



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
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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

"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants." - Lk 12:37-38

Dear Parishioners,

Be assured of my prayers and best wishes to all of our students and teachers at the start of this new school year. I believe Holy Family School has their first day of classes on Monday, St. John the Evangelist School on Wednesday, and West Baton Rouge Parish Public Schools on Thursday of this week. I pray it will be a great year of learning and renewing friendships for all of our parishioners.

Our Christian Formation classes also resume this month, beginning with the 11th grade Confirmation Class which meets next Sunday, August 14. Registration for all other grades will take place next weekend, August 13-14, immediately following each of our Masses. Our Parent Meeting for all grades is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. Religion classes for children in grades 1-10 are set to begin on Monday, August 22, or Tuesday, August 23. Please consider volunteering to serve as a catechist and please pray for all of our students, parents, and teachers.

Our R.C.I.A. process for people interested in joining the Catholic Church starts back up at the end of this month. We have an Open House planned for Wednesday, August 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory, so please invite your relatives, friends, or neighbors who may have expressed an interest in learning more about the Catholic faith or who wish to join the Church. Refreshments will be served as we distribute information on the upcoming classes.

The Baton Rouge Diocese Charis Retreat Team will present a retreat for couples in their first few years of marriage on Saturday, August 27, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at St. George Activity Center. Entitled "Christ Alive in Our Marriage," the retreat will be led by Becky and Chris Eldridge and is intended for couples in their 20s and 30s. Our parishioners, Chris and Marcie Buckle, will also be one of the presenting couples for the retreat. The cost is \$40.00 and includes lunch. To register, please visit charisministries.org.

August 15 is the *Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary* and normally a holy day of obligation. However Catholics are dispensed from the

obligation to attend Mass this year since the holy day falls on a Monday. I would normally still celebrate a Mass on the Solemnity, but am not able to this year due to an out-of-town commitment. So we will not have a Mass on August 15. Please check with a neighboring parish if you wish to attend Mass on this day.

Unfortunately, the start of a new school year also signals an increase in the number of cars and buses on the roads in the morning and evening. Not that the traffic was anywhere near perfect during the summer months but at least there was a noticeable drop off. Based on the news reports it looks like solutions to address the slowdowns are still a long way off. So give yourself extra time in the morning and afternoon and try to practice charity toward your fellow travelers on the roads.

In Christ,
Father Matt

REGISTRATION

Christian Formation K-11th
After all Masses
August 13th and 14th
Sacramental Prep also
First Reconciliation and
First Eucharist for students
in public
& Catholic Schools.

PARENT MEETING

August 16—6:30 pm
Activity Center

Catechist Meeting

Thursday, Aug. 18th
6:30 pm in the
Activity Center

CONTACT
JUNE OR KAREN

748-3387



GOD CALLING!

**WE NEED
10 CATECHISTS**

Mondays 5:30—6:30pm
1st Grade - 1 needed
2nd Grade—1 needed
3rd Grade—2 needed
4th Grade—2 needed

Mondays 7—8:15 pm
5th Grade—2 Needed

Tuesdays 5:30—6:30 pm
3rd Grade—1 needed

**CHILDRENS'
CHURCH**
11:00 am -1 needed



(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Have you or someone you know expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic?

RCIA offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic faith. Weekly sessions focus on the teachings of the church, faith experiences, understanding scripture and preparing you to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation at Eastertime.

Please call the Parish Office at 749-2189 to receive more information on RCIA.

**OPEN HOUSE IS WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 24, 2016.**

Be Merciful

GO ON RETREAT!

It's a way to be merciful to yourself and also to the people around you, who know you *need* to go on a retreat. If you cannot do that, at least try to make a day, or evening of recollection.

"You are called to stand up for life!... You are called to work and pray against abortion."

--John Paul II

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

July 31, 2016

REGULAR:

191 Identified- - - -\$7,160.00

Loose Collection- - - 754.00

TOTAL- - - -\$7,914.00



A VOCATION VIEW

If you realized that God was knocking at your door would you answer? If God might be calling you to a life of service in the Church please call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.



DEFENDING LIFE CLASS

August 24, 2016

Do you have difficulty sharing your pro-life beliefs? Do you want to have successful, non-confrontational discussions with friends and family about abortion? Clelie Carpenter, 40 Days for Life prayer leader, will present the Defending Life class on Wednesday, August 24 from 6:30 pm—8:30 pm. For more information or to reserve a spot, please contact Clelie at cleiecarpenter1@gmail.com. Class will be held at Bethany Church—South Campus, 11107 Honore Lane, Baton Rouge, LA. Co-sponsored by Baton Rouge Right to Life. Admission: Free.

From the Office of Marriage & Family Life
Diocese of Baton Rouge



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Geri Schneider and family upon the death of her sister, Beulah Simpson. Please keep them in your prayers

THANKS!

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank all who gave donations in memory of Genevieve Levert.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF WAYNE KNOTTS

Readings for the Week of August 7, 2016

- Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40
- Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/ Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday: Ez 2:8--3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/Jn 12:24-26
- Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-59, 61-62/ Mt 18:21- -19:1
- Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-6/ Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/ Mt 19:13-15
- Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2-4, 18/Heb 12:1-4/ Lk 12:49-53

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." The only thing we really know about when Jesus will come again is that we won't be expecting it. As Jesus instructs us today, the best plan of action is thus to be prepared at all times. We need to be ready and waiting to meet Jesus so that when he does return, it won't catch us off guard.

A little thought experiment might be helpful here. Let's imagine that the doorbell rings this evening after dinner. We open the door and find Jesus standing there. He asks to come in. Are we ready for this honored guest? What will he find when he steps in unannounced? Is everyone at peace around the house? Is everyone speaking with love and acting with generosity? Is there anything in our home that, in his presence, we might be ashamed of--books, shows, movies, or music that aren't appropriate? Pictures, Facebook posts, or a record of Internet history that we hope he won't discover?

Now, imagine that he came unannounced into our HEARTS this evening. What would he find there? Are our hearts ready to welcome Jesus? In truth, we need not wait for the second coming to have Jesus in our hearts. He wants to live there already today!

So regardless of the timing of the second coming of Christ, we would do well to follow the traditional spiritual practice of a daily examination of conscience to see where we are doing well and where we need to make changes. Taking such a deliberate spiritual inventory is an excellent way to help us be ready for Jesus like those servants "who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks."