



# 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  
Julie Ginther Cilano ..... Christian Formation  
Carolyn Dupuy ..... Bookkeeper  
Pat Durbin..... Parish Secretary  
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

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

Dear Parishioners,

The *Feast on the Levee* is a mere four weeks away so please make an effort to purchase or sell your book of raffle tickets so that our parish fair can continue its great success. For those individuals and families who can afford a little more, we also have the large raffle tickets available for \$100 each. They have already been mailed to everyone who purchased a ticket in the past, and extras are also available in the parish office if you or someone you know would like to buy one this year. Thank you in advance for all that you do to support our fair and sustain our parish community.

Serving as a warmup event for the *Feast* is our annual *Card Party* scheduled for Monday, October 20, 2014 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. Gale Thibodeaux retired last year after doing an excellent job chairing the party for the last seven years, but Lucy Landry and Terry Guidry kindly agreed to co-chair the party this year. We would like to use the proceeds from this year's *Card Party* to underwrite the cost of an Acadian Memorial to be dedicated on the 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation of our church parish on March 15, 1835.

As much as we enjoy social events such as the fair and card party, we know that prayer is the glue that binds us to Christ and one another. With this in mind, please consider joining our Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus as they sponsor their monthly all-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 9:00 p.m. on Friday, October 3, and ending at 8:00 a.m. on October 4 just prior to our First Saturday Mass. A schedule is available in the back of church if you would like to sign-up for an hour of prayer and adoration.

The "40 Days for Life" interdenominational pro-life campaign began on September 24 and runs through November 2. Catholics are invited to join with other faith communities in offering daily prayers for an end to abortion. Some may also feel called 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 Saturday, October 11, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. as our day to pray outside of the clinic, so please join us if you feel so inclined. Call

Mary Benoit or Julie Millard to sign-up or just come whenever you are able.

Charis Ministries is a Jesuit ministry to young adults in their 20s and 30s. They are offering a "Spirit@Work Retreat" in our parish on Saturday, November 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.. The cost is \$35 which includes lunch and supper, and the retreat is open to all young adults throughout the Diocese. Please mark your calendar if you would like to attend and contact Sr. Ily at 456-5421 or [brcatholiciya@diobr.org](mailto:brcatholiciya@diobr.org) for more information.

Of course November 1 is also the Feast of All Saints and normally a holy day of obligation. However the obligation is dispensed on the years when it falls on a Saturday or Monday. So our only Mass will be at 8:00 a.m. on November 1. This year's Blessing of the Graves in our parish cemetery will take place at a new time of 12:00 noon on Saturday, November 1.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

## *Feast on the Levee* *Sunday, October 26th*

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

**We need volunteers—every hour helps us tremendously!**

**COOKS, BOOTH WORKERS, AUCTION PRIZE DONATIONS, WHATEVER YOUR SPECIALTY MAY BE...BRING IT!**

If you haven't sold your raffle tickets yet, please do so as soon as possible and turn stubs in to the Parish Office or place in the offertory.

All Casserole Queens & Kings—Please call Ms. Tut Diez at 749-3976 to let her know what you will be bringing.

*We truly appreciate anything you can do to help our church community. Please call Pamela & Scot Rhodes at 749-1915 to volunteer or if you have any auction items or if you have any questions.*

**FESTIVAL!**

RAFFLE



## ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Lisa Beraud and her group, especially Linda Mott and Mandie Bourgeois for caring for the church during the month of September. Cleaning for October will be done by Jocelyn Gauthreaux (687-6333) and her group. Please give her a call if you want to lend a hand.

## BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Ella Dean & Scrap Thibodeaux for chairing the committee during the month of September. Chaircouple for October will be Gerald & Sandra Fitzgerald. Give them a call at 749-3294 with any concerns.

Thanks for the donations in memory of Myron Comeaux & Buck Tullier and also thanks to Shirley Jordan for her recent donation.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### Sunday, Oct. 5

Monthly Communion Service for K.C. Members & their families during 7:30 am Mass.  
Coffee & Donuts will be served in the Activity Center after 7:30 am Mass



The Food Pantry would like to thank all of those who participated in our Summer Food Drive. Your participation helped feed many of the needy families in our area. We would also like to thank all of you who donate to our pantry throughout the year!

Sincerely, St. John Food Pantry

## Increased Giving Program

Sharing is caring! Please share with St. John the Baptist a weekly offering that reflects a sacrifice according to your current means. We need every family to prayerfully consider a reasonable increase from their current level of weekly support. Please support St. John the Baptist consistently by doing your "fair share" to financially support the parish that you have chosen membership in.

### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

#### September 14, 2014

204 Identified- - - - - \$8,102.83

Loose Collection- - - - 624.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$8,726.83

Collection for Catholic University—\$1,027.00

Building Fund Total for August—\$13,305.75

#### September 21, 2014

234 Identified- - - - - \$8,352.00

Loose Collection- - - - 957.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$9,309.00

Religious Education Collection—\$897.00

## A VOCATION VIEW

Am I willing to 'empty myself' as Jesus did in order to follow what the Father had in mind when He created me? Consider a call to priesthood or religious life. Call Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778 or email to mdupre@diobr.org.



*THE SANCTUARY CANDLE  
IS BURNING IN MEMORY OF  
BUCK ALLEMAN*

*Prayers & Sympathy* are extended to Janice Hebert & family upon the death of her father, Edwin "Bub" LeJeune, to Neddie Blanchard & family upon the death of her father, Carlton "Cotton" Blanchard, and to Mernie Barnes and family upon the death of her brother, Tom Nail. Please keep them in your prayers.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*"Come to Me, all you that labor and are burdened and I will give you rest, says the Lord"* (Mt 11:28)



We all get tired. Many of us have situations in our lives that cause us concerns. The One Who consoles and has the answers is waiting for you. Go to Him, listen to Him, trust in Him!

All night Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, October 3rd at 9pm thru Saturday, October 4th at 8am.  
Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of Church  
For more info contact Julie (749-8260) or Mary (324-5289)

## **BAPTISM**

The following children were baptized here last week. We send our congratulations to them and their parents: Hayden Marie Chatelain, daughter of Brett & Alyssa Chatelain; Annie Elise Fourroux, daughter of Johnathon & Deanna Fourroux; Myles Joseph Major, son of Brandon & Erica Major; Jase Patrick Rills, son of Trey & Nicole Rills; and Samuel Charles Ward, III, son of Samuel & Katherine Ward.

**WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!**

### Readings for the Week of September 28, 2014

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

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/  
Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2014-2015**

Donna Badon  
Maria Bertrand  
Jamie Bourg  
Chris Buckle  
Deacon Sammy Collura  
Stacy Gauthreaux  
David Landry  
Jules Lefeaux  
Mark Loreno  
Fr. Matt Lorrain  
Jason Murphey  
Andrea Smicker  
Toni Tolar  
John Windham



**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance."

The tenants in today's parable murdered because of their greed. They had no respect for either the servants or the son of their landlord. Motivated only by their desire to own the property they cultivated, they did whatever was necessary to further their cause. But they were fools. The only thing they inherited was a death sentence in return for their wickedness.

Greed can act like poison to an otherwise healthy mind. Instead of allowing one to think clearly, an obsession with having "more" can cloud a person's judgment. Certainly it won't always lead to murder, but more often than not it leads to using people for our own ends or dismissing those who cannot help us get what we want. Treating others this way is never acceptable. It is an offense to human dignity and to God who made us in his own image. Greed can also have a blinding influence, preventing us from seeing the blessings that surround us. When our focus is on what we want instead of what we have, the tendency is to forget that we have anything at all. The only thing we can see is that which we don't yet possess.

Ultimately, greed makes us miserable. It fosters discontent for our life and disrespect for the lives of others. It is certainly not a fruit of the kingdom of God. Belonging to this heavenly realm means living a life of generosity instead of greediness. It means looking for ways to share what we have to improve the lives of others instead of hoarding more to "improve" our own lives. Jesus tells us that his kingdom belongs to those who produce its fruit. May we root out the weed of greed and instead cultivate generosity in the vineyard of our hearts.