



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
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

"What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." But he was speaking about the temple of his Body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this. - Jn 2:18b-19, 21-22b

Dear Parishioners,

Now that our increased offertory campaign is winding down, I wish to thank all of you for the tremendous effort you have shown in keeping your commitment to financially support our Church. Our income has increased significantly due to the generous response from many caring and dedicated families. I realize this has been a sacrifice for many of you but such a financial commitment is helping us to address the financial needs facing our community.

Of the 1,425 registered parish households, 611 regularly contribute to the Sunday collections. This may seem like a small percentage but it is actually considered quite good when compared to other parishes nationally. In this recent campaign, we received a response from 232 families — 16% of our total households or 38% of our identified givers — resulting in a projected increase in offertory revenue of \$1,700 per week. I ask those that have made an increase in their offertory to continue contributing at this new level so we can meet our annual budget.

If you have yet to return your response envelope, there is still time to respond. Please take a special response envelope from the church vestibule and upon completion return it in the offertory collection or to the church office. You and your loved ones will be remembered in my prayers and I kindly ask that you remember me in yours also.

The two new chalices given in memory of Leighton Delahaye finally arrived from Spain, and Leighton's name is engraved on the bottom of each. I subsequently had one of our old chalices replated so that we now have four matching gold chalices with which to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist.

Last Sunday we began the process of learning a new musical setting for the Mass. The new setting is entitled the "Mass of Spirit and Grace" composed by Father Ricky Manalo, CSP, a Paulist priest currently teaching at Santa Clara University and the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, California. We are already familiar with some of his other compositions including "The God of All Grace," "Many and Great," and "Spirit and Grace."

It will take us a few weeks to become comfortable with the new music but please persevere because the Mass is so much more enjoyable and meaningful with all of you singing. You sing better than just about any other parish in which I have served and I want to encourage and foster that special characteristic of this community.

God blessed us with beautiful weather in which to celebrate the *Blessing of the Graves* on All Saints Day in our parish cemetery. We received many complements on the appearance of our cemetery so I once again acknowledge the hard work of our cemetery committee. The members are: Babs Babin, Beth Blanchard, Joanne Bourgeois, Jerry Deshotel, Larry Durbin, Arlen Landry, Ken Lemoine, Roy Mouch, Elaine Pierce, Earl Sarradet, and Ella Dean Thibodeaux. Thank you to everyone who came out for the blessing and to everyone who worked to clean the graves or bring flowers for the Feast of All Saints.

In Christ,
Father Matt

Religious Education

CHANGES IN CHRISTIAN FORMATION SCHEDULE

- ⇒ **8th Grade**—January 5th—Class added to schedule.
- ⇒ **9th Grade**—November 4th—Class Cancelled.
- ⇒ **9th Grade**—Retreat on Sunday, November 9th
11:00 am Mass until 5:00 pm
- ⇒ **10th Grade**—November 11th—Parent Session Cancelled. CLASS FOR STUDENTS WILL BE HELD.

BAPTISM



BAPTISMAL SEMINAR

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

6:00 pm—Classroom #5

This class is mandatory for Baptism.

Call the Office to register.

Baptisms after 11:00 am Mass

Sunday, November 23, 2014





*THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS
NOW BURNING IN MEMORY
OF CARLYS SIBILLE*

***PRAYERS & SYMPATHY** are extended to Mary Mouch & family upon the death of her sister, Nelta Jarreau and to the family of Rosa Mae Hebert upon her recent death. Please keep them in your prayers.*

THANK YOU!

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank the family of Edwin "Bub" LeJeune for their recent donations.



DAY OF REFLECTION

December 6, 2014

Feast of St. Nicholas

To help us prepare for the coming of Jesus as St. John the Baptist did!
More details to follow.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR INMATES

We will be collecting Christmas Cards again this year for prisoners to send to their families. If you have any to donate please get them to us before November 30th.



**25th & 50th (2015)
Diocesan Wedding Anniversary
Celebration**

Sunday, February 8, 2015 at 3:00 pm

Our Lady of Mercy Church

445 Marquette Ave., Baton Rouge

Bishop Robert W. Muench will celebrate a liturgy honoring couples on their 25th, 50th, and 60th or greater wedding anniversary. The families of the honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and reception afterward in the Our Lady of Mercy Parish Activity Center.

Call the Parish Office (749-2189) to register!



VETERANS DAY

Thanks to our veterans past and present for defending our country and preserving our freedom!

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

November 2, 2014

276 Identified- - - - - \$15,458.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 879.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$16,337.00

All Saints Collection—\$1,287.00

A VOCATION VIEW

Are your eyes open to the presence of God? Pray for the wisdom to know God's will in your life. Perhaps it is to serve Him as a priest, sister or brother. If so, call Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org.

Respect Life

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Happy Birthday Adopted Baby

After nine months of growth and development, your spiritually adopted baby was born this month. The only change at birth is a different way of eating and breathing. Your baby began his life nine months ago when his parents contributed the genetic materials to form this unique human being. At that miraculous moment, he also received his soul from God making him an immortal being. God's plan for this child is to live his life on earth and then to be joined with Him in His heavenly home forever. Thank you on behalf of all babies and their mothers for your loving prayers that helped to bring them to birth "so that they might have life and have it to the full!" **-John 10:10**

BORN TO RUN 2014

5K Run/1 Mile Fun Run & Walk

Saturday, November 22, 2014

Town Square/Downtown Baton Rouge

The 2014 Born to Run 5K in Baton Rouge is a great opportunity for runners and walkers alike to take an active role in the Woman's New Life Center mission. Woman's New Life Center (WNLC) is a life-affirming counseling & medical center that serves women facing unplanned pregnancies in the Greater Baton Rouge and New Orleans areas. You can help WNLC continue to save and change lives by participating in Born to Run. Join or form a team at www.womansnewlife.com/BornToRun. \$30 per participant (family pricing available): includes t-shirt and post-race "birth" day party featuring music from the V-Tones, great food and beer.

Readings for the Week of November 9, 2014

Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/
Jn2:13-22
Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

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"When he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe." Jesus predicted his resurrection in today's Gospel. But it wasn't until after the disciples witnessed the miraculous event that they realized what he had been talking about. At the time, Jesus' words seemed mysterious, even confusing. Those who heard him understandably thought his reference to "this temple" was about the Jewish house of worship. But it wasn't. He was talking about his body. This only became clear later.

As the saying goes, "hindsight is twenty-twenty." How often do we find ourselves in the midst of a situation that doesn't make sense at the time? We question the "meaning" of a sickness, a lost job, a betrayal, or a disappointment. But then, after time has passed, we can begin to see it from another angle. In fact, many times we begin to see how good came out of these tough situations. St. Paul says, "We know that all things work for good for those who love God," (Rom 8:28).

Sometimes it's hard to trust in God's promises, especially when his plan seems mysterious or confusing. But just as the disciples learned that Jesus knew what he was talking about, we can believe that too. He tells us that he is "the way and the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6). Although the way may seem indirect, Jesus' perspective is bigger than ours. He knows how to lead us to the fullness of life, in this world and the next. The path may not be one that we would choose. Even Jesus had to journey through the cross before his resurrection-the temple of his body was destroyed before it was rebuilt. But looking back, it's obvious that God's plans really do work out for the best.