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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
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June Hebert Director of Religious Education
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Layne Mire Parish Secretary
Celeste Veillon Music Director
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 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 the Parish Office

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.

Please note that we will follow a special Mass schedule next weekend, October 26-27, 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 and 1 mile Family Fun Run/Walk will be held on the day of the Feast, Sunday, October 27th, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Registration forms are available in the back of church.

Please watch your mail for a letter from Bishop Duca regarding this year’s Bishop’s Annual Appeal. The BAA is similar to a parish fair in that it provides the means for Bishop Duca and our Diocese to fund important ministries. Those ministries include Catholic Charities, Seminary Formation, Campus Ministry, Catholic Schools, and others. I hope you will 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 last Monday. Special thanks to Paige Currie and Stacy Gauthreaux 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 despite the rainy weather.

Friday, 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. The **Blessing of the Graves** will take place the following morning on Saturday, November 2, at 11:00 a.m. You may wish to come early and join us for our 8:00 a.m. first Saturday Mass in celebration of All Souls Day.

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.

Thank you for all of your prayers while I was on retreat earlier this month. Bishop Fabre presented three talks on each day of the retreat, and we also gathered for morning prayer, Mass, and night prayer each day. All in all, it was a great week of fraternity and spiritual growth.

In Christ,
Father Matt



A VOCATION FOR YOU?
GOD will answer the prayers of those who cry out. Ask for men and women to respond to the call to service as priests and religious. If GOD is calling you, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225-336-8778 or framerrick@gmail.com or visit www.diobr.org/vocations



OCTOBER is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Get screened today! Please pray for all Survivors and those we have lost in our Community.

**FEAST ON THE LEVEE
OCTOBER 27 11AM-7PM**

**Get your T-SHIRT after
Mass OR in the Church
office**

**VOLUNTEER for Fair
Set-up and take-down**

**CAN YOU cook Shrimp
And Corn Soup? WE
NEED YOU!**

**Sign Up for the 5K Run
Join the Family Fun
Run! Forms are in the
Church office.**

**Please bring all items to
the Church Office for
the Silent Auction &
the Parade of Prizes**

**ENJOY THE MUSIC OF PENALTY BOX AND
RYAN FORET & FORET TRADITION!
PLAY BINGO! HAVE A BURGER! GET A
RAFFLE TICKET!**



**Bishop's Annual Appeal "HOPE IN THE LORD"
needs your support. This Appeal addresses the
needs of our Community and our Diocese. Please
consider a donation to this worthy cause via
envelope or www.baabr.org**



**NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES
OCTOBER 28TH, 29TH OR 30TH DUE TO
FEAST ON THE LEVEE AND HALLOWEEN.**



**THE CARD PARTY WAS A HUGE
SUCCESS! THANKS TO ALL THE
VOLUNTEERS, PLAYERS, CHEFS,
SERVERS AND DONORS!
PAIGE AND STACY**

"A widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" - Lk 18:3-4b, 5

Readings for the week of October 20, 2019

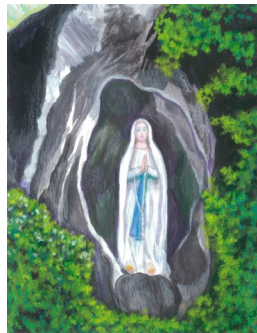
- Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 2]/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8
- Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Lk 12:13-21
- Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
- Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68b]/Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9
- Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

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LOURDES GROTTTO

The Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes was built in conjunction with the first international Marian year declared by Pius XII on the centenary of the 1854 definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. Father Victor Baron and five altar servers, Leonard Aillet, Harold Babin, Wiley Hebert, C.G. Mouch, and Eddie Soniat constructed it. The grotto is a humbler version of the Grotto of Massabielle in Lourdes, France where apparitions of Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous beginning in 1858.



The irregularly shaped concrete rocks were gathered from material from road demolition in Brusly. Fr. Baron used his artistic eye and a photo of another grotto to direct the builders in placement of the rocks.

The grotto is built with two major features. The first is an upper niche for a statue and represents the space where the Blessed Mother appeared to Bernadette. A curved metal plate inscribed in French, “Je Suis L’Immaculee’ Conception,” is installed above the statue and references Mary revealing herself as the Immaculate Conception. The second is a lower niche representing a cave. The altar servers used a bed frame as the formwork for the cave stones.

Fr. Baron imported a statue of Mary from France for the upper niche. That statue, stolen at the beginning of the 21st century, was never recovered. A new version, finished in a more lifelike appearance, replaced it.

When looking upon the grotto, one will notice scattered marble tablets written in English and Latin, “Thanks” and “Ex Voto” respectively. These were once located in the church on the wall next to the altar dedicated to Mary and were public testaments to answered prayers.

As part of the Grotto’s dedication, the builders cast a concrete plaque using an oven pan supplied by Ms. Esther Aillet. They inscribed a simple decorative border, their names, Father Baron’s name, and the date of completion, August 1954.

The feast day of the Our Lady of Lourdes is February

11th.

Submitted by Brian Falcon