



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
Donna Badon..... Christian Formation
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Pedro Hernandez..... Custodian
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 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 the Parish Office

Dear Parishioners,

The contractor is making good progress on the new mausoleum in our parish cemetery, and I think it will be a nice complement to our existing mausolea. The polished granite is now being installed on the exterior and the final step will be to paint all of the trim once the granite is installed. The raised canopy will provide some added protection from the sun and rain.

We have also run a new water line to service the area around the mausolea and to irrigate any future landscaping. And we have replaced some screws that were broken on our older mausolea as part of our ongoing maintenance of the cemetery. I wish to thank Jerry Deshotel in particular for his generosity in overseeing all of this work as well as the day to day operations of our cemetery.

We are also working on a small project to honor our parishioners as they pass from this life to the next. We plan to create a small area near the votive candles in the back of church where we can hang a small wooden cross for each parishioner who dies during the course of the year. The crosses will be personalized with the parishioner's name, date of birth, and date of death.

Our goal is to begin this new tradition on the Feast of All Saints on November 1. The crosses will be a visible reminder to pray for those who have died whenever we enter the church. Then on the Feast of All Saints next year in 2020, the crosses will be presented to the families to keep in their homes as a loving remembrance. The cycle then repeats each year.

"40 Days for Life," an interdenominational pro-life campaign, begins this Wednesday, September 25, and continues through November 3. 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 Opie Vidrine, Mary Benoit, or Julie Millard to sign-up for an hour, or just come whenever you are able.

Our annual *Cards, Etc. Party* is about three weeks away and set for Monday, October 14, 2019 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 Paige Currie and Stacy Gauthreaux. Chairperson for this year's *Feast on the Levee* is Natalie Palermo. Please remember to turn in your raffle ticket stubs and money as soon as you finish selling them.

This Friday, September 27, is the Feast day of St. Vincent de Paul (d. 1660), a French priest who founded the Congregation of the Mission, also known as the Vincentians. Pope Leo XIII named him as the patron of all charitable societies. One of the best known of these societies is of course the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, founded in 1833 by Blessed Frederic Ozanam who was inspired by the life of St. Vincent.

In Christ,
Father Matt

VOCATION OF SERVICE: We cannot serve two masters. Which one are you willing to serve?

Could it be you are being called to serve the Master as a priest, deacon, brother or sister?

If **GOD** is calling you, call **Father Andrew Merrick at 225-336-8788**

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE September 27
1:00pm-7:00pm Pro Life Campaign
To join this Life Saving Effort,
Call Julie 776-4646 or Opie 776-5532**

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:10-11

Readings for the week of September 22, 2019

- Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 [cf. 1a, 7b]/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
- Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12a, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

GRANDPARENTS fill the world with LOVE

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. 17TH.

PEACE

PRAYERS

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the families of Esther Lynch Poirrier, Gail LeJeune Johnson, Huey Roberts, Sr., Margaret Simoneaux Smith, and Dolores Marie Gremillion upon their deaths. Please keep them in your prayers.

**INGREDIENTS FOR A GREAT CARD PARTY:
FRIENDS, CARDS, SPAGHETTI & YOU!!!**

OCTOBER 14
10 AM TO
3PM

ACTIVITY
CENTER

PLEASE CALL
PAIGE CURRIE
749-9025 OR

STACY GAUTHREAU 749-0519



ZIPPERS EXTRAVAGANZA SALE!

**COSTUMES
& MORE**

**FALL, HALLOWEEN
& CHRISTMAS ITEMS**

**SUPER
BLOWOUT
SALE!!!**

**OCTOBER 5
FROM 8AM
TO 1030AM**

COME ENJOY THE FEAST ON THE
LEVEE ON OCTOBER 27

BBQ, CASSEROLES, GUMBO, FRIED
TURKEY, HAMBURGERS, SHRIMP
STEW AND MUCH MORE

HOW CAN YOU HELP SERVE???

CAN YOU BE A SPONSOR BY
DONATING TO THE BBQ BOOTH?

CAN YOU ORGANIZE THE COKE
BOOTH?

CAN YOU MAKE A CASSEROLE DISH?
CALL JACKIE MORAIN 337-945-4773

PLEASE BRING ALL ITEMS FOR THE SILENT
AUCTION AND THE PARADE OF PRIZES TO
THE CHURCH OFFICE

SIGN UP FOR THE 5K/FUN
RUN WITH MAGGIE
maggieprejean1@gmail.com

**CAN YOU ARRANGE
ACTIVITIES FOR THE
CHILDREN? WE
NEED YOU!!**

**DO YOU
NEED
SERVICE
HOURS?**

**PLEASE
VOLUNTEER**

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES: September 15, 2019

217 Identified- - - - - \$9,907.83

Loose Collection- - - - - 888.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$10,795.83

Religious Education: \$1,110.00

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ARTISTS PART 2

The story of the artists who shaped the present appearance of our church would not be complete without mention of two more talents.

Glass artist, Stephen Wilson, created new apse windows, reconciliation room windows and smaller replicas of the old apse windows for the breezeway.



The apse windows maintained the same themes as the originals but in new deeply layered compositions. Glass discovered buried at the side of the church and original to the building when it was constructed was pieced into the compositions. Ventilation between the windows and the exterior protective glazing was needed. Wilson's solution was a bullet vent – a small metal tube with one end covered in fine mesh. The vent was inserted into the end of a series of u shaped holes drilled into the window frame and allowed air transfer between the windows and the interior. Wilson suggested painting the bit of ceiling above each window (called an eyebrow) blue to strengthen the blue hues of the windows, but it was felt that the other colors were more visually distinct with the eyebrows matching the walls.

It was important for there to be some memory of original apse windows so Wilson created miniatures for the breezeway and included pieces of glass from the originals.

Less often seen is the reconciliation room window depicting the hand of God breaking the chains of sin. Lighter gold glass was selected for it since the window was an interior window, and gold allowed more light into the room.

Custom furniture maker, Ford Thomas, built the president's chair and a pair of smaller matching chairs to coordinate with the gothic styling of the church.

He created the new ambo taking design cues from the altar table so the sanctuary furnishings would match. Replicas of the table's columns and side panels were made and used as the ambo's primary decorative features.

His work continued into the nave with new modesty screens at the fronts of the pews.

For a personal gift from the building committee to Fr. Matt Dupre, he created beads that were fashioned into a rosary from heart pine studs salvaged from the church.

(Submitted by Brian Falcon)