



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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*April 7, 2013*  
*Second Sunday of Easter*  
*Divine Mercy Sunday*  
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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.

*Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29*

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your prayerful participation in all of our special services for Holy Week and Easter. All of the liturgies were well-prepared and well-attended, and I feel blessed to serve as your pastor. Those days which conclude and complete the Lenten season never fail to touch me on a deep level as we reflect upon and celebrate God's generous gift of salvation.

Special thanks to Celeste Veillon and our choir and instrumentalists for the beautiful music throughout this Holy Week. I know it involved many hours of planning and rehearsal, and I appreciate all of their hard work. I also thank John Toups, Suzie Naquin, and any others who assisted in decorating the church so beautifully beginning with Palm Sunday. Their artistic touch and attention to detail contribute greatly to our communal prayer.

The Altar Society is sometimes overlooked since so much of their work takes place behind the scenes. Many thanks to Cindi Breaux and all of the altar society members for the time they devote to caring for our church and preparing it for Mass each weekend. Thanks also to Deacon Sammy Collura and all of our liturgical ministers who served in the various roles at the Masses.

Finally, a special word of thanks to Rita Ourso and our RCIA Team for assisting our new Catholics in their journey to the Easter Sacraments. Sacramental preparation involves prayer, catechesis, and spiritual mentoring of those discerning entrance into the Catholic Church. Rita and the team met weekly with our candidates to introduce them to Catholic teaching and practice, and I congratulate them on another season of grace-filled ministry. Thanks as well to Terry Guidry and the Reception Committee for preparing the late-night reception which followed the Easter Vigil.

As you can see, the list of parishioners to thank is quite lengthy and I am sure I have forgotten a few people. This points to the wonderful level of involvement here at St. John the Baptist. Our Parish Council is planning to conduct a "Ministry Fair" next weekend, April 13/14, to give everyone the opportunity to join a ministry and become more involved in the life

of the parish. Please study the insert included with this bulletin and give some consideration to how you might serve God and the Church during the coming year.

Please continue to help welcome our new Catholics who were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Lanie Bayham, Kady Morantine, Lori Vaughn, Dallas Weems, and Dylan Williams are now one with us at the Eucharistic table. May their enthusiastic reception of their new faith help us to renew our own sense of gratitude in being chosen by God for membership in his family. Please pray also for our 11<sup>th</sup> graders who celebrate their Confirmation this Thursday evening.

Have a blessed and happy Easter!

In Christ,  
Father Matt



### **CONGRATULATIONS**

*Baptized here Easter Sunday were Michael Charles Dee Pierce, son of Michael & Ritalyn Burns and Christian Hotard, son of Blake & Richelle Hotard. We welcome them into our faith community!*

[Adult Confirmation 2013 \(over age 18\).](#)  
To participate please contact the  
Christian Formation Office before April 16th.  
Sessions begin in April.



## **MINISTRY FAIR**

***Next weekend (April 13/14)***

Please study the enclosed Stewardship of Ministries Sign-up Sheet and choose the ministries that interest you the most. This is a great way to become more involved in your church community.

***WE NEED YOU!!***

Parish Council Members will be present after all Masses next weekend. Please stop by to turn in your sign-up sheet and get more information on the various ministries. Also, there are description sheets on the shelf in the entrance of church. Please take one home to help you in making your decisions.

# Youth Ministry



## Time to clean out closets!!!

The Youth Ministry will now be collecting items for resale at the Spring Garage Sale. To drop off items please contact the Christian Formation Office at 749-3387. Proceeds benefit Youth Ministry and the Parish Building Fund.

The Garage Sale is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, April 13th in the Parish Activity Center.



## FREE CONCERT! Featuring Kelly Pease!

Sunday, April 21st, 5:00-8:00PM

St. Alphonsus Catholic Church

Open to all High School and Junior High (5th-8th grade)

Contact Julie Cilano if you would like to attend! 225-949-3389



**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY** are extended to Josie Delaune and family upon the death of her brother, Tony Lorenzo. Please keep them in your prayers.

## THANKS

On behalf of our Food Pantry, Sue Lockhart wishes to thank Donald & Mona DeLatin; Rod & Bev Prejean, and L.J. & Rita Ourso for their continued support & donations.



If you left any dishes or trays in the Activity Center, please pick them up. If not picked up before the Garage Sale, they will be put in the sale.

## STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

March 24, 2013

REGULAR:

249 Identified- - - - - \$6,770.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 867.96

TOTAL - - - - - \$7,637.96

March 31, 2013

REGULAR:

270 Identified- - - - - \$7,796.00

Loose- - - - - 1,619.03

TOTAL- - - - - \$9,415.03

Good Friday Collection—\$949.00  
Priests' Retirement Fund—\$3,192.00

## 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 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

### *Volunteer Opportunities*

Habitat is a Christian based ministry committed to building community and helping low income families improve their lives through homeownership.

The Family Services Department is looking for committed people to serve as Partner Family Mentors.

Mentors will build a relationship with one low income family and help them build homeownership skills.

**No experience necessary! Training provided! Interested??**

**Contact Michelle MacNall (225) 927-6651  
michelle@habitatbrfa.org**

## CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE

*The Immaculate Heart of Mary Lafayette Homeschool and Parent Conference* will be held at the Cajundome and Convention Center, 444 Cajundome Blvd., in Lafayette, on Friday, May 10 (1:00 pm—8:00 pm).

Confirmed speakers include: Father Chad Partain, Professor Joseph Pearce, and Mrs. Terry Arnold.

Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, please call (504) 636-1946, email info@ihmconference.org or visit www.ihmconference.org.

## Readings for the Week of April 7, 2013

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/  
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

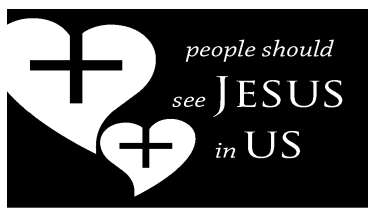
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/  
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2012-2013**

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*"Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed," Jesus says in today's Gospel. For those who have not seen to believe, however, we must be good stewards of our faith, living it joyfully and sharing it generously. Then, in our time too, "men and women in great numbers" will be "added to the Lord."*



**Days of Remembrance**

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum sponsors the annual Days of Remembrance in the week that surrounds Holocaust Remembrance Day, which takes place annually on April 8. The 2013 commemoration recalls the momentous events that took place seventy-five years ago as precursors to the Holocaust. By 1938, Jews had been removed from public life in Germany, and the Nazis had annexed Austria and portions of Czechoslovakia. On the infamous "Kristallnacht" in November of that year hundreds of synagogues and Jewish owned businesses were destroyed. Some brave and farsighted people in other countries recognized where things were headed and took steps to assist Jewish people by expanding refugee support and promoting immigration to their own countries.

This year's theme *"Never Again: Heeding the Warning Signs"* honors their efforts and reflects on the challenge presented to nations today to respond effectively to the warning signs of genocide when they are seen in other parts of the world.