



# 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

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son? 'Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast'" - Mt 22:2, 4bc

Dear Parishioners,

This theme for Respect Life Month is "Each of us is a masterpiece of God's creation." It is taken from a greeting by Pope Francis, "*Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.*" It is this belief that motivates us to practice charity and show concern for our neighbor at all stages of life.

We continue to pray and advocate for an end to abortion. We also support life by offering assistance to pregnant women who feel alone or ill-equipped to mother a child. I am very gratified to see the large amount of baby items donated by our parishioners to benefit Sanctuary for Life, the maternity home operated by Catholic Charities. Drives of this type demonstrate that our care for life goes well beyond pregnancy and birth.

As you know, we also operate a thrift store and food pantry as further expressions of our concern. Thank you for your frequent donations to the thrift shop and please support the food drive currently underway courtesy of the Brusly Lions Club. Food barrels are located at American Gateway Bank, Benedetto's, and the Westside Dow YMCA. The donated food will be distributed through our food pantry and the food pantry at the First Baptist Church of Addis.

I mentioned in last Sunday's bulletin that we provide over \$10,000 annually in direct assistance to the poor of our area. Most of the requests we receive are for help with electric bills, rent, or water and gas. Some of the applicants are disabled, some have lost their jobs, and others are caring for children and grandchildren. We know we cannot provide for all of their needs but at least we can relieve some small measure of worry and hardship. Families suffering from chronic situations are asked to wait at least six months before requesting additional assistance from us.

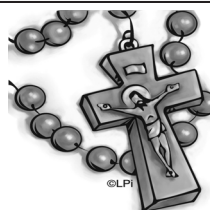
Please note that we will follow a special Mass schedule on the "Feast" weekend: the 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass and 7:30 a.m. Mass are unchanged, but we substitute a **special 10:00 a.m. Mass** in place of the 9:00 and

11:00 a.m. Masses. Breakfast is served at 8:00 a.m. and the food booths are scheduled to begin serving at 11:00 a.m., immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Do not forget that we have a 5 K Run beginning at 8:00 a.m. on October 26 so be extra careful of runners and pedestrians when arriving and departing for Mass on the Sunday of the "Feast."

Our Parish Pot-Luck Dinner is this Thursday, October 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center. This month's meal theme is "Cajun/Seafood" so I am sure the dishes will either match or exceed those prepared at previous dinners.

Saturday, November 1, is the Feast of All Saints and normally a holy day of obligation. However the obligation is dispensed on the years when it falls on a Saturday or Monday. So our only Mass for All Saints will be at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 1. The 4:30 p.m. Mass that same day will be a Vigil Mass for Sunday's Feast of All Souls. This year's Blessing of the Graves in our parish cemetery will take place at a new time of 12:00 noon on Saturday, November 1.

In Christ,  
Father Matt



## Month of the Rosary

### ALL SAINTS DAY

Saturday, November 1, 2014

First Saturday Mass 8:00 am

Blessing of the Graves: Saturday, Nov. 1—Noon

### BLESSING OF THE GRAVES (Neighboring Cemeteries)

Plaquemine Cemetery: Sunday, Nov. 2—12:00 Noon

Grace Memorial: Sunday, Nov. 2—2:00 pm

Pierre Part : Saturday, Nov. 1—3:30 pm

Belle River Sunday, Nov. 2 following 7:30 am Mass



### POT LUCK DINNER

Thursday, October 16th

6:30 pm—Activity Center

SEAFOOD/CAJUN



**FEAST ON THE LEVEE**  
**Sunday, October 26, 2014**  
**Masses: 7:30 am & 10:00 am**

**Still need a few more "CHEFS" - main dishes, as well as casseroles.**

**STUDENTS: Step right up! Get your service hours... WE NEED YOU!**

All parishioners should have received raffle tickets by now. Please sell all of your tickets and get them turned into the church office. You can put them in an envelope with the money and drop in the collection at Mass if you'd like.

**CAKE BAKING**—Have cakes here by 9:00 am and be sure to bring recipes.

We are looking for auction items...if you'd like to donate to the auction, feel free to drop off items at the Church Office or you can donate \$\$\$ and items will be purchased to add to the auction and parade of prizes. **Auction contact:** Mary Kay Alford at 749-6014.

**SWEET SHOP**—PLEASE BRING SWEETS IN THE MORNING—COME AND HELP MAKE THE SWEET SHOP AS SUCCESSFUL AS LAST YEAR!

**NEW CASSEROLE DIRECTOR:**  
**Tut Diez 749-3976**

Questions, suggestions, concerns...contact Scot or Pamela Rhodes at 749-1915 or [scotrhodes@cox.net](mailto:scotrhodes@cox.net) or [pamelarhodes@cox.net](mailto:pamelarhodes@cox.net)



*THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW  
 BURNING IN MEMORY OF  
 JIMMY JOHNSON*

St. John the Baptist's Increased Weekly Giving Program is very important to our financial stability. It is also important to show our gratitude to God for our many gifts by responding to the needs of our parish. If you have not returned your response envelope, please do so at the first opportunity.

Propagation of Faith Collection next weekend—Please place special envelope in the regular collection.

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

October 5, 2014

**REGULAR:**

281 Identified- - - - - \$13,756.00

Loose Collection- - - 687.00

**TOTAL**- - - - \$14,443.00

**A VOCATION VIEW**

The Lord is the shepherd who calls men and women to minister to His Church. As you pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life, also be open to God's call in your life. If you think God is calling you, call Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.877, [mdure@diobr.org](mailto:mdure@diobr.org).

**JAMBALAYA FUNDRAISER**

A benefit will be held on Sunday, October 19th for Joey & Michelle Tullier Carpenter who lost all of their belongings in a house fire. Michelle is the granddaughter of Buck & Bea Tullier.

Tickets are \$7.00/plate. Call Brenda Dupuis at 931-8234 or Michelle Carpenter at 202-6564 for information and to purchase tickets.

**ANY HELP WILL BE APPRECIATED!**

**ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE**

Thursday, October 16 (4:30pm—7:00pm)

For girls in grades 6—8 and their parents.

Tours provided throughout the evening.

Admission information for 8th graders.

**WHITE COAT MASS**

All health care workers are invited to attend the White Coat Mass in honor of St. Luke Patron of Physicians, on Sunday, October 19th, 10:00 am at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center Chapel, 7777 Hennessy Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA. Reception to follow. Co-sponsored by the Capital Area Guild of the Catholic Medical Association and Our Lady of the Lake Medical Center.

**GRAND DAY CELEBRATION**

*Honoring grandparents and grandchildren*

12:00 Noon Sunday, October 19, 2014

St. Joseph Cathedral—Downtown Baton Rouge

Special Mass and a street party featuring Bubbles the

Camel, a petting zoo of farm animals, pony rides, music entertainment, food, cold beverages, ice cream, and many fun activities for children Free and open to everyone. Call 387-5928 for info.

**Readings for the Week of October 12, 2014**

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/

Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31--5:1/

Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9

Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2014-2015**

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**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

To a first century Church, St. Paul offered the following direction. "Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2) The law of Christ was and is just as profound: Love God, and love one another. Those who generously contribute to the work of the Bishop's Annual Appeal from St. John the Baptist Church Parish model this relationship every year.

Your gifts to the BAA encourage others and grant hope and essential support to many thousands of people. Through the Annual Appeal, you help fund Catholic Charities and ministries like Sanctuary for Life, which supports expecting mothers in need who are choosing life over the alternative. You help provide Catholic programming through Catholic Life TV, which helps further our evangelization efforts across our diocese, and you minister to our exceptional students, the elderly, the homeless and others in need.

Prayerfully consider your involvement this year, Consider the concerns of others, for God knows our needs When you respond to Bishop Robert W Muench and his invitation to join him in making a financial commitment, you honor Christ and provide help to many of your neighbors and fellow parishioners. Please give to support the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Last week, parishioners were mailed an invitation from Bishop Muench requesting financial support of the 2014-15 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the appeal that supports vital ministries within our diocese which otherwise would go unfunded. If you did not receive a copy of this year's appeal by mail, please contact the Office of Stewardship at 225-336-8790 or [stewardship@diobr.org](mailto:stewardship@diobr.org). For an in depth look at the ministries or programs supported through the BAS, visit [baabr.org](http://baabr.org).