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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

"He said to one of them in reply, ' My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:13-16

Dear Parishioners,

I am in London, England this week doing field research into the spiritual and cultural practices of our English cousins. This is my second trip to England and I look forward to seeing a few of the sights that I missed on my first visit. I thank Father Joel LaBauve for celebrating the Masses here this weekend of September 23 & 24, and Fathers David Allen and Ryan Hallford for celebrating the Masses next weekend, September 30 & October 1, in my absence. We will have Communion Services in place of our 8:00 a.m. weekday Masses September 26-29.

By coincidence, the New Orleans Saints play the Miami Dolphins next Sunday in London. It was poor planning on my part not to delay our departure by a couple of days so we could attend the game, but plans were already made to fly home next Saturday. Be assured that we will bring appropriate Saints gear so we can represent our team in the week leading up to the game. Because of the time difference the game is set to air at 8:30 a.m. next Sunday morning.

Catholics are once again invited to participate in "40 Days for Life," an interdenominational pro-life campaign which runs from September 27 to November 5. 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 usually adopts a Saturday to pray outside of the clinic. Please call Mary Benoit or Julie Millard to sign-up for an hour, or just come whenever you are able.

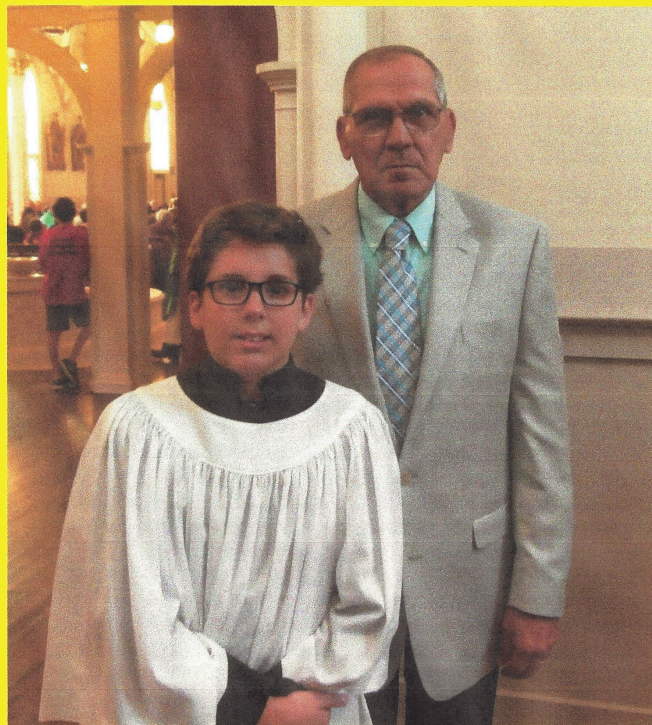
The Diocese of Baton Rouge is also sponsoring its third annual *LifeFest* on Saturday, October 7, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Tracy Center Ballroom in Baton Rouge. Admission is free and lunch is provided. The theme is "Proclaiming the Gospel of Life as Missionary Disciples," and the keynote speaker is Dr. Brian Pedraza, assistant professor of theology at Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University. 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 just two weeks away and set for Monday, October 9, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. The cost is \$25 which includes a spaghetti and meatballs lunch. Chairpersons for the *Card Party* are Terry Guidry and Larry Durbin. The *Feast on the Levee* is about five weeks away and scheduled for Sunday, October 29, 2017. Please remember to turn in your raffle ticket stubs and money as soon as you finish selling them.

Lastly, please keep our former pastor Father Matt Dupré in your prayers. As some of you may have heard, he is taking a temporary break from his pastoral assignment to give needed attention to his emotional and physical health. Those wishing to send him a note of support can do so c/o St. Patrick Church, 12424 Brogdon Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70816.

In Christ,
Father Matt

GRANDPARENTS WE LOVE YOU:)
WHAT A BLESSING IT WAS TO HAVE SO MANY
GRANDPARENTS ATTEND MASS WITH THEIR
GRANDCHILDREN AT THE CHRISTIAN FORMATION MASS ON
SEPT. 12TH.



Matthew Babin and his grandfather, Wallace Thibodeaux were altar servers for the Christian Formation Mass.

Eucharistic Ministers

There will be a special Eucharistic Ministers Training Session mandated by the Diocese of Baton Rouge on Thursday, October 12 (6:30-8:00 pm) or Sunday, October 15 (5:00—6:30 pm) in the Church. Choose either session. This training session is mandatory for all people serving in this ministry (old and new). Also, if you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, it would be good for you to attend.



A VOCATION VIEW

Life in service of the Lord is never dull, and often challenging. Consider life as a priest, brother or sister. For help as you think about this, call Fr Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org.

Organizations

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, October 1

- ◆ Monthly Communion Service for K.C. Members and their families at 7:30 am Mass
- ◆ Coffee & donuts will be served after 7:30 am Mass in the Activity Center.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Lisa Beraud and Linda Mott and their group for cleaning the church during the month of September. Cleaning for October will be Jocelyn Gauthreaux (687-6333). Please give her a call to offer your help.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Ella Dean & Scrap Thibodeaux for chairing the committee during the month of September. Chaircouple for October will be Sandra & Gerald Fitzgerald (749-3294 or 921-9933). Please give them a call with any concerns.

Congratulations!

The following children were baptized here last weekend. We send congratulations to them and their families: Olivia Ruth Himel, daughter of Michael & Michelle Himel; Camille Jane Reggio, daughter of Ian & Kayla Reggio; and John Zachary Simmers, son of Zachary & Sarah, Simmers.

WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!

Readings for the Week of September 24, 2017

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-5/
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2-4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/
Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jr 31:10-12ab, 13/
Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/
Mt 21:28-32



FEAST ON THE LEVEE

October 29, 2017

What Will You Do?

Our Feast on the Levee, biggest fundraiser in the year for our church!

We already have several cooks and booth workers, but are still needing more. **CAN YOU HELP???**

We don't have a fair chairperson, so we are trying to get it organized through the parish office. If you wish to help and haven't been contacted, please give us a call!

We still need someone to chair the Silent Auction! This booth is one of the favorite of our guests.

We have several cooks, but need some more. If you haven't been contacted and are willing to cook something, please give us a call.

THANK YOU FOR ANYTHING YOU CAN HELP WITH!

CARDS, ETC.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 9th
ACTIVITY CENTER**

If you haven't signed up to play, please do so ASAP! Also, if you have any homemade goodies or other Door Prizes to donate, please bring them to the Parish Office. **THANKS!!**



Rest in Peace

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to the families of Richard David, Jody Pollage, Allen Aillet, III and Murphy Jarreau upon their recent deaths. Please keep them in your prayers!

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

September 17, 2017

REGULAR:

205 Identified- - - - - \$9,236.83

Loose Collection- - - - - 717.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$ 9,953.83

Religious Education—\$789.00

Hurricane Relief—\$6,504.00

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Are you envious because I am generous?" The landowner in today's Gospel parable surprised everyone. Contrary to standard practice, he paid all of his laborers the same wage, regardless of how many hours they had worked! Of course this was a very pleasant surprise for those who had begun their job late in the day. And, understandably, it was something of a disappointment for those who had toiled since the morning. From their perspective, they should have gotten more than the others. But in fact the landowner was not cheating anyone; he was simply being especially generous with the latecomers.

This story would have had a special meaning for the Jewish audience listening to Jesus. They, the Chosen People, were the laborers who had started at 9:00 am. They belonged to the group with a long history of worshipping the true God. Non-Jewish Gentiles, on the other hand, had appeared late in the game. Jesus was making the point that just because he would offer the same salvation and mercy to everyone, there should be no reason for the Jews to complain. They had received their promised Messiah; so what if, in God's mercy, he allowed others who had not waited so long to be saved as well? Divine generosity is not meant to be a cause for jealousy.

Now, we may feel removed from the concerns of those Jews. But the basic lesson remains relevant: that we ought to appreciate God's generosity, even when it reaches to those whom we may not expect God to forgive. Those who have long been faithful, for example, might think they deserve more benefits than sinners who repent late in life. But instead, we should all rejoice to see God's mercy extended to EVERYONE, no matter when they joined the fold.