



*April 3, 2016
Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of Divine Mercy
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ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST
catholic church



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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

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

-Jn 20:27-28

Dear Parishioners,

I am on vacation this week so please continue to watch over things while I am away. I am in Madrid, Spain visiting my nephew and doing a little sightseeing with Father Paul Counce, pastor of St. Joseph Cathedral. Father Jon Koehler is celebrating the 4:30 p.m., 7:30 a.m., and 9:00 a.m. Masses, and Father John Carville is celebrating the 11:00 a.m. Mass this weekend. Both priests are retired and generously help out in various church parishes around the Diocese so please welcome them to St. John.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer the 8:00 a.m. weekday Mass this week. We will have a Communion Service in place of the Mass on Tuesday through Friday, and you also have the option of attending a Mass in Baton Rouge or at one of our neighboring parishes. Be sure to offer a prayer for vocations in either case so that we can help ensure future priests for our Church.

Our last Christian Formation classes for this current school year are Monday and Tuesday, April 4 & 5. I thank June Hebert, Karen Lemoine, and all of our dedicated catechists for giving so generously of themselves this past year. I also thank all of our parents and students for making the commitment to learn more about our faith in order to grow closer to God.

We will be offering a short course on the Sacrament of Confirmation for any adult aged 18 or older who has not yet been confirmed and wishes to receive the sacrament this spring. The course is comprised of four sessions to be held on the evenings of April 21 & 28, and May 5 & 12. Those completing the short course will be confirmed by Bishop Muench on May 15, Pentecost Sunday, at St. Joseph Cathedral. Please call the parish office for more information or to register.

We recently approved a plan designed by Craig Rhodes to update the landscaping in front of the church. Areas to be addressed include the sign, Lourdes grotto, and brick planters. In some cases the plantings had died or become overgrown and were obscuring the sign. The work is scheduled to start sometime soon depending on the weather, and I believe the improvements will enhance our already beautiful campus.

.Our Catholic Daughters are holding their annual Jambalaya dinner fundraiser on Sunday, April 24, so please support them and their good work by purchasing a dinner or two. Jambalaya tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend and also on the weekend of April 16-17.

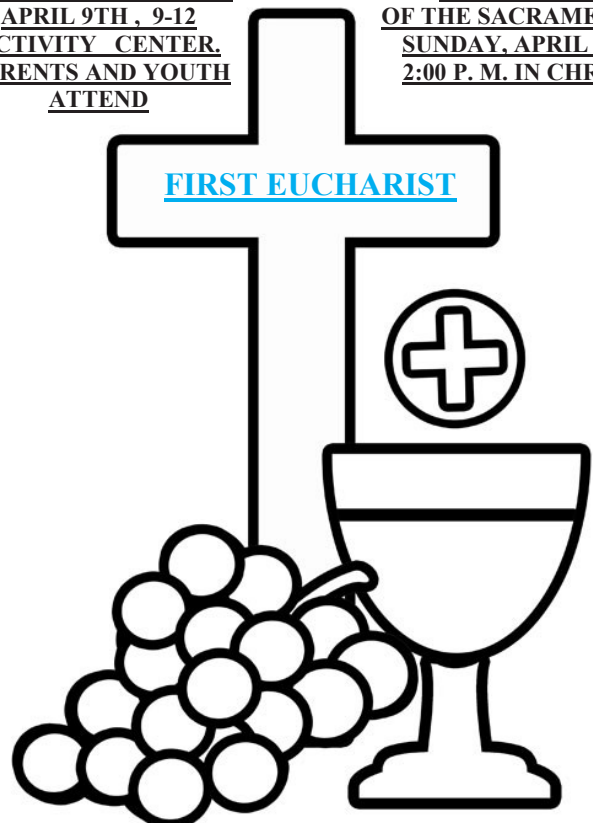
Finally, our second graders celebrate their First Eucharist next Sunday, April 10, 2016, at a special 2:00 p.m. Mass. Next to Christmas and Easter, the celebration of First Communion is one of the most cherished moments in the life of a Catholic community. Our second graders finally get to join us at the table of the Lord and receive the wonderful gift of the Eucharist. Their excitement reminds us of the great privilege which is ours in being able to partake of so great a Sacrament – the gift of Christ himself in his body and blood. Please pray for them.

In Christ,
Father Matt

CHRISTIAN FORMATION UPDATE

RETREAT SATURDAY,
APRIL 9TH, 9-12
ACTIVITY CENTER,
PARENTS AND YOUTH
ATTEND

CELEBRATION
OF THE SACRAMENT ON
SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH
2:00 P. M. IN CHURCH



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!

Pray for Vocations



A VOCATION VIEW

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God's call to priesthood or consecrated life? If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.338.8778, mdupre@diobr.org., or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

Be Merciful!

*Make a list of your "enemies"
Then, every day, say a prayer for them.*

CRISTO REY BATON ROUGE FRANCISCAN HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Cristo Rey Baton Rouge Franciscan High School is a new, private, Catholic high school opening in August 2016. This is a unique model combining college-prep education with a corporate work study program and is part of a larger network of 30 schools through the Cristo Rey Network. Their mission is to serve low-income families of the Baton Rouge area by providing education for those students who may not have that option for high school.

WHAT: Parent/Student Open House

WHEN: Tuesday, April 5, 2016

TIME: 5:30—7:00 p.m.

WHERE: 4000 St. Gerard Ave., B.R.

WHO: 7th & 8th grade students, their families and any interested community members.

Currently accepting 9th graders for fall 2016

Call (225) 615-7479 for more info.

Readings for the Week of April 3, 2016

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/
Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11/Heb 10:4-10/
Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/
Jn 6:16-21
Next 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



*THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS
NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF
WAYNE KNOTTS & NOLAND GUILLOT*



FULL COMMUNION

The following people were received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil:

**David Adams, Lauren Berthelot, Lauren Bordelon,
Michelle Himel and Greg Sevcik.**

BAPTISM

The following children were baptized here on Easter Sunday:

**Braxton Tyler Vaughn, son of Matthew Vaughn &
Tiacy Bourke; Shaelyn Anne Rentz daughter of Curtis
Lee Rentz & Alexis Fernandes; Fulton Paige
Woodall, son of Frank & Ashley Woodall; and
Brayden Saia, son of Jacob & Brittany Saia.**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AND WELCOME
INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!**

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

March 13, 2016

231 Identified- - - - - \$ 8,058.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 776.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$8,834.00

March 20, 2016

226 Identified- - - - - \$10,667.33

Loose Collection- - - - - 789.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$11,456.33

March 27, 2016

223 Identified- - - - - \$ 8,621.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 2,063.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$10,684.00

Priests' Retirement—\$4,169.00
Holy Land Collection—\$1,080.00

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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2nd Sunday of Easter

"Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" The disciples were paralyzed by fear. After the Crucifixion, they had locked themselves in a room and were keeping a low profile. They didn't want to end up how Jesus had ended up. But the Lord stepped right into this paranoia and dispelled it in an instant: "The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord."

Although these first Christians were very concerned about preserving their lives, the fact is that living holed up in an attic wasn't a life of much freedom or joy. Jesus wanted his followers to have the fullness of life, but this required trust in him and his promises. As today's Gospel puts it, through the belief that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, "you may have life in his name." When we come to really accept who Jesus is, there is no more need for a life of slavery to fear--whatever that fear may be, whether it's fear for our health; fear for our reputation; fear for our comfort; or even fear that our sins are too big for forgiveness.

Today as we celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy, we remember that God's love is strong enough to conquer the greatest of all human fears: death itself. This confidence leads us to a renewed joy. As Pope Francis wrote in his declaration of this, the Year of Mercy, "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Once we are firmly established in this hope, we are called to be witnesses of mercy to others. The Holy Father continues with a challenge for all of us, "Jesus asks us also to forgive and to give. To be instruments of mercy because it was we who first received mercy from God."