



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday  
In Ordinary Time  
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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

Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain ..... Pastor  
Carolyn Dupuy ..... Bookkeeper  
June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
Pedro Hernandez ..... Custodian  
Layne Mire ..... Parish Secretary  
Celeste Veillon ..... Music Director  
Lil Stutes ..... Mothers' 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 – Please 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 as soon as 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

Please call the Parish Office.

Dear Parishioners,

Our Mother's Day Out program is sponsoring a coin drive this weekend to raise money for a mobile "Noah's Ark" to visit our campus. This activity includes a replica of the ark along with live animals and crafts. The goal for the drive is \$400.

We have also begun to restrict traffic near the Christian Formation building from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. when Mother's Day Out is in session. If you wish to visit the cemetery during these hours, please use one of the other entrances from East St. Francis or Bourgeois Streets.

Christian Formation classes are cancelled this week due to the Fall Break on Monday and Tuesday for West Baton Rouge Parish Schools. Enjoy the brief holiday.

All of our second graders in both public and Catholic schools, and their parents, have a meeting this Thursday, October 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center in preparation for First Reconciliation.

The Solemnity of All Saints falls on a Monday this year and so I have scheduled the *Blessing of the Graves* for Saturday, October 30, at 12:00 noon in our parish cemetery. All are invited to attend. Catholics are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass whenever All Saints falls on a Monday or Saturday, as is the case this year.

We have 36 small memorial crosses hanging near the votive candles in church, representing the 36 members of our community who died since All Saints last year. I will present those crosses to the surviving family members at our weekend Masses on October 30-31. Families may choose any of the four Masses, or the Blessing of the Graves, at which to receive the crosses.

The Baton Rouge Diocese will not be able to hold its annual anniversary Mass for married couples this year. However, Bishop Duca would still like to recognize all couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, and 65<sup>th</sup> and over anniversaries with a certificate and personal message. The Diocese has provided a form for couples to fill out if they would like to be honored. Please call the parish office by October 15 with your information if you wish to receive a certificate.

We will have the drawing for our raffle ticket winners on the weekend of October 23-24. There are a total of 8 prizes between the small and large raffles, so I will draw two winners at the end of each of our four Masses. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets!

Governor Edwards has extended the indoor mask order until October 27 so please continue to wear masks for our weekend Masses and other indoor gatherings at church. We are making progress with the virus but are not quite out of the woods yet with about 45% of Louisiana residents fully vaccinated. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

In Christ,  
Father Matt







Raffle Drawings will take place after each Mass on October 23 & 24. We will draw 2 Winners per Mass from the 8 prize total.

The Blessing of the Graves is October 30th @ 12:00pm in the Church Cemetery.

### St. Francis Hall: Part Two

The Comeaux land on which St. Francis Chapel was built was one of a number of farms and plantations on Sardine Point. The names of the surrounding property owners give us an indication of the families who would have attended St. Francis: Robeau, Tullier, Marionneaux and Bourgoyne among others.

Sardine Point fell victim to the Mississippi in the early 1930s when the Corps of Engineers determined that it would abandon flood protection measures there. Buildings were relocated west to the area we know as the Cut Off. Silty flood waters were allowed to run unimpeded across the point obscuring the patterns of old fields, Native American ceremonial mounds and home sites. The chapel was moved to Brusly to become our parish hall and eventually our administration building.

A comparison of the present building to a historic photo reveals that the move came with changes. The chapel's steeple, a tall square affair with a gothic vent and pyramidal roof disappeared, and a large window over the front doors was replaced with a smaller attic vent.

During Fr. Matt Dupre's tenure the building was formally named St. Francis Hall in homage to its original purpose.

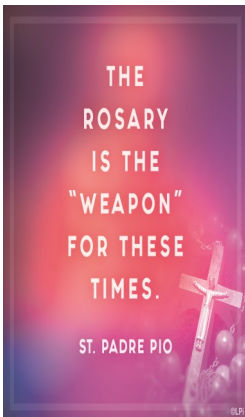
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### Christian Formation

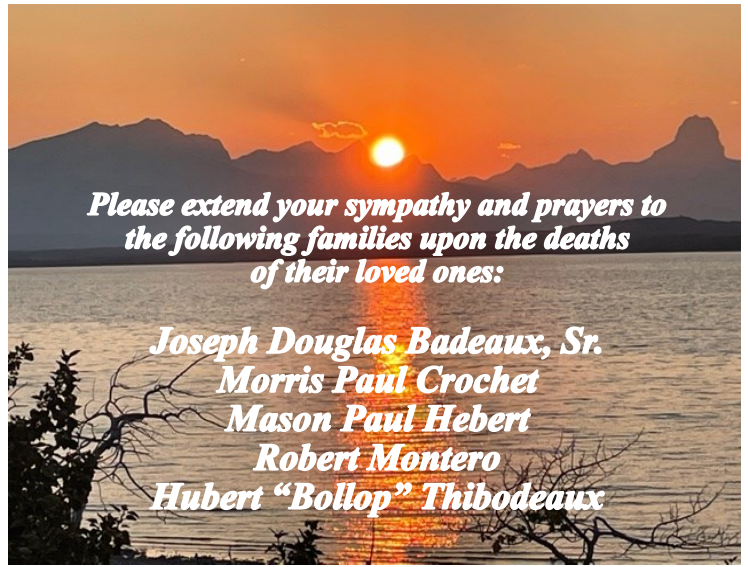
**Fall Break: No Religion Classes on October 11, 12 & 13**

**First Reconciliation Meeting for all 2nd Grade Sacramental Prep Students & One Parent on October 14th @ 6:30pm in the Activity Center**



**COME and follow the call of Christ as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If you can answer Christ's call, please contact Father Josh Johnson 225-336-8778, [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org) or visit: [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations)**

**Please pray for these vocations.**



**The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of the Deceased Members of the Ocmand, Comeaux & LeBlanc Families.**



**Many THANKS to this Community for your generosity to the Ava & Jacob Saucier Scholarship Fund at Holy Family School! \$35,000 was raised and 95 children received the gift of an education— what a wonderful tribute!**



### SAFETY SAFETY SAFETY

**Cones will block the parking lot every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday morning from 7:00am-11:30am to prevent traffic through the parking lot to the Cemetery while the children of Mother's Day Out are on this campus. Thank You for your cooperation.**

### Stewardship of Finances

<b>213 Identified:</b>	<b>\$19,088.00</b>
<b>Loose Collection:</b>	<b>+875.00</b>
<b>Total Collections:</b>	<b>\$19,963.00</b>

## St John the Baptist Parish Council Members

2020-2021

**Bob Bewick**

**Audy Bourgeois**

**Christie Chapman, Secretary**

**Justin Clouatre**

**Wayne Delapasse**

**Paige Fitzgerald**

**Janice Hebert**

**Fr. Matt Lorrain**

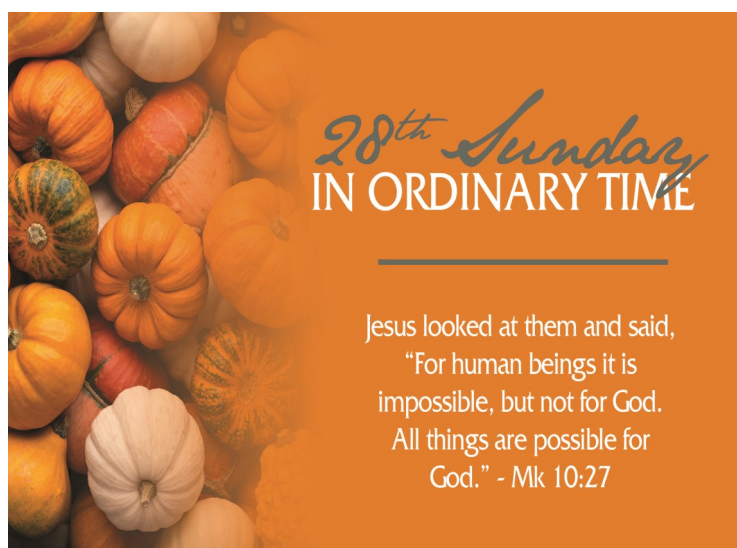
**Mary Claire Meyer, Chairman**

**Joey Normand**

**Edana Robnett**

**Derek Scott, Vice-Chairman**

**Jewel Woods**



### 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus looked at them and said,  
"For human beings it is  
impossible, but not for God.  
All things are possible for  
God." - Mk 10:27

#### Readings for the week of October 10, 2021

- 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: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk  
11:29-32
- Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk  
11:47-54
- Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/  
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 10:42-45

### **The Comfort Makers Fundraiser Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Lakeland**

**October 16 & 17**

**Handmade quilts, handbags, holiday gifts,  
baby & household items**

**Comfort Makers donates to Our Lady of the  
Lake Children's Hospital.**

**Please call 627-5124 for more information.**