



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST
 catholic church

*September 19, 2021
 Twenty-Fifth Sunday
 In Ordinary Time
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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
 Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
 June Hebert Director of Religious Education
 Pedro Hernandez Custodian
 Layne Mire Parish Secretary
 Celeste Veillon Music Director
 Lil Stutes Mothers' 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 – Please 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 as soon as possible. Communion calls to homebound weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Family should contact the Pastor to begin funeral arrangements.

PRAYER LINE

Please call the Parish Office.

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, September 19, is designated as Catechetical Sunday in Catholic parishes and schools throughout the United States. The theme this year is "Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed." 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.

The 12th Annual *Ava and Jacob Saucier Memorial Scholarship Benefit Jambalaya* will take place next Sunday, September 26, 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.

The Baton Rouge Diocese will not be able to hold its annual anniversary Mass for married couples this year. However, Bishop Duca would still like to recognize all couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, and 65th and over anniversaries with a certificate and personal message. The Diocese has provided a form for couples to fill out if they would like to be honored. Please call the parish office by October 15 with your information if you wish to receive a certificate.

As I mentioned previously, the *Cards, Etc. Party* and the *Feast on the Levee* have both been **cancelled** for the second year in a row. The *Card Party* had been scheduled for October 11, 2021, and the *Feast on the Levee* for October 24, 2021. They were intended to serve as a "homecoming" this year but the circumstances with this Delta variant simply do not allow for us to gather for food and celebration quite yet.

I wish to thank everyone who purchased the raffle tickets that were mailed out in August. Even though we can't gather in person, we do plan on holding both the small and large raffles. We are also investigating the possibility of conducting an online silent auction. While we don't need the fair income for our operating expenses, the proceeds from the fair allows us to fund special projects that enhance our mission and ministries.

Catholics are once again invited to participate in "40 Days for Life," an interdenominational pro-life campaign which runs from September 22 to October 31. 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 has requested Sunday, October 3, from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., as our day to pray outside of the clinic. Please call Mary Benoit or Julie Millard to sign-up for an hour, or just come whenever you are able.

The priests of Louisiana were scheduled to gather for a state-wide convention this week, but it has been postponed until September 2022 due to the pandemic. However, I still plan to take a week of vacation this Monday-Friday in order to visit family and friends. Therefore, we will have Communion Services in place of the weekday Masses this Tuesday-Friday.

In Christ,
Father Matt



Zipper's of Rita's Closet & Local Nursing Homes



The Zipper's provided assistance to the residents of Nursing Homes that were relocated due to Hurricane Ida. They assembled outfits of clothing and provided jackets, bedding and blankets to these displaced residents. The Nursing Home Staff (pictured left) stated that it was a welcome relief to the residents!

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of Chester Simoneaux.



K.C. AUGUST 2021 CALENDAR WINNERS

Chris Landry, Mark Rills, Carroll Fontenot, Bransen Phillips, Darrell Landry, Debbie & Darrell Rivere, Angie & Brett Bergeron, Betty Cain, Emily Shearer, John Burton, Jon & Debra Bordelon, Mary Tullier, Brenda Rills, SJB Food Pantry, Ruth Mouch, Peggy Woods, Bonnie Betters, Angelle Soniat, Justin Cloutre, Layne Mire, John Stelly, Gene Rills, John & Marie Mouch, Douglas Gauthier, Carolyn Dupuy, Candice Coupel, Dylan White, David Ducote, Tommy Goodson, Karen Gros, Carleigh Brown



Please give generously to the Religious Education fund that serves the youth of our Church Parish.

Sympathy and Prayers are extended to these families upon the deaths of their loved ones:

Peggy Doucet Major
Rev. Danny Roussel
Margaret Haynes Spragio
Loretta Theriot Welch

Stewardship of Finances September 5, 2021

213 Identified:	\$14,780.00
Loose Collection:	+654.00
Total:	\$15,434.00

September 12, 2021

107 Identified:	\$5,723.00
Loose Collection:	+688.00
Total:	\$6,411.00

Catholic University Collection: \$828.00



Can you witness the Gospel and hand on the faith? If you believe God is calling you as a priest, brother or sister, please contact
Father Josh Johnson
225-336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org
or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations

Jambalaya Benefit

for the
Ava and Jacob Saucier
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP TO HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

Sunday, September 26, 2021
10:30-1:00 at the Holy Family Parish Hall

Dine in or Drive through, sweets.

ONLINE SILENT AUCTION DONATION \$8.00

St John the Baptist Parish Council Members

2020-2021

Bob Bewick

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25TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."
- Mk 9:35b-37a

Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

- Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/
Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37
- Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/
Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
- 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, 11-12ab, 13
[cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/
Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

