



# 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

"Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:19-21

Dear Parishioners,

The "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 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."

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.

We will once again place a "Book of Remembrance" in church beginning with the Feast of All Saints 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.

Bishop Muench recently wrote to all registered Catholics regarding this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal. The BAA is similar to a parish fair in that it provides the means for Bishop Muench and our Diocese to fund

special projects or programs. It is especially important this year since the Diocese is completing a major renovation and expansion of the parish hall at St. Joseph Cathedral. The Cathedral is our mother church and hosts many important Masses throughout the year including ordinations, confirmations, weddings, the Rite of Election, and the Chrism Mass. Please give your support to this year's BAA for the Cathedral project and the other worthy projects including *CatholicLife TV* and *Sanctuary for Life*.

Thank you for all of your prayers while I was on retreat earlier this month. As I mentioned previously, I opted out of the usual diocesan retreat at Manresa and instead made a private retreat at St. Augustine in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. St. Augustine is a former seminary run by the Society of the Divine Word to train African-American men for the priesthood. It now serves as a residence for SVD priests and brothers—the same order which staffs St. Paul Parish in Baton Rouge.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Some of our parish youth will be participating in World Youth Day on October 26th. At this time our parish is called to give to a project headed by Catholic Charities of Baton Rouge. This project is collecting items that are badly needed to run the Refugee and Immigration Center of Baton Rouge. **Our group has chosen to collect kitchen items.**

**Please pick up a letter from the shelf in back of church explaining the goal of this mission. There is also a list of items that are needed in the letter.**

If you care to donate any of these items, please place them on the table in back of church.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 20th (7—8:15 pm)**

Our 5th –8th graders will be coming together for a special event led by Ron Foulon from Divine Mercy in New Orleans. Any parent who would be available to help with this gathering would be greatly appreciated.

**This event will take the place of class that week.**



**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**

**RECYCLED BOOK BOOTH: Judy Cazes will be organizing this booth. If you wish to donate books, please place them in the containers by the Christian Formation Office before October 26th.**

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)

**INCREASED WEEKLY GIVING PROGRAM**

Thank you to the parish families who have shown a concern for their parish by responding to our Increased Weekly Giving Program. If you have not yet returned your response envelope, please consider doing so as soon as possible.

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

October 12, 2014

**REGULAR:**

219 Identified- - - - - \$9,474.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 738.00

**TOTAL**- - - - - \$10,212.00

**A VOCATION VIEW**

How do we make a return for all the gifts that God has given to us? One way is to respond to His call to live the vocation He has in mind for us. If you feel that your vocation is to the religious life or priesthood, call Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778 or [mdupre@diobr.org](mailto:mdupre@diobr.org).

**COME AND SEE WEEKEND**

**November 7-9, 2014**

**St. Joseph Seminary College**

A weekend to discern God's call for your life. Open to men 16 years and older. Hosted by seminarians and the Benedictine monks of St. Joseph Abbey. No charge to you.

For more information please contact Fr. Matt Dupre', Vocations Director at 225-336-8778, [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations)

**CARDS, ETC. PARTY SET FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014 10:00 am-3:00 pm**

A gathering of Seniors from across the area will enjoy playing a variety of card games, having a delicious spaghetti and meatballs meal, and visiting with friends this Monday. St. John the Baptist is hosting the day with the organizational work being done by the Acadian Memorial Committee. The committee thanks all who are involved: Fr. Matt, cooks, parish council, registration, raffle and ticket workers, Zippers, cake bakers, and each parishioner who stepped up to help. During the day, raffle tickets will be sold for a gift basket which includes two LSU-Ole Miss tickets donated by Steve and Terry Guidry and hand-made items donated by Geri Schneider and Billie Sibille. Door prizes include: Flower arrangement, Flowers by Patricia, Patricia Lefeaux, Hair Cut and Shampoo, Roxanne's, Roxanne Dupuy; Oil and Filter Change, Port Allen Tire and Automotive, Don Ortego; and a Homemade Pecan Cake, Catherine Blanchard. We are truly grateful for all donations. Members of the Acadian Memorial Committee are: Fr. Matt, Steve and Terry Guidry, David Landry and Lucy Landry. With the support and help of the parish council the committee is working on a suitable memorial to honor the Acadian settlers who organized St. John the Baptist in 1835. The committee hopes to expand parishioner involvement through various activities and a celebration on March 15, 2015.

—Lucy Landry

**Readings for the Week of October 19, 2014**

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21  
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21  
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38  
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48  
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53  
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59  
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9  
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/  
Mt 22:34-40

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2014-2015**

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**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Jesus had a brilliant way of navigating tricky situations. In today's Gospel, the Pharisees "plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech." But he outwitted them, as usual. They wanted to catch him being a political rebel; they expected him to suggest that paying taxes to Caesar was unnecessary or even unjust. But instead, he shifted the focus. He emphasized the importance of fulfilling our civic responsibilities but also the necessity of giving to God what we owe him.

So, how do we know what we should "repay" to God? Well, Jesus' response to the Pharisees gives us our answer. He looked at the Roman coin that bore the image of Caesar on it. Then he concluded that the coin belonged to Caesar because it was made in his likeness. Now, what bears the image of God? What is made in his likeness? We are! "God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them" (Gn 1:27). If the coin belonged to Caesar, we belong to God. We repay God by giving him ourselves!

This self-giving is what the Second Vatican Council called "the obedience of faith." Through this spiritual obedience, we freely commit ourselves to God, "offering the full submission of intellect and will to God" (Dei Verbum #5). Jesus is calling us today to use our will to choose to follow God. Indeed, the one thing we can give God in return for the gift of life is our will. He gave us the freedom to love him or not. And while the choice is always ours, today Jesus encourages us to make the right decision by giving God what is really his: ourselves!