



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

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 at weekend Masses. Parents should call the office early to enroll in our baptismal preparation program. Parents should be registered and actively practicing the 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.

"But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'" - Lk 16:29-31

Dear Parishioners,

The "Feast on the Levee" is a mere four weeks away as evidenced by bulletin notices and the mailing of raffle tickets. Yes, it's time to roll up our sleeves and give a little extra to the parish community and Church that we love so dearly. Your faithful contributions to the Sunday collection provides for all of our regular operating expenses, but the fair allows us to socialize together and also fund those special projects which add beauty to our church and grounds.

Last year we repainted the exterior windows on the south side of the church, and refinished the wood floors on the interior of the church. Next on the agenda is to replace the landscaping in the brick planters in the front of the church. The existing maiden grass has outgrown the space and hindered visibility and access to the iron handrails. We are going to replace these large plants with a smaller variety of ornamental grass which only reaches about 12 inches in height. The plan also calls for a row of Butterfly African Irises down the center of the planters on either side of the front doors, and Knock Out Roses on either side of the porte-cochère.

The sprinkler system and outdoor accent lighting also need some minor repairs to get them in working order. None of these projects are very expensive or urgent but they are the type of things which help to convey a sense of pride in our spiritual home. So please make an effort to purchase or sell your book of raffle tickets so that our "Feast on the Levee" can continue its great success. You probably noticed that we increased the number of raffle tickets in each book to 10 in an effort to grow our nest egg for these special parish projects.

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.

As much as we enjoy social events such as the fair and pot-luck dinners, 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 an all-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, October 4, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 a.m. just prior to our First Saturday Mass. We may lock the doors for security purposes after 11:00 p.m., so please come to the side door by the church office if you wish to pray during one of the late night or early morning hours.

Congratulations to Bishop Shelton Fabre on being named the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. Bishop Fabre is a native of New Roads and a graduate of Catholic High School of Pointe Coupee, and previously served as pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Grosse Tete, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Maringouin, and Sacred Heart Parish in Baton Rouge. He was appointed auxiliary bishop of New Orleans in 2006, and I believe he is one of only four bishops who were born and raised in the Diocese of Baton Rouge. The others are Bishop Maurice Schexnayder of Wallace, the deceased Bishop of Lafayette; Bishop Terry Steib of Vacherie, the Bishop of Memphis; and Bishop John Ricard of Baton Rouge, the retired Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee.

In Christ,
Father Matt

RITE OF *CHRISTIAN INITIATION* FOR CHILDREN (RCIC)

The Christian Formation Office is looking for a Teacher for the RCIC Program. This program helps youth with no prior Christian Formation receive sacramental preparation. Ages vary from 3rd to 8th graders; class size is about six youth. Schedule is very flexible. Please let us know if you are interested! (225) 749-3387.



MARCH FOR LIFE

**High School Students—Join us for the
Pro-Life Washington DC Pilgrimage**

January 18—23, 2014

Cost—\$500

\$100 Deposit Due October 16, 2013

www.youthmarchforlife.org



BOOK DRIVE

The Youth will be selling books at
Feast on the Levee (October 27)
Please feel free to donate books for the sale.

Bring books to the Christian formation Office during
business hours or to Mass and leave them in the
Book Drive Bin in the back of Church

**High School Students – volunteering at the
Feast on the Levee with your families counts as
family enrichment hours and service hours.**



FEAST ON THE LEVEE

Sunday, October 27, 2013

**Be sure to call Pamela & Scot
at 749-1915 or email**

**scotrhodes@cox.net or pamelabrhodes@cox.net
to let them know what you want to do!**

WE NEED YOU!

Cooks, Booth Workers, Children's Games

You are needed in any capacity you wish to serve.

Help us to make this the BEST FEAST EVER

You should receive your raffle tickets soon.

Please try to sell all of them as soon as possible!



CARDS, ETC.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21st

If you haven't already signed up, please call
Gale Thibodeaux at 749-3769 or 413-5809.

Registration Forms are also available at
the Church Office

*The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he
was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the
beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by
him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to
relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What
am I doing to help?*

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

September 22, 2013

REGULAR:

210 Identified- - - - - \$6,387.00

Loose collection- - - - - 727.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$7,114.00

Religious Education Collection—\$814.00

A VOCATION VIEW

Fight the good fight of faith. Take a firm hold on the
everlasting life to which you are called. Pray for
those who are called to "run the race" as priests, sis-
ters, deacons or brothers. If God is calling you call or
email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778,
mdupre@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, October 6

- ◇ Communion Service for K.C. Members and their families at 7:30 am Mass.
- ◇ Coffee & donuts will be served after 7:30 am Mass.
- ◇ August Calendar Winners: Charles Wayne Oliver, Jacque Franklin, Fr. Clarence Waguespack, Margaret Breaux, Afton & Christopher Falcon, David Tempnaro, Jacob A. Wilbert, Michael Vince, Ronald Gilchrist, Garrett Guillot, Hazel Simms, Gerard Clement, Dalton Landry, Henry Melancon, Jr., Ernet Sedotal, Susie Crowson, Richard Partin, Linda O'Neal, Jacob Kershaw, Peter Messina, Rob Kember, Chad Landry, Susan Dean, Debra Eidson, Trey Reeve, Lori Smith, L.L. Lawhon, Jr., Austin St. Germain, Amelia B. Blanchard, Russell Gaudet, Curtis Dupuy

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Lisa Beraud & Linda Mott for cleaning the church during the month of September. Cleaning for October will be Jocelyn Gauthreaux (687-6333). Please give her a call if you can 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). Please call them with any concerns.



CONGRATULATIONS to Ava Nicole Clark, daughter of Ronald & Ashley Prejean Clark, London Anne Fiscus, daughter of Burke & Stephanie Schneider Fiscus and Nathan Paul Zanoluo Robichaux, son of Roland & Tasha Robichaux.. These children were baptized here last weekend. Welcome into our faith community!

Readings for the Week of September 29, 2013

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/
Lk 16:19-31

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/
Lk 17:5-10

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2012-2013

Donna Badon
Maria Bertrand
Chris buckle
Deacon Sammy Collura
Jerry Deshotel
Stacy Gauthreaux
David Landry
Jules Lefeaux
Mark Loreno
Fr. Matt Lorrain
Andrea Smicker
Toni Tolar
David Toups



*Life of advocacy
and acts of charity*



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs have a way of succinctly stating a concept that can become a kind of mantra for explaining the way things are. Sayings like, "Mighty oaks from little acorns grow," or "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree," or "It's the squeaky wheel that gets the grease," are all meant to encapsulate a larger concept in a brief sentence. For the most part, the person hearing the phrase immediately understands to what the speaker is referring. And so the saying, "He can't see the forest for the trees," is often understood as describing someone who cannot comprehend the larger implications of things because all he can see is the minute details on which he is focused.

In the Gospel this weekend Jesus tells a parable about a rich man who was seemingly oblivious to both the forest and the trees. In the story the rich man seems unconcerned with anything but his own pleasure. He dresses in fine linen. He eats great meals. It seems like he has it all. The "forest" of communal interaction seems beyond his imagination. At the same time, from what we are told, the rich man also seems not to have taken any notice of the beggar at his door. He was not even aware of the "trees" of someone right at his gate.

In our lives as Christians, both the forest and the trees are important. We can't lose sight of either of them. As people in the world we must continue to be involved in working for a more just society through our advocacy and political activity. We have to promote the causes of life, human dignity, peace, and the common good. That's the big picture, the forest, that we see. At the same time through our works of charity and simple outreach we touch the lives of the poor, the sick, the lonely, and the dying in our very midst. They are the trees right in front of us, and we cannot miss them either.