

September 9, 2018  
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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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  
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

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!"

-Mt 7:32-34

Dear Parishioners,

Next Sunday, September 16, is designated as Catechetical Sunday in Catholic parishes and schools throughout the United States. The theme this year is "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ." All of our parish catechists will be invited forward during Mass to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each of us plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

We recently had our parking lot restriped so we can navigate the spaces more easily. We also replaced a small section of the wood flooring just inside the front doors of the church which had sustained termite damage several months ago. Rather than replace the flooring with the wood, we decided to use the same limestone that is underneath the votive candle stands. This should be a more durable surface given the location near the entrance.

I received an extremely large gift from the Zippers, our parishioners who operate the Thrift Shop on Thursday mornings. They have been receiving and sorting donations of clothing and household goods for years in order to serve the community and support the ministries of the Church. They regularly donate to our St. Vincent de Paul fund and help youth to attend the March for Life, and often contribute to the purchase of vestments and other items for Mass.

But this time they outdid themselves by making a \$100,000 contribution to our parish building fund! I know this reflects many hours of labor and many years of saving even while contributing to other projects. The money will now draw interest in our building fund savings until it is needed for future construction. God bless the Zippers and all of you who support their ministry through your donations of clothing and household goods.

This year's *Feast on the Levee* is Sunday, October 28, so please mark your calendars. A book of raffle tickets was recently mailed to all of our families and I ask that you please help to insure the continued success of our fair by either selling or purchasing the entire book. For those 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.

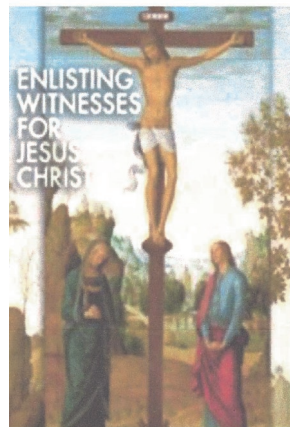
Serving as a warmup event for the *Feast* is our annual *Cards, Etc. Party* scheduled for Monday, October 8, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. The cost is \$25 which includes a spaghetti and meatballs lunch. Chairpersons for the *Card Party* are Terry Guidry and Larry Durbin. Chairperson for this year's *Feast on the Levee* is Natalie Palermo. I thank them, their assistants, and all of you for all that you do to sustain our parish community.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual *Ava and Jacob Saucier Memorial Scholarship Benefit Jambalaya* is this Sunday, September 9, from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Holy Family Parish Hall in Port Allen. The dinners are \$8 each and the proceeds are used to provide tuition scholarships to Holy Family School.

In Christ,  
Father Matt



Thanks to all our Catechists who serve our parish by witnessing to God's precious children and adults in RCIA. We honor you today on Catechetical Sunday.



**MASS FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

**STUDENTS K-8**

**GRANDPARENTS INVITED TO ATTEND WITH GRANDCHILDREN! PLEASE BRING YOUR GRANDCHILD**

**TO THE ACTIVITY CENTER SIGN**

**THEM IN ON A SIGN IN SHEET**

**AND THEN GO TO CHURCH**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH**

**DROP OFF IN ACTIVITY CENTER**

**5:15 PICK UP IN ACTIVITY CENTER**

**AT 6:30. THERE WILL BE NO CLASS**

**ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH**

**OR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH**

**DUE TO MASS ON TUESDAY**

**STUDENTS WITHOUT**

**GRANDPARENTS STAY IN**

**ACTIVITY CENTER WITH**

**CATECHISTS AND PROCEED TO**

**MASS AS A CLASS.**

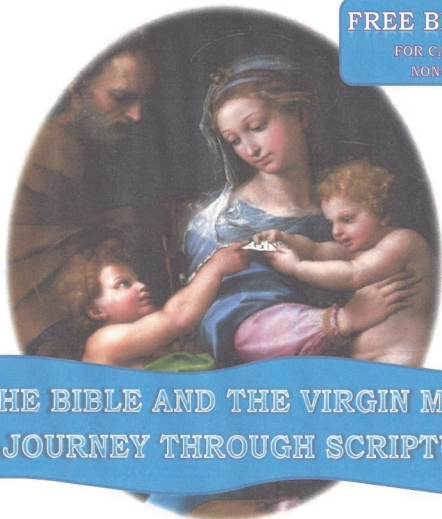


**TRAINING SESSION FOR  
ALTAR SERVERS**  
**Monday, September 10, 2018**  
**5:00— 6:00 pm in Church**

Several people have volunteered to be Altar Servers. If you are one of them, please attend this training session. After you have been trained, your name will be placed on the schedule for ministers.



**BAPTISMAL SEMINAR**  
Wednesday, September 12, 2018  
6:00 pm—Classroom #5  
It is mandatory that parents attend a seminar before baptism of your child.



**FREE BIBLE STUDY**  
FOR CATHOLICS AND  
NON CATHOLICS

**THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY:  
JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE**

This study unveils the mystery of Our Lady that is woven into the fabric of Sacred Scripture. Join others in this beautiful, awe-inspiring series where the Mary of doctrine and devotion comes alive in a powerful, new way.

Thursdays, 7PM – Room 1, St. John the Baptist, Activity Center

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| 1. A Biblical Introduction to Mary | September 13, 2018 |
| 2. Handmaid of the Lord            | Sept 20            |
| 3. Wedding at Cana, Garden in Eden | Sept 27            |
| 4. The New Eve                     | Oct 4              |
| 5. The Ark of the New Covenant     | Oct 11             |
| 6. Born of a Virgin                | Oct 18             |
| 7. The Promised Mother             | Oct 25             |
| 8. Mother Crowned in Glory         | Nov 1              |
| 9. Full of Grace                   | Nov 15             |
| 10. All Holy                       | Nov 29             |
| 11. The Assumption                 | Dec 6              |
| 12. Always a Mother                | Dec 13             |

Sponsored by Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. John the Baptist, #2079, Brusly, LA  
Video will be on viewed on "Formed", Compliments of Jake Gaudet with St. Paul Street Evangelization.

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**COPIES OF THIS FORM ARE AVAILABLE IN  
THE PARISH OFFICE & REAR OF CHURCH**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION'  
FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

This collection will be taken up next weekend and is retained in our parish. Please place your special envelope in the regular collection.

**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 Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, [framerrick@gmail.com](mailto:framerrick@gmail.com), or visit, [www.dioibr.org/vocations](http://www.dioibr.org/vocations).



**ADORATION OF THE  
MOST BLESSED  
SACRAMENT**

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in our parish has been ongoing for thirty-two (32) years. This beautiful devotion was started on September 5, 1986.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance each Friday morning following the 8:00 am Mass until 11:30 am. All parishioners and visitors are invited to come pray with us during those hours.

Many thanks to those who regularly come to spend an hour with our Lord and to all who make this devotion so successful!



**FEAST ON THE LEVEE**  
**OCTOBER 28, 2018**

Thanks so much to everyone who has responded with a YES to participate in our Feast this year. We could still use some food booths (such as spaghetti & meatballs). Please let us know if you can help! Registration forms for the 5K Fun Run/Bike Ride will soon be available. This event will be held on Saturday, October 27 beginning at 9:00 am. Please sign up and come out for the fun! Race Day registration will be available.

Thanks to everyone who has been turning in their Raffle Tickets. Please keep them coming and if you need more tickets, be sure to let us know.

**Readings for the Week of September 9, 2018**

- Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/  
Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
- Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5, 5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and  
9b[cf. 4]/Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17  
[11]/Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,  
23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38
- Friday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38  
[cf7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
- Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/  
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/  
Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018**

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Jesus went by way of Sidon ?into the district of the Decapolis." For most of Jesus' ministry, he remains in Galilee and areas with a predominantly Jewish population. Today, however, we see Jesus traveling through a heavily pagan area. This makes the utterance of faith in today's Gospel all the more astounding. "He has done all things well."

In this story, a deaf man is brought to Jesus. This man is not without community! Despite communication difficulties due to a speech impediment, his people bring him before Jesus. Jesus lays hands upon the man and commands his broken body to change. "'Be opened!' Immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly." The community is stunned. They can't stop telling the story. The more Jesus asks them to settle down, the more they proclaim! The Jewish people expected a Messiah but a Messiah with very particular qualifications. The Greeks and pagans anticipated no such savior. There were no expectations to meet. They had a special capacity to be completely, utterly surprised.

As Catholics, it can be easy to become accustomed to the songs and the prayers, to the routine of religious education drop-offs and Sunday Mass attendance. By now, we may have very particular expectations. When was the last time you allowed yourself to be surprised by God? Sometimes we are all like the deaf man in today's Gospel. God wants to speak to us, but we can't hear clearly. In your prayer this week, go before God honestly. Give yourself permission to drop your expectations and assumptions. Ask Him to renew your faith to show you how, in your life, "He has done all things well."

