



# 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

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" that is, "Be opened!" -Mk 7:32-34

Dear Parishioners,

On my recent vacation to Lake Tahoe we attended Sunday Mass at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Truckee, California. The Parish was founded in 1869 and now worships in a new church at a new location just outside of town. Their pastor also happened to be on vacation the weekend we were there so Mass was celebrated by a retired priest from Ireland. It was a very enjoyable Mass even though it went an hour and twenty minutes long, mostly due to a long homily.

I especially enjoyed the music at Mass which was somewhat reminiscent of the folk Masses I attended in the 1970's and 80's. The choir was comprised of about six vocalists accompanied by a guitarist, bassist, and pianist. They sang a variety of hymns, some old and some new, and were supported fairly well by the congregation. Good music and good participation by the congregation usually result in a good Mass experience and this was our experience in Truckee, with a few points deducted for the extended homily.

Some Catholics can be quite opinionated about the style of music they prefer at Mass. Some prefer traditional hymns accompanied by organ; others prefer a more contemporary Christian sound; and the majority fall somewhere in between. I happen to enjoy all styles of liturgical music, including gospel, and don't mind a somewhat eclectic mix on Sundays. I especially enjoy the admirable level of congregational singing here at St. John the Baptist so please continue your great participation in our sung prayer.

Credit for the quality of our music ministry largely goes to Celeste Veillon along with our choir, cantors, and accompanists. Celeste chooses the hymns each week to complement the themes of the readings or the particular feast day, and then rehearses with the other members to make sure that their singing is conducive to prayer and participation by you, the congregation. Your voices add strength, temperament, and fullness to the music in a way that completes the song and unites us in worship, so please keep up the good work.

As I am sure you know, the town of Addis was incorporated in September 1915 and therefore celebrates its

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next weekend. The two-day celebration begins on Friday evening, September 11, with music, a parade, and fireworks, and continues all day on Saturday, September 12, with music, food, children's games, and many other activities. Congratulations to Mayor David Toups, the town council, and all of the residents of this cherished community! Please help them to make their celebration a success by joining in the festivities.

The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 7, in recognition of Labor Day and to allow our hard-working staff a day of rest. As much as we enjoy days off and vacation days, studies show that most Americans also derive a great deal of pleasure from their work. There may be aspects of work that we don't enjoy or co-workers who aggravate us, but by and large we enjoy what we do. I certainly enjoy being a priest and I pray you enjoy your work also as well as this Labor Day in recognition of all you do for your family and our community.

In Christ,  
Father Matt



**FEAST ON THE LEVEE**  
October 25, 2015

**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.

**HAMBURGER/FRENCH FRIES BOOTH:** Need a leader for this booth. Some students usually help to work this booth, but need a leader!

**STUDENTS:** Get your service hours!

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 Cloutre**

Calling ALL catechists!!

If you are currently a catechist and plan on continuing in this wonderful ministry please contact June or Karen at 749-3387. If you think God may be calling you to be a catechist please contact us.



### Bible Study



**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY**  
Beginning Wed., September 23rd  
12:00 Noon—Activity Center  
Call Karen (749-3387) for more info.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- ◆ Wednesday, September 16, 2015  
Activity Center:  
Officers' Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Regular Meeting at 7:15 pm
- ◆ Saturday, September 19, 2015  
Pro-Life Rosary at 4:00 pm—Church



**Give them rest and peace**  
September 11, 2001

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to the families of Hazel Roy & Nola Hebert upon their recent deaths. Please keep them in your prayers.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW BURNING IN MEMEORY OF WAYNE KNOTTS

### THANK YOU

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank the family & friends of Nola Hebert for their recent donations.

LIVING FAITH BOOKLETS FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER ARE IN. PICK UP YOUR COPY AT THE PARISH OFFICE.

### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

September 30, 2015

REGULAR:

215 Identified- - - - - \$7,449.00  
Loose Collection- - - - - 703.00  
TOTAL- - - - - \$8,152.00

### A VOCATION VIEW

Did not God choose those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom? Count your blessings, then come and help others count theirs too, as a priest or religious. If you feel you have such a vocation, call or email Father Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

# Pray for Vocations



### ROSARYVILLE RETREAT

"Rooted in God's Love"

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Ephesians 3:17 says that God "may grant you in accord with the riches of his glory to be strengthened with power through his spirit in the inner self, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." Join Sr. Rose to break open this scripture so that it may enrich your lives.

Retreat begins at 9:00 am with coffee and fellowship. Talk begins at 9:30 am with discussion and quiet time for reflection. Lunch will be served at noon. Cost for day—\$35.00. Celebration of the Eucharist included. Will end at 2:30 pm. Call (225) 294-5039, email: sdavis@oppeace.org. or visit www.catholicretreatcenter.org for more info.



LABOR DAY HOLIDAY  
Monday, September 7, 2015  
Parish Office Will Be Closed

### Readings for the Week of September 6, 2015

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37  
Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Lk 6:6-11  
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23  
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38  
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42  
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49  
Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2014-2015**

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue." Jesus could have healed this deaf man another way. He could have spoken a powerful word or, for that matter, just silently willed that the man's health be restored. It wasn't uncommon for Jesus to cure people simply by a quick touch. But instead, Jesus chose to heal him in this unique way. He made it a private event, one that involved an unusual kind of physical ritual.

Clearly, this was not for Jesus' sake. And since it was away from the crowd, it wasn't for their sake either. This particular healing was for this particular man. For whatever reason, Jesus knew that this man needed these signs--touching his ears and putting saliva on his tongue--in order to be freed of his inability to hear and speak well.

Jesus knows what we need. His care for each and every one of us is not some standardized package of generic charity. He loves us all as unique individuals and understands us. He sees our weaknesses and knows our strengths. He offers himself to us as an intimate friend, not an unfamiliar acquaintance. When we come to him with our hopes, our fears, our desires and needs, he hears and answers us ... in the way he knows is best. It might seem odd. It might be unexpected or different from what we have seen him do for others. But we need to trust, even when we are desperate for "healing," that Jesus does care, that he does listen, and that he does act on our behalf.

Let us have confidence in today's Old Testament proclamation from Isaiah: "Thus says the LORD: Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God ... he comes to save you."