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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
Larry Durbin..... Maintenance Supervisor
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

"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,

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 28-29, 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. Our 5 K Race, 1 mile Fun Run/Walk, and Family Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, October 28th. Registration forms are available in the back of church. You can either place your form in the collection basket or bring it to the Church Office.

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. Those programs include Catholic Charities and its valuable service to the poor and vulnerable, Catholic Life Television and its ministry of evangelization, and the Youth and Young Adult Office and its important ministry throughout the Diocese. Please join me in supporting this year's BAA.

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the success of this year's "Cards Etc. Party" which was held the Monday before last. Special thanks to Larry Durbin and Terry Guidry for co-chairing the event and for all who worked alongside them to guarantee its success. We had another great turnout in support of our parish and Church, and it looks like we made a little over \$5,000 on the day!

Wednesday, November 1, is the *Solemnity of All Saints* and a holy day of obligation. Our Masses on

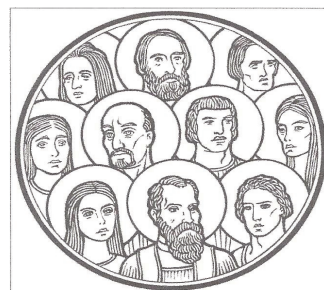
All Saints Day will be at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. This year's *Blessing of the Graves* will take place on the following Saturday, November 4, at 12:00 noon in our parish cemetery. All are invited to attend.

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.

In Christ,
Father Matt



NO CHRISTIAN
FORMATION CLASSES
ON MONDAY, OCT. 30TH
OR TUESDAY, OCT. 31ST
DUE TO FEAST ON THE
LEVEE AND HALLOWEEN.
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1ST
FOR ALL SAINTS DAY!





FEAST ON THE LEVEE
October 29, 2017

LOOK

**BUY YOUR T-SHIRTS AFTER
 MASSES THIS WEEKEND &
 FEAST DAY**

If you haven't volunteered yet and still wish to help, please let us know or just show up on Feast Day!



**DON'T FORGET THE
 5-K RUN/FUN RUN/
 1 MILE WALK/BIKE RIDE!!!
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH
 PICK UP REGISTRATION
 FORMS AT CHURCH OR
 PARISH OFFICE.**

Thank You

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank everyone for donations in memory of Ardyce Dupuy.



**5TH ANNUAL BORN TO RUN – BATON ROUGE
 5K RUN & 1 Mile Fun & Walk
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017**

NORTH BOULEVARD TOWN SQUARE – DOWNTOWN BATON ROUGE

7:30 am – Runner sign-in, on-site registration available

8:30 am – 1-mile Fun Run/Walk begins

9:00 am -- 5K begins

Post-race "Birth" day Party to follow

www.womansnewlife.com/borntorun

225-218-4862

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES
October 15, 2017

REGULAR:

220 Identified- - - - - \$10,087.83
 Loose Collection- - - - - 998.00
 TOTAL- - - - - \$11,085.83



A VOCATION VIEW

God has called you by your name. You are a child of God. Are you aware of your strength in God? If you think God is calling you, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org.



**Wednesday, November 1, 2017
 (Holy Day of Obligation)
 MASSES: 8:00 A.M. AND 6:00 P.M.**

***Blessing of the Graves*
 Saturday, November 4—12 Noon**

Rest in Peace

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Josh Riviere & family upon the death of his mother, Kim Riviere. Please keep them in your prayers.



Next week, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Each year, the entire Church is invited to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the poorest of the poor. This year, we are invited to "Chat With The Pope" to learn more about his missions. Learn more at ChatWithThePope.org.

Readings for the Week of October 22, 2017

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10/
 1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
 Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 12:13-21
 Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/
 Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 12:35-38
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-8/Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94/
 Lk:12:54-59
 Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16
 Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/
 1 Thes 1-5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

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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!