally have all of the numbers tabulated for this year's *Feast on the Levee* and our net income is \$61,400. That is about \$2,400 more than last year so thank you very much for all that you did to contribute to our success. The sale of raffle tickets, the donation of auction items, food, and service all played a part in the fair's success. Thanks once again to Scot and Pamela Rhodes and all of you who worked so hard to benefit our Church and community.

We briefly discussed the allocation of the fair income at this month's Parish Pastoral Council meeting but did not come to any conclusion. We may just follow last year's plan and divide it evenly among our loan, building fund savings, and 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 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. We will **not** have Mass or Adoration on Friday, the day after Thanksgiving. I will be recovering from hosting my family at the rectory and then watching the LSU - Texas A&M game on Thanksgiving evening. Please pray that the Tigers can close the regular season with a victory.

The day after Thanksgiving, sometimes known as "Black Friday," is a very busy shopping day for people looking for sales in preparation for Christmas. Many stores open early that day, even going so far as to begin some of their sales on Thanksgiving evening. Black Friday is followed by "Cyber Monday" for those who prefer to shop online. Please hold on to your sanity if you decide to venture out into the teeming masses.

Remember to mark your calendars for our "Advent Morning of Reflection" to be led by Father Brian Webre, CJC, and Mrs. Jennifer Prather 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 talks by Father Webre and Mrs. Prather. 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 ultimately decided to join the *Community of Jesus Crucified*, a small religious community based in the Diocese of Lafayette, and was ordained to the priesthood on May 26, 2014. Mrs. Jennifer Prather is chair of the Theology Department at St. Joseph's Academy in Baton Rouge. Her presentations will be geared to children and teens, as well as adults.

The Saints host the Baltimore Ravens on Monday Night Football this week. It has been a disappointing season but they should be able to back in to the playoffs.

In Christ,
Father Matt



CHRISTIAN FORMATION HOLIDAYS

Mon. & Tues., November 24 & 25
Parish Office will be closed on
Thurs. & Fri., November 27 & 28



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"I spend every free moment at the feet of the hidden God. He is my Master, I ask Him about everything; I speak to Him about everything. Here I obtain strength and light!" (S. Faustina, Diary 704)

Do you have any free time? Visit our powerful God in Eucharistic Adoration!

All night Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, Dec. 5th at 8:00 pm thru Saturday, Dec. 6th at 8:00 am. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of the Church.

For more info, contact Julie at 749-8260 or Mary at 324-5289.

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

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

The new workbooks are in the Sacristy.
Please pick up your copy.



Christmas Cards for Inmates

Please bring to the Parish Office by November 30th.

25th & 50th Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration

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

Our Lady of Mercy Church—Baton Rouge, LA

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, December 7 (2—4 pm)

Celebrate Christmas at the WBR Museum. Visit a truly Louisiana themed Holiday Open Cabin and watch open hearth cooking demonstrations. Visit the historic Aillet House and watch a traditional 19th century holiday tableaux. Santa's Workshop will be open with hands-on craft activities and storybook readings featuring classic tales with a Cajun twist.

Children are welcome to help Papa Noel find his mischievous elves hiding all around the grounds. Kids with their accompanying adults have loads of fun sleuthing around the museum's gardens, barn and grounds looking for clues, elf-size footprints, cookie crumbs, half-finished toys, coal nuggets in pairs of sabot, and other historical evidence to discover the elves' hiding places.

FREE to the public—Bring your cameras for pictures with Papa Noel and his elves.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

November 16, 2014

REGULAR:

252 Identified- - - - - \$11,113.83

Loose Collection- - - - - 586.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$11,699.83

A VOCATION VIEW

Tending the needs of others is a gift of service to God as well as those in need. Choose to serve in every instance. Listen for a call to service as a priest, brother or sister. Then, call Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org.



The Sanctuary Candle is now burning in loving memory of PEGGY LEBLANC

CHRISTMAS BINGO

CDA of St. Ann's Church in Moganza will hold their annual Christmas Bingo on Sunday, November 30, 2014 from 2 until 5 pm in their Parish Hall. Refreshments will be sold. All prizes given are related to Christmas. Everyone is invited to come out and support this fundraiser which helps to continue their charitable works and activities.



COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER FOR CHRISTMAS

Sponsor a family through Catholic Charities' 2014 Community Comes Together for Christmas Program and make their season as joyous as yours! Many families served by Catholic Charities rely on the generosity of their donors at Christmas to make the holidays bright. Many are single mothers, grandparents raising grandchildren, and the elderly struggling to make ends meet on meager budgets. This year, please give the gift of Christmas to those in need. It's easy! Visit: christmas.ccdiobr.org to begin your sponsorship.

Readings for the Week of November 23, 2014

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

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/
Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11--21:2/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/
Mk 13:33-37

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." Jesus insists that in ministering to others' physical needs, we are truly serving him. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me," he tells us. And in a similar way, what we fail to do for them, we fail to do for Christ: "What you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me." This means that we have been given both a gift and a task. The gift is the chance to encounter Christ in our brothers and sisters. The task is to be sure we don't neglect the encounter.

The corporal works of mercy provide us with a kind of guide for how to live out this important mission from Christ. These works include feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick and the imprisoned, and burying the dead. Based on the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, it's an important part of the Christian life to look for ways to engage in these kinds of bodily ministries. Traditionally, these "corporal" works are complemented by a set of "spiritual" works. The spiritual works of mercy ensure that we don't minister to the body at the expense of the soul. They include admonishing the sinner, instructing the ignorant, counseling the doubtful, comforting the sorrowful, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving all injuries, and praying for the living and the dead. By engaging in these diverse works of mercy, we serve others, love Jesus, and hope to "inherit the kingdom prepared for [us] from the foundation of the world."