



*April 10, 2016
Third Sunday of Easter
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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
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

"Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me." - **Jn 21:18-19**

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Plans are being made for classes to prepare any adults who for some reason are not yet confirmed. The actual Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2016. Anyone wishing to be Confirmed must attend the classes which will be held here on Thursdays, April 21 & 28 and May 5 & 12, 2016. **PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO REGISTER!**



CHILDREN'S CHURCH
 We need another Catechist for Children's Church at 11:00 am Sunday Masses.
 Please contact Karen Lemoine at 749-3387 if you are willing to help.

First Communicants



Congratulations to the following young people receiving the Eucharist for the first time this Sunday:

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| Brayden Aguillard | Jonathan Lefeaux |
| Courtlyn Alexander | Meredith Maciasz |
| Hunter Bickham | Noah Martinez |
| Brody Bourgoyne | Mac McKinney |
| Hayden Bourgoyne | Camille Meyer |
| Blaize Bourque | Wyatt Morales |
| Alex Chenevert | Bryan Moreno |
| Hunter Daigle | Emily Neyland |
| Annie Dunaway | Brody Pierce |
| Elizabeth Duncan | Rylan Polansky |
| Thomas Duncan | Samantha Polansky |
| Annalise Dupont | Evan Prejean |
| Carly Freeman | Coy Purpera |
| Jasmine Garcia | Brayden Ray |
| Kaitlyn Garcia | Madelyn Roberts |
| Deegan Hebert | Brooke Settoon |
| Matthew Hebert | Adyson Simoneaux |
| Jesus Hernandez | Addison Stein |
| Nereyda Jimenez | Elle Stutes |
| Bradlee LeBlanc | Drake Vincent |



If you have noticed things missing from your gravesites in the cemetery, (plants, flowers, figurines, etc.), please call the Brusly Police Department (749-2960).

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY



are extended to Rosemary Hebert & family upon the death of her brother, Gerald Altazan and to Debbie Berthelot, Roy & James Dupuis & families upon the death of their mother, Eileen Dupuis. Please keep them in your prayers.

Get Your Spring Fiesta Tickets from any CDA Member

Benefit Catholic Daughters of the Americas
COURT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST No. 2079

Annual Spring Fiesta

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ACTIVITY CENTER

JAMBALAYA DINNER

Sunday, April 24, 2016
 Serving 11 AM to 1 PM
 Take Out or Eat In

DONATION.....\$7.00
 Tickets donated by BUSINESS FIRST BANK

The following children received the Eucharist for the first time on Easter Sunday: Leonardo, Luis and Cristian Cruz.

Congratulations to Kynlee Rae Bourgoyne, daughter of Erin Renee Bourgoyne. She was baptized here last weekend.



The Food Pantry wishes to thank our Catholic Daughters of America Court for their donation at Easter. Your continued support is really appreciated!



BAPTISMAL SEMINAR
 Wednesday, May 11, 2016
 6:00 pm
 Room #5—Christian Formation Bldg.
 Mandatory for parents of the children being baptized.

News from our Neighbors

*Pray for
Vocations*



HOLY FAMILY BEAR FAIR 2016

April 15th & 16th, 2016

335 N. Jefferson Ave., Port Allen

The Bear Fair will begin on Friday, April 15 from 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm and will include a Silent Auction, Rides, Food Booths, Sweets Booth, Pre-K3 Snowballs, Kid's Games and entertainment by the "Todd O'Neil" Band.

Continuing on Saturday, April 16, Bear Challenge Registration in Parish Hall at 7:00 am for the 1- Mile Fun Run at 8:30 am and 5K Run at 9:15 am.. Then, beginning at 10:00 am the Silent Auction, Rides, Food Booths will open again and the Fair will continue until 11:00 pm.

GREAT FOOD will be sold throughout the fair and Raffle Tickets will also be sold. Live Auction will be held at 4:30 pm. Live entertainment : "Damon Troy" Cajun Band at 1:00 pm and "Category 6" Band at 7:00 pm.

PLEASE—NO OUTSIDE ICE CHESTS

COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE

Holy Family Church has published a cookbook with recipes from parishioners and friends of the parish. Italian recipes served at the St. Joseph altar are featured in the book as well as a little history on the altars. If you have not purchased one and would like to do so, please call Sue Blanchard at 344-9188. Cookbooks are \$15 each.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

For Healing After Abortion, a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held May 13—15 in the Diocese of Baton Rouge. The retreat is open to all those who have been touched by abortion. The weekend combines living scripture meditations, spiritual exercises, and discussions in a guided process that leads to the heart of God's love and compassion. If you would like to learn more about this retreat you can contact Tara at rachelvineyardbrcoor@yahoo.com or visit the website www.rachelvineyard.org.

Inquiries, registration and participation are completely confidential.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

April 3, 2016

REGULAR:

279 Identified- - - - - \$16,835.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 551.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$17,386.00

A VOCATION VIEW

Peter made a choice to return to his old job before Jesus stepped back into his life. Is God calling you out of your comfort zone and away from your profession to follow him as a priest, brother, or sister? If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre'@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

Be Merciful

Make a point to smile, greet or make conversation with someone who is not in your everyday circle.

Ask the Holy Spirit to groan for you when you cannot bring yourself to pray for someone who has done you injury.

DIOCESE OF BATON ROUGE

DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

With a mission of Faith Formation, Individual Development, and Preparation for the Future, the Diocesan Department of Special Education will not only be offering a Program for Exceptional Students, but also Dyslexia Lab services for regular education students. Exceptionalities served will include (but are not necessarily limited to) Autism, Intellectual Disabilities, Specific Learning Disability, Other Health Impairment, and Developmental Delay.

Limited space available—Interested applicants should visit csobr.org or call 336-8735.



Readings for the Week of April 10, 2016

- Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
- Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 17, 21/Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-7/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1-2/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-17/Jn 6:60-69
- Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-3, 5/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2015-2016

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3rd Sunday of Easter

"Jesus said to him the third time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?'" Three times, Simon Peter had denied Jesus. Now, three times, the risen Christ gives Peter the opportunity to announce his love. Although Peter was "distressed" by the Lord's repeated question, ultimately this must have been a healing moment in Peter's life. He finally had the opportunity to assure Jesus that he loved him, thereby making up for his earlier failure and weakness on the night of the Crucifixion.

Jesus' death on the cross sufficed to forgive us of our sins. But his resurrection assures us that there is new life on the other side of our sinfulness. Just as Jesus had the power to conquer death, so too through his grace we have the power to conquer our sins. We can live a resurrected life, we can have a new beginning, just as Peter did that day at the Sea of Tiberias when he pledged his faith anew.

This pledge of faith, it's interesting to note, also came with a kind of commission. Each time that Peter told the Lord he loved him, Jesus responded with a command: "Feed my lambs," "Tend my sheep," and "Feed my sheep." Of course, we know that Jesus had already established Peter as the "rock" on which he built his church, as the first pope. Now, Jesus was emphasizing the connection between loving him--the Good Shepherd--and loving his people, his flock, his church. Peter's love for Christ was meant to be manifested in his love and care for the church, as is the case with every pope. But it's also true for every Christian. We are called not just to relish the gift of forgiveness and the grace of new life in Christ, but to take the next step of loving and serving those around us.