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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
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin..... Parish Secretary
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Karen Lemoine Christian Formation
Celeste Veillon Music Director
Wayne Delapasse..... Maintenance
Katie Roettger..... Mothers’s Day Out

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

"Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" - **Mk 10:21c-23**

Dear Parishioners,

Pope Francis is scheduled to canonize six new saints in St. Peter's Square this Sunday, October 14, including Pope Paul VI and Archbishop Oscar Romero. Pope Paul VI was born in 1897 and named for our patron saint, Giovanni Battista Montini. He died on August 6, 1978 after being pope for 15 years. He is perhaps best known for shepherding the Second Vatican Council to its conclusion in 1965, and also for publishing the encyclical "Humanae Vitae" (Of Human Life) in 1968. At a General Audience in March of 1966 he said that "holiness is within everyone's reach" and we only need two elements in order to become saints: "the grace of God and good will."

Archbishop Oscar Romero was born in El Salvador in 1917 and was named the Archbishop of San Salvador by Pope Paul VI in February of 1977. During his brief three years in that post, he was an outspoken voice for the poorest people of his country, and challenged the ruling military government to stop the torture and murder of innocent civilians. He was killed by an assassin's bullet on March 24, 1980 while celebrating Mass.

The Sisters of St. Joseph are celebrating a special Mass of Thanksgiving at 2:00 p.m. next Sunday, October 21, at St. Joseph Cathedral in honor of the 150th Anniversary of their coming to Baton Rouge. We offer congratulations and thanks for their years of devoted service to our local Church.

St. John the Baptist Parish has adopted next Sunday, October 21, as the day to pray outside of the Delta Clinic on Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge as part of the "40 Days for Life" pro-life campaign. Please call Opie Vidrine, Mary Benoit, or Julie Millard to sign-up for an hour, or just come whenever you are able.

Our 5 K Race, 1 mile Fun Run/Walk, and Family Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, October 27th. Registration forms are available in the back of church. You can either place your form in the collection basket or mail it to the Church Office.

Please note that we will follow a special Mass schedule on October 27-28, the weekend of the "Feast on

the Levee." 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 will be served at 8:00 a.m. and the food booths are scheduled to begin serving at 11:00 a.m., following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Thursday, November 1, is the **Solemnity of All Saints** and a holy day of obligation. Our Masses on All Saints Day will be at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. This year's **Blessing of the Graves** will take place on the following Saturday, November 3, at 11:00 a.m. in our parish cemetery. All are invited to attend.

Our "Book of Remembrance" will be placed in church 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 once again write in the names of any of your deceased relatives and friends so that they may be included in our prayers.

In Christ,
Father Matt


*First
Reconciliation*

ALL 2ND GRADE YOUTH
AND PARENTS ARE TO
ATTEND THE MEETING
ON THURSDAY,
OCTOBER, 18TH FROM
6:30- 7:30 P.M. IN THE
ACTIVITY CENTER. THIS IS
FOR 2ND GRADERS IN
PUBLIC AND CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS.

**MARCH FOR LIFE
Baton Rouge Youth Pilgrimage
January 14-19, 2019**

Seeking young adults—high schoolers through college age, who would like to attend this life changing pilgrimage. This is an opportunity to not only take a stand for life in the streets of our nation's capital, but to grow in and learn about your own faith. For more information visit : <http://www.youthmarchforlife.org/>. If you are interested in attending, call or email Mary Benoit (225) 324-5289, marybenoitcda@gmail.com.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

"Needs of Real Consequence Invite a Community's Response"

Through the Bishop's Annual Appeal, Bishop Michael G. Duca continues decades of ministry support in the Diocese of Baton Rouge, connecting generous parishioners and worthy diocesan programs that directly serve those in need. Such a vast effort invites a commitment on the part of many, blessing thousands of our neighbors and friends, as we follow the example of Jesus Christ in search of the hurting and the lost. Together, we *Follow the Shepherd's Lead*, and respectfully ask you to do your part. *"What man among you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the one until he finds it"* (Lk 15:4)?

This year, to honor the arrival of our new spiritual shepherd, you may decide to increase your gift in support of the BAA. With a gift of at least \$500, become a member of the *Crosier Society*. Consider membership in the Bishop Ott Society with a gift totaling \$1,000 or more. Or, with a generous gift of at least \$5,000 become a charter member of *The Shepherd's Society*.

As you pray about your participation, the detailed information Bishop Duca recently sent to you will help answer your questions and refine your decisions. If you've yet to receive your packet, please email the Office of Stewardship, stewardship@diobr.org, or call (225) 336-8790. They will make sure you receive this year's BAA information right away. Visit www.baabr.org and discover the way you and your fellow Catholic parishioners serve others and meet needs. As a Catholic Church, we help fund vital work throughout the capitol region.



The Bereavement wishes to thank David Couvillon for his recent donations.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF ERNEST & JOSEPHINE LAPEZE.

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STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

October 7, 2018

REGULAR:

284 Identified- - - - - \$17,044.50

Loose Collection- - - - - 554.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$17,598.50



SEE YOU AT THE FEAST

Sunday, October 28, 2018

Mass Times: 7:30am & 10:00 am

Breakfast served: 8:00 am

Food Booths Open: 10:00 am

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!!!

- ⇒ **Put up banners & signs during the 2nd week of October.**
 - ⇒ **Pick up food from Podnuh's BBQ morning of the Feast (11:00 am)**
 - ⇒ **Pick up Coke cases from Coca-Cola bottling week before the feast.**
 - ⇒ **Help in Food Booths**
- Call us at 749-2189 if you can help!**
- ⇒ **We will begin setting up for the Feast on Thursday, October 25—Everyone is invited to come out and help!**

BE SURE TO JOIN US ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27 FOR THE 5K RACE/FUN RUN/BIKE RIDE. Registration Forms are available in Church and at the Paris Office!

K.C. CALENDAR WINNERS –SEPTEMBER

Burton Theriot, Matthew Babin, Dana Dauzat, Kade Leonard, Chase Delrie, John Stelly, Barbara Bell, Amanda LeBlanc, Barry Daigle, Frank Foret, Larry Vicari, Jeremy Pipsair, Lucille Theriot, Kahne Wolverton, Ross & Angelic Hebert, Donald Jones, Alena Prejean, Katherine Nicolosi, Sandie Aucoin, John Duggan, Aime & Heath Holloway, Coot Breaux, Sarah Hoeschen, Jerry & Robyn Eagan, Hudson Tramonte, Clark Naquin, Eden Dawson, Dr. Gaetano Ruggiero, III, Dane Hebert, Betty Aucoin

Readings for the Week of October 14, 2018

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/
Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or
10:17-27

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31--5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-
4, 5a and 6-7 [cf. 2]/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48
[41a]/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and
6[cf Jn 8:12]/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18
[12]/Lk 10:1-9

Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 [12]/
Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 [7]/
Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/
Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-
10:42-45

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Christian author C.S. Lewis once wrote that Christianity is not so much about being nice people but in being "new men." We see this contrast in today's Gospel. "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus first answers in the predictable way. Follow the commandments! "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Perhaps for some of us it's easy to answer this way. "I'm a good person!" he seems to reply. Does he truly follow all the commandments he professes to follow? Does he -- in word and deed -- check off all the boxes of the moral law? Perhaps. Whether he's being honest or fudging the truth, Jesus accepts his answer at face value with compassion. "Jesus, looking at him, loved him."

But he's not done yet! Jesus wants to remind us that this attitude alone is not enough. "Go, sell what you have ... then come, follow me." Jesus' invitation to the young man is radical. Abandon everything that gives you any sense of security. Give it all up for an unknown future with a wandering preacher.

The Christian life is not easy. "How hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!" It's easier, Jesus says, for a gigantic camel to squeeze itself through a tiny needle's eye. But the God of the universe creates out of nothing, breaks the bars of hell, and raises the dead to life. Is a needle's eye really such an obstacle? Jesus' invitation is always bigger than our own limitations. This week, what do we need to offer up? How is Jesus inviting us to follow him?



A VOCATION VIEW

If we really believe in something it does not seem to be a sacrifice to give up everything else to pursue that one dream Jesus asks the same as any great leader...total dedication, but He promises rewards no one else can promise. "You will then have treasure in Heaven." Come, follow the call of Christ as a priest, sister, brother, or deacon. If you think God is calling you to one of these, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framer-icck@gmail.com, or visit www.iobr.org/vocations.