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All Soul's Day
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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

"And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day." - Jn 6:39-40

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you very much for all that you contributed, whether in the form of prayers, donations, volunteer service, or attendance, to last Sunday's "Feast on the Levee." God provided some beautiful weather which made for a very enjoyable day and a further testament to the vitality of our parish community. I wish to especially thank our chairpersons Scot and Pamela Rhodes for their outstanding leadership in coordinating the day's activities. They are "retiring" as chairpersons after this year and leave big shoes to fill, so please express your appreciation to them and pray that we find equally talented leaders for next year. We will publish the financial report as soon as all of the numbers are tabulated.

This Tuesday, November 4, is Election Day so please make time to vote. Good Catholics are also good citizens and our participation in the electoral process is an important expression of both our faith and our citizenship. There is no such thing as a perfect candidate or platform so we have to do our best to vote for those who have the most potential to grow or develop into the public servants we need and desire. We should not let our frustration with campaigning or the political process turn us against our civic duty. Say a prayer for our country and our elected officials on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, November 5, at 6:30 p.m., we have an important meeting for the *parents* of all second graders preparing for their First Reconciliation. The second grade year is highly important since this is the year when our children first experience God's forgiveness in the sacrament of confession, to be followed by their First Communion later in the spring. So parents please make a note of the meeting and place it on your refrigerator, computer, smart phone, and bathroom mirror. First Reconciliation will take place on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, and First Eucharist on Sunday, April 26, 2015.

In honor of the upcoming Veterans Day we are planning to honor all of our veterans at our 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass next Saturday, November 8, 2014. The ongoing conflicts in the Middle East have served as a necessary reminder of the debt we owe to our service men and women who work to build peace and protect our

country from terrorism. All veterans and their families are invited to attend the Mass so that we can offer our prayers and gratitude.

Our "Book of Remembrance" will remain in church by the St. Joseph's altar for the entire month of November. The book and accompanying candle serve as a visible reminder to offer prayers for our beloved dead and for all who have gone before us in faith. Feel free to write in the names of any of your deceased relatives and friends so that they may be remembered in our prayers.

Finally, this week of November 2-9 is National Vocation Awareness Week. St. Joseph Seminary College near Covington is sponsoring a "Come and See" Weekend November 7-9 for young men 16 years and older. Please offer prayers for the attendees and that our own parish may produce vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

In Christ,
Father Matt

And the winners are....

SUPER RAFFLE

- 1st Prize (\$4,000) - Mike Cazes
- 2nd Prize (\$1,000) - John Windham/Craig Sarradet
- 3rd Prize (\$500) - Lori Waldrop

REGULAR RAFFLE

- 1st Prize (\$1000 Best Buy Card) - Michele Sarradet
- 2nd Prize (\$500) - Celeste Veillon
- 3rd Prize (\$250 Certificate to Hubbens or Benedettos)
Dan Jason
- 4th Prize (\$250 Certificate to Hubbens or Benedettos)
George Allain
- 5th Prize (\$100 Cash) - Cindy Daigle

QUILT

Shirley Templet

CAKE BAKING

- 1st Place (Orange Spice Pumpkin Cake) Lana Prejean
- 2nd Place (Apple Cream Cheese Bundt Cake) Larry Durbin
- 3rd Place (Trick or Treat Cake) Beth Sibley

5K RUN RESULTS

- Men's Winner—Whelman Landry (21:03)
- Women's Winner—Maggie Prejean (27:07)
- Children's Winner—Brooke Bourgoyne (30:09)

Thank You!

A big THANK YOU to the W.B.R. Senior Spirit Quilters for their time and talent in sewing the beautiful quilt that was raffled for the Feast on the Levee. Those wonderful ladies were Joan Sharon, Ella Dean Thibodeaux, Mickey Sullivan, Geri Schneider, Billie Rae Sibille, Julie Prejean, Liz Lambert, Pat Travasos, Sue Blanchard, Sandra Hotard, Barbara Knotts Francis Seymour, Brenda Dupuis, Iris Comeaux, Terry Rivet, Thelma Nickens and Terry Guidry.

St. John the Baptist will receive over \$4,000 for this raffle!

Retreat

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS RETREAT CENTER

Becoming a Beloved Child of God: The Spirituality of Therese of Liseux
November 7—9
Fr. Basil Burns—Presenter

The Gift of the Seven Sacraments
November 14—16

Rev. Donald Blanchard—Presenter
Call (504) 267-9604 for more info or to register.



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Mary Ann David & family upon the death of her husband, Allen. Please keep them in your prayers.

LOST & FOUND

A small coin purse was found at the Feast on the Levee. Please call the parish office to identify and claim.

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

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

October 26, 2014

REGULAR:

181 Identified-----\$6,187.00
Loose Collection----- 710.00
TOTAL----- \$6,897.00



National Vocation Awareness Week

A VOCATION VIEW

“In You, Lord, I have found my peace!” Is the Lord calling you to be a peacemaker as a sister, brother or priest? If so, call Fr. Matt Dupre’ at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org.

Did you know that in our country, compared to 50 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 129,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has continued to grow steadily. Many factors have contributed to the decline: growing secularism, a lengthened period of adolescence, attitudes about celibacy, etc. During Vocation Awareness Week, please pray that young people in today’s society will hear and respond to God’s call. And do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and religious life.

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.



The 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, November 8th will honor veterans. We especially invite those who have served in the military to attend this liturgy and encourage parishioners to join us in expressing gratitude to all who have served.

25th & 50th (2015)

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Couples who have been married 25, 50, 65 or more years will be honored on Sunday, February 8 at 3 pm at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Baton Rouge. Bishop Robert W. Muench will celebrate this special Mass. A reception will follow in the OLOM Activity Center. Please call the parish office if you plan to attend.

Readings for the Week of November 2, 2014

Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/
Jn 6:37-40
Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17--4:1/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/
Jn 2:13-22

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2014-2015

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The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

"I will not reject anyone who comes to me." Today, as we remember the faithful departed, we can rejoice in these words from Jesus. He promises that he will welcome those who come to him. He is so anxious to embrace us! As the catechism puts it, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation" (CCC §1030).

Jesus' whole message here is important. Eternal salvation is available to all, but it does involve a level of participation on our part. "Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life," Jesus says in today's Gospel. When it's authentic, of course, this belief is more than mere lip service. Understanding that Jesus is our savior and our God is one thing. Coming to him is another; it takes belief to the next level of personal commitment. This involves choices, decisions, and actions. Coming to Jesus means being near him-through a spiritual life that involves a real relationship with him-as well as being focused on him by charting our life's course in the light of faith. This is what we strive to do during the ups and downs of this life.

But it isn't always easy. Even as faithful Christians we often fall short of perfect cooperation with God. But this is not cause for despair! Today we remember that even Christians who die still "imperfectly purified" can ultimately share the blessing of heaven. We pray for these souls in purgatory to come closer and closer to perfect union with the Lord. And meanwhile, we strive to increase our own union with Christ in the hopes of sharing eternity with him and with the whole communion of saints, including our loved ones who have gone before us in faith.