



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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*First Sunday of Advent*  
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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

"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping." - Mk 13:35-36

Dear Parishioners,

We have a Parish Blood Drive scheduled for next Sunday, December 7. The Advent season is a nice time to give of ourselves in preparation for receiving God's gifts at Christmas, so please donate if you are able. Msgr. Robert Berggreen also celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his priestly ordination at a special 2:30 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's in New Roads next Sunday.

This Friday evening and Saturday morning, December 5 & 6, is the monthly all-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament led by our Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus. The twelve hour period begins at 8:00 p.m. Friday evening and ends with 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday morning. A schedule is available in the back of church if you would like to sign-up for an hour of prayer and adoration in the presence of our Lord.

Father Brian Webre, CJC, will celebrate our Saturday morning Mass on December 6 prior to directing our "Advent Morning of Reflection." After Mass we will move to the Activity Center for coffee and donuts, and then listen to presentations by Father Webre and Mrs. Jennifer Prather. The reflections will focus on the Advent season 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 small religious community of the *Community of Jesus Crucified*, 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.

As we start the Advent season, I encourage everyone to go to confession before Christmas so that we can celebrate our savior's birth with joyful hearts and minds. Jesus is the Prince of Peace and we need his gift of peace in order to handle the stress of everyday living. St. John Church in Plaquemine and Holy Family Church in Port Allen have their penance services on

the same night, Thursday, December 11, at 6:00 p.m. We will have our penance service here at **St. John the Baptist** the following week on **Tuesday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m.** We also have our regular Saturday afternoon confessions from 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. every Saturday.

Monday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and a holy day of obligation. Our Masses on the feast day will be at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The Blessed Virgin Mary is patroness of the United States of America under the title of the Immaculate Conception.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

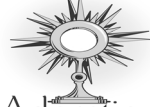
## Christian Formation

### ALL 2nd GRADERS PUBLIC & CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Sacramental Prep Class Monday, December 1st or Tuesday, December 2nd. Students should bring books to be checked!

- ⇒ **Grades 5—8** : EDGE Night Monday, Dec. 1st  
Parents are welcome.
- ⇒ **Grades K—8**: No Class Monday, Dec. 8 or Tuesday, Dec. 9
- ⇒ **Grade 9** will have class on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd & Tuesday, Dec. 9th.

Eucharistic



Adoration

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*"Prepare the Way of the Lord!"*

Advent offers us a great opportunity to prepare our hearts and souls for Christmas. A perfect way to prepare ourselves is by spending time with Him Who is, was and is to come by attending Eucharistic Adoration!

All night Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, Dec. 5th at 8pm thru Saturday, Dec. 6th at 8 am.

Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of Church.  
For more info, contact Julie @ 749-8260 or Mary at 324-5289.

### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday, December 8, 2014  
Masses: 8:00 am and 6:00 pm

# Advent

Penance Services will be held in our area as follows:

- ⇒ Tuesday, December 9  
OLPS, White Castle—7:00 pm
- ⇒ Wednesday, December 10  
St. Ann, Morganza—6:00 pm  
St. Augustine, New Roads—6:00 pm
- ⇒ Thursday, December 11  
Holy Family, Port Allen—6:30 pm  
Immaculate Conception, Lakeland—6:00 pm  
St. John's, Plaquemine—6:00 pm
- ⇒ Tuesday, December 16  
St. John the Baptist, Brusly—7:00 pm



**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY** are extended to Curtiss, John & Paul Stelly upon the death of their mother, Joyce Stelly, to Laurie Blanchard & family upon the death of her husband, Robert Blanchard, and to Merle Borruano & family upon the death of her husband, Angelo Borruano. Please keep them in your prayers.



## **BAPTISM**

Congratulations to the following babies and their parents: Halle Beatty, daughter of Adam & Brittany Beatty; Hudson Matthew Lopez, son of Jessica Duggan & Matt Lopez; and Kolt Robert Rodriguez, son of Trey & Courtney Rodriguez. These babies were baptized here last weekend. Welcome into our faith com-



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

Sunday, February 8, 2015 (3:00 pm)  
Our Lady of Mercy Church—Baton Rouge, LA  
Call the Parish Office (749-2189) to register.

## **LECTOR WORKBOOKS**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS BOOK FOR 2015 IS NOW OPEN. Come to the Office to schedule.**



**BUILDING FUND COLLECTION**  
OCTOBER 2014  
\$15,246.00

## **A VOCATION VIEW**

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Some are called to teach, preach and witness those teachings as priests and religious. God may be calling you to a Church vocation. If you think God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778 [mdupre@diobr.org](mailto:mdupre@diobr.org).



**THE ADVENT GIVING TREE IS NOW IN THE BACK OF CHURCH. PLEASE TAKE ONLY ONE TAG PER FAMILY. THE GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 13 & 14th**

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

### **Sunday, December 7**

Monthly Communion Service for K.C.  
Members and their families (7:30 am Mass)  
Coffee & Donuts will be served after 7:30 am Mass

### **ALTAR SOCIETY**

Thanks to Mary Anita Tullier and her group for cleaning the church during the month of November. Cleaning for December will be done by Cindi Breaux (749-3842). Please give her a call to offer your help.

### **BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Thanks to Beverly & Harold Babin for chairing the committee during the month of November. Chaircouple for December will be Janice & Joel Hebert (749-3863/802-3863). Please give them a call with any concerns.



## **Readings for the Week of November 30, 2014**

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/  
Mk 13:33-37  
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a,  
6-8  
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2014-2015**

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**1st Sunday of Advent**

"What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" The season of Advent begins with this exclamation from the Lord. He urges us, "Be watchful! Be alert!" This is not the time for a spiritual snooze. Advent is meant to serve as a wake-up call for those of us Christians who have a tendency to start drifting off after a while. We get into our routines, find the patterns that work for us, and then run the risk of just going through the motions. Maybe we say a morning prayer with consistency but have begun to forget to really think about the words. Perhaps we rouse ourselves enough to get to Mass on Sundays, but when we're there we let our minds daydream. Some of us might have made spiritual resolutions to overcome a bad habit or to begin some regular program of service, but instead of following through with the hard work of perseverance, we gave up the effort and fell back into our previous rut.

Whatever the case, now is the time to shake ourselves free and to ask God to invigorate us once again. Now is the time to stop zoning out and start tuning in. Jesus' message today has the intention of getting our attention. He's doing what he can; the rest is up to us. As Advent begins, we would do well to pause for a few moments and reflect. What might be preventing me from being fully awake to my faith? What activities preoccupy my time and my thoughts? What bad habits blur my spiritual vision? How could I really listen to the voice of the Lord this Advent season? Saying a special prayer during these four weeks, committing to some spiritual reading, even simply putting an Advent wreath on the table: any of these things can help us stay awake as we continue watching and waiting for the coming of Christ.