



# 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  
Carolyn Dupuy ..... Bookkeeper  
Pat Durbin ..... Parish Secretary  
June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
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

*“But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mk 10:43-45*

Dear Parishioners,

The priesthood has produced its share of eccentrics over the years, and I imagine Louisiana culture has further contributed to the shaping of memorable Catholic clergy. I don't consider myself to be an eccentric although I do enjoy certain traditions just for fun.

One such tradition is that I typically forgo shaving while on retreat every October. So I beg your indulgence with my scraggly appearance while I decide on just what shape this current year's project will take.

I actually like a beard even though mine is turning grayer with each passing year. In recent years I have scaled back to a goatee or Van Dyke, but this year I am throwing caution to the wind and going for a full beard. If all goes to plan, I will keep it until Ash Wednesday when personal tradition requires that I shave.

Speaking of our priests retreat, the retreat director this year was not really to my taste but it was a spiritually uplifting week nonetheless. In addition to the talks, we gathered for morning prayer, Mass, and night prayer each day, and these were a great source of encouragement. I also brought along the book “Jesus: A Pilgrimage” by Father James Martin, S.J. The book is a reflection on the Gospels shaped by Father Martin's pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and I found it to be a great source for prayer and reflection.

Our “Feast on the Levee” is now just one week away so please double up on your prayers for good weather next Sunday. Pray also that all of our fairgoers, both parishioners and guests, may spend an enjoyable day together and travel safely between home and church. Thank you in advance for all that you do for one another and for our beloved Church. I pray that our shared ministry may bear much fruit and be the source of many blessings.

Please note that we will follow a special Mass schedule next weekend, October 24-25, for 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. We have a 5K Run

beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday so please be extra careful of runners and pedestrians when arriving and departing for Mass on October 25.

This year's *Blessing of the Graves* will take place on Saturday, October 31, at 12:00 noon in our parish cemetery, and all are invited to attend. We will once again place a “Book of Remembrance” in church beginning that same weekend and remaining throughout 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

## See You at the Fair!!!

### ATTENTION STUDENTS:

Get your service hours (Coke Booth, Hamburger Booth, Kids Games, Trash Detail)

### AUCTION/PARADE OF PRIZES

*Donations needed for both booths!*

*Thanks to Lauren Berthelot for co-chairing this committee!*

### RAFFLE FOR CHRISTENING GOWN

#### T-SHIRTS

On sale before & after all Masses.

### ATTENTION BAKERS:

Get ready to show your stuff in our Cake Bake-Off. Please deliver cakes by 9:30 am to the Activity Center.

### SET UP HELPERS NEEDED

Thursday, October 23-24 to help put up tents, tables, chairs, etc.

On Saturday, some help is needed to set up smaller items. Just show up. We will start at 7:30 am. Please volunteer.

We need all of you to help make our Feast successful!

### TAKE DOWN HELPERS NEEDED

Monday, October 26th.

**GET THOSE RAFFLE TICKETS TURNED IN!**



Parishioners these are our Confirmation Candidates for 2015-2016. Please take one of their pictures home with you and pray for them in a special way as they continue to prepare for Confirmation on January 20, 2016.

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

All members and any Catholic woman who is 18 years or older are invited to come to our next meeting on Wednesday, October 21 in the Parish Activity Center and see what we are all about. We will have dinner with the KC's at 6:30 pm, with the meeting starting at 7:00 pm. You may contact Mary Benoit at (225) 324-5289 for more information.

### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Through the Bishop's Annual Appeal, Bishop Robert Muench shepherds a unique Catholic effort, ensuring special projects and ministry programs receive essential funding, making certain to extend support to parishioners and parishes that need it most. As a Diocese, we celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the BAA's origin, thankful for the many thousands whose contributions have helped to shape vital ministries throughout the capital region over the years.

Each year, you join scores of generous individuals and families from every parish who choose to participate. Willingly and joyfully, we *Glorify God and Serve Others*, thankful for the many to whom we're connected in that purpose. "Great is the Lord...One generation praises your deeds to the next..." Ps145:3-4

Perhaps to commemorate this special anniversary celebration, you have decided to increase your gift this year. If so, we invite you to consider membership in the Crosier Society (for those whose gifts total \$500—\$999), or the Bishop Stanley Ott Society (a tribute to the BAA's visionary founder, for parishioners whose gifts total \$1,000 or more.)

Remember, the Lord blesses the Diocese of Baton Rouge through the BAA because of the shared commitment of every participant. Every gift glorifies God and meets needs. Every contributor blesses others. Together, we can accomplish much to God's glory, and that is the legacy of the BAA. To join in this effort, visit [baabr.org](http://baabr.org).

### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

October 11, 2015

#### REGULAR:

208 Identified- - - - - \$7,035.00  
 Loose Collection- - - - - 608.00  
 TOTAL- - - - - \$7,643.00

# Pray for Vocations



### A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus' life was the best 'job description'. Sympathy, mercy, service, compassion, total giving. Life is so rewarding when one really lives for others, rather than just trying to make all people serve the self. Do you want to serve...or be served? If you are willing to serve as a priest or religious, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, [mdupre@diobr.org](mailto:mdupre@diobr.org).

### OCTOBER NATIONAL PASTORS MONTH



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW  
 BURNING IN MEMORY OF LIVING &  
 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE  
 THOUSAND & MARTINEZ FAMILIES.

# Thanks!

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank Carrie & Jeff Sarradet for their generous contribution to the Bereavement Committee which included pots and other necessities to continue their ministry!

Also, thanks to the family and friends of Merton Hutchinson for their recent donations.

### ST. JOHN HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, October 28th (6—8 pm)

Begins at St. Clement chapel, followed by a tour of the school campus located at 24250 Regina St., Plaquemine, LA. All 7th—12th graders and their parents are encouraged to come and see the wonderful things St. John High has to offer. Registration for the 2016-17 freshman class has already begun. For more information, call the school at (225) 687-3065 or visit the website at [www.stjohnschool.org](http://www.stjohnschool.org).

### Readings for the Week of October 18, 2015

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45  
 or 10:42-45  
 Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21  
 Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/  
 Lk 12:35-38  
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48  
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53  
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59  
 Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9  
 Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

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**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant." In the wake of James and John's vanity, Jesus offers this directive. These two apostles had been thinking in terms of prominence, glory, and worldly honor. They wanted their association with Jesus to lead to public recognition and respect as they took their places at his right and left. But Jesus put them in their place.

As was typical of so many of his teachings, Jesus upset the status quo. He told his followers that, although "great ones make their authority over them felt ... it shall not be so among you." Then, he put forward this clear image of the servant leader: "Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all."

As followers of Christ, this instruction applies to us as well. We are called to the humility of service that seeks neither personal glory nor gain. We are called to use what authority we may have in the world for the benefit of our brothers and sisters, not for the sake of stroking our own egos. It's easy to pat ourselves on the back for the good works that we do--to think that we are superior Christians, that others owe us a debt of gratitude, or that our names should be engraved on a public placard in some noteworthy hall. But Jesus calls us to a different standard--the one he himself exemplified through his life of service.

At the same time, today's Gospel gives us cause to meditate upon our association with Jesus and what we hope to get out of it. Why are we Christian? Are we only after the glory of heaven? Are we afraid to publicly profess our faith when it might hurt our reputation? Or are we in this for the love of the Lord, who came into this world "to serve and to give his life as a ransom" for us?