



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

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:35b-37a

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, September 20, is designated as *Catechetical Sunday* for Catholic parishes and schools in the United States. It coincides with the start of Christian Formation classes in Parish Schools of Religion, as well as with RCIA sessions for those inquiring into the Catholic faith, and bible studies for adult Catholics interested in deepening their faith. We are blessed to have all of these opportunities available here at St. John the Baptist thanks to our many dedicated and talented catechists. Formation classes for our children start on Monday night, September 21, so please say a prayer for all of our students and teachers.

Catholics are once again invited to participate in "40 Days for Life," an interdenominational pro-life campaign which runs from September 23 to November 1. The first and most important way to participate in this campaign is to devote daily time in prayer for an end to abortion. Second, you may wish to sign-up to participate in an hour of peaceful witness outside of the Delta Clinic on Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge. St. John the Baptist Parish has adopted next Saturday, September 26, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. as our day to pray outside of the clinic. Call Mary Benoit or Julie Millard to sign-up for an hour, or just come whenever you are able.

The Diocese of Baton Rouge is also sponsoring its first annual *LifeFest* on Saturday, October 10, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Tracy Center Ballroom in Baton Rouge. Admission is free and lunch is provided. The theme is "Created in God's Image: The Dignity of the Human Person," and the keynote speaker is Brian Butler of Dumb Ox Ministries. The day will conclude with the annual Bishop's Respect Life Mass celebrated at 4:00 p.m. Visit www.MFLDIOBR.org to register or for more information.

Our annual *Cards, Etc. Party* is scheduled for Monday, October 12, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. The cost is \$25 and includes a spaghetti and meatballs lunch. Chairpersons for the *Card Party* are the sister and brother duo of Terry Guidry and Larry Durbin. The date for this year's *Feast on the Levee* is Sunday, October 25, and chairperson for this year's *Feast* is Mimi Clouatre. Please remember to turn in your raffle ticket stubs and money as soon as you finish selling them.

Pope Francis arrives in Washington, DC on Tuesday night of this week to begin his first ever visit to the United States. On Wednesday, September 23, the Pope will celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and canonize Father Junipero Serra as a saint. The Basilica is the largest Catholic church in the United States and this will be the first canonization to take place on American soil. Father Serra (1713 – 1784) was a Spanish Franciscan who founded many of the Californian missions.

On Thursday, Pope Francis will be the first pope to address a joint meeting of Congress. He then travels to New York where he will meet world leaders at the United Nations and also visit the *September 11 Memorial* at Ground Zero. He finishes his trip in Philadelphia where he will meet the participants attending the World Meeting of Families. Please pray for our Holy Father during this important visit to our country.

In Christ,
Father Matt



FEAST ON THE LEVEE
October 25, 2015
Can you help???

CALLING ALL COOKS!!! We know that some of the best cooks in the state live in Brusly! Please call if you plan to help in this area this year.

SILENT AUCTION/PARADE OF PRIZES: We need someone to be the organizer. I have some people who will help man the booth. Please call me at 603-8782 or Evelyn at 933-8924 or the church Office.

STUDENTS: Get your service hours!

BOOK BAZAAR: We will be selling books again this year! If you have any books to donate, please call Judy Cazes at 749-3265

We really appreciate everyone stepping up to help with all the hard work it takes to put on the Feast. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered. We can't do it without you, so—PLEASE VOLUNTEER. Call me at 603-8782, Evelyn at 933-8924 or the parish office.

-MiMi Clouatre

GOD CALLING!

Still In Need of 8 Catechists!

Mondays 5:30 – 6:30
2nd grade – two needed
3rd grade – one needed

Mondays 7:00 – 8:15
5th grade – one needed
7th grade – one needed
8th grade – one needed

Tuesdays 5:30 – 6:30
K - two needed

A VOCATION VIEW
 God chooses from among the royal priesthood of the faithful a few to serve Him in a special way and to serve their brothers and sisters. This life is the ministry of a priest, religious sister or brother, or deacon. If you feel God is calling you to one such vocation, call or email Father Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

PRO VITA BENEFIT DINNER
"Love & Mercy Remain"
 Dinner & Silent Auction Thursday, October 1—6:30 pm
 Our Lady of Mercy PAC
 \$75 per person/\$400 per table of eight
 Proceeds provide scholarships for seminarians, religious and youth to attend the March for Life Pilgrimage
 For more info call 225-753-9732 (ext. 36)
 Or email klee@smhsbr.org

GENTLE HANDS MEMORIAL SERVICE
 For anyone who has suffered miscarriages, stillbirth or infant death losses
 Friday, October 2 at 6:30 pm
 St. Aloysius Catholic Church
 For more info email: 4Gentlehands@gmail.com

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
 ⇒ **INFORMATION NIGHT**
8th Grade Students & Their Parents
 Either Sunday, October 4th or Sunday, October 18th (7:00—9:00 pm)
 ⇒ **OPEN HOUSE**
6th—8th Grade Students and their Parents
 Thursday, November 12—Tours begin at 5:00 pm

MARK YOUR CALENDAR & SIGN UP
LifeFest 2015—Saturday, October 10, 2015
 10 am Kickoff; 4 pm Annual Bishop's Respect Life Mass
 "Created in God's Image—The Dignity of the Human Person"
 Tracy Center Ballroom - 1800 S. AcadianThrw. This celebration of life will have something for everyone! Renowned speakers, music, kids track for ages 5—11, Eucharistic Adoration and more! The day will conclude with the Annual Bishop's Respect Life Mass at 4:00 pm. Free of Charge—Lunch provided thru the K.C.'s. Register for this free event at www.MFLDioBR.org. or call 225-242-0164.

Readings for the Week of September 20, 2015
 Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16--4:3/Mk 9:30-37
 Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
 Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45
 Next Sun.: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



The Sanctuary Candle is now burning in memory of Living & Deceased Members of the Robicheaux Family

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to the family of Jerry Deville upon his recent death. Please keep them in your prayers.

CARDS, ETC.—OCTOBER 12, 2015
10:00 am—3:00 pm
Activity Center
 All proceeds from Cards, Etc. will benefit SJB Building Fund. Make sure to sign your group up to play NOW! \$25 donation includes Spaghetti & Meatballs Lunch. Call Terry (749-0514 or 413-5418) or Larry (749-2551 or 921-9700) for info or to register.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
What return shall I make to the Lord for all He has given to me? We may begin by giving Him an hour of our time!
 All night Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, October 2nd at 8 pm thru Saturday, October 3 at 8 am.
 Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of Church.
 For more info, contact Julie at 749-8260 or Mary at 324-5289.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

September 6, 2015	
305 Identified- - - - -	\$17,058.00
Loose Collection- - - - -	529.00
TOTAL- - - - -	\$17,587.00
Catholic University- - -	\$ 897.00
September 13, 2015	
227 Identified- - - - -	\$9,255.00
Loose Collection- - - - -	702.00
TOTAL- - - - -	9,957.00

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2014-2015

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." This statement from Jesus is actually very similar to the famous passage from Matthew's Gospel where he says, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (25:40). But in Matthew, this idea of serving Jesus by serving others is applied to more dramatic cases: the hungry and thirsty, the sick and imprisoned, the naked and the stranger. Isn't it interesting to note that caring for children can also be a way of experiencing Christ's presence among us?

For many people, "receiving" a child is part of their daily routine. Those of us who are parents obviously welcome children into our families and continue to serve them throughout their lives. Grandparents, siblings, other relatives, foster parents, and sometimes neighbors and friends also make room in their homes and their hearts to welcome the children God has placed in their circle. Teachers, physicians, therapists, and others who work with children on a professional level are also in the "business" of receiving children. How wonderful to think that all of this normal activity can offer us the opportunity to encounter Christ!

Because dealing with children can become routine, or at times even be filled with challenges and frustrations, we might need to pause to remind ourselves about the blessings that they bring. Certainly their joy and innocence is a gift in itself, but in today's Gospel we are reminded that their presence brings more than that. When we serve children in a spirit of generosity, when we "receive" them as they are--with all that entails--we are in turn receiving Jesus ... who first came to us as a child.