



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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## 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*  
Larry Durbin, *Maintenance Supervisor*  
Richard Rabalais, *Maintenance*  
Celeste Veillon, *Music Director*

## 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 am) or by appointment

## 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.

## Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:30–4:30  
Office closed for lunch 12:30–1:30

## December 23 & 30, 2012



### 4th Sunday of Advent

Thanksgiving weekend, with its compressed timeline, is the busiest time for travel. But Christmas is not that far behind. The days immediately before Christmas involve people returning home to be with family for the holiday. The days after Christmas are packed with families traveling for a quick vacation while the children are out of school for a week. The 1844 poem "Over the River and through the Woods" by Lydia Maria Child was originally about journeying to grandfather's house for Thanksgiving Day. Later recorded versions turned it into a Christmas song describing the sleigh ride to grandmother's house. Either way, for a long time these winter holidays have involved traveling.

This weekend's Gospel is another traveling story. Pregnant with Jesus, Mary leaves the confines of Nazareth in Galilee and heads south, up into the hill country of Judea. Is she fleeing because she has no husband yet? Is she going to seek the counsel of an older kinswoman? Or is she just heading off on a friendly little visit? We don't really know. Luke doesn't tell us, and so her journey is open to speculation. But Mary's arrival is the first occasion of an expression of joy about the birth of the Savior. Elizabeth proclaims that the infant in her own womb leaped for joy because of the nearness of salvation.

We know that experience. Think of what happens when family or friends finally arrive after a long journey to spend some time over the holidays. They are welcomed and greeted and made to feel at home. This is our natural reaction to seeing folks who have not been around for a while. We are glad that they are here. Now, take that very natural human reaction and imagine what it will be like to welcome Christ. Through baptism, we are his brothers and sisters. We are family. And when he returns we will welcome him with great joy!

*"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." - Lk 1:43-45*

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*Not finding [Jesus], they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:45-47*

Dear Parishioners,

This is a two-week bulletin due to our Christmas celebrations and the short work week. Although I still find the weekly bulletin to be a valuable means of communication, we are fortunate to also have a website, Facebook page, and Twitter account that we can use to publicize events and services. These other forms of communication also allow relatives and former parishioners who may live out of state to keep up with our parish news.

As I have mentioned previously, our schedule of services for Christmas includes two Masses on Christmas Eve and two Masses on Christmas morning. The celebration begins on Christmas Eve with a choir concert at 3:15 p.m. followed by our 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. We then have a second Vigil Mass at 6:00 p.m. which includes a dramatization of the Gospel by some of our 4th and 5th graders. Masses on Christmas Day are at 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. (My apologies, but we do not have a midnight Mass this year.)

I will visit my family in Metairie once I finish the Masses on Christmas Day, and then take a few days of vacation. For that reason we will have Communion Services in place of the 8:00 a.m. morning Masses on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday following Christmas. I will return to the parish sometime on Friday evening in order to get ready for the weekend Masses. The Sunday between Christmas and New Year's is designated as the Feast of the Holy Family and is always a good day to offer prayers and thanks for our own families.

New Year's Day is the octave of Christmas—the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and a holy day of obligation. We will have a 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Monday, December 31, and then a 9:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, January 1, in celebration of the holy day. As a side note, I am sure that I do not have to remind you that L.S.U. plays its bowl game against Clemson at 6:30 p.m. New Year's Eve so we may add a silent petition for our local team at our 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass.

How privileged we are to be people of faith and to see what all of the Old Testament prophets longed to see! The gift of faith is our most precious gift and allows us to live our lives

in union with Christ and with the encouragement of his Spirit. Faith takes away some of the loneliness of our human condition and allows us to rejoice in the loving companionship of family and friends. People of faith are able to see signs of God's love and presence at every moment and in every place.

As people of faith, we continue to offer prayers for the 20 elementary school children and 6 adults who were killed last week in Newtown, Connecticut. Two other adults were injured and are now recovering, and the family members of the dead are struggling to cope in the aftermath of such a terrible loss. Additionally, there is the family of the 20 year old gunman who is responsible for all of these deaths, plus that of his mother and his own life.

It was to a broken world such as this that God chose to send his Son. He did not require the perfect place or time to be born, but instead accepted the poverty of our human condition. He understands our imperfections, fears, and temptations, and is therefore able to lead us to God's light, even in times of darkness. May the Christ child bring his love and peace to the people of Newtown and all towns everywhere this Christmas.

In Christ,  
Father Matt



*Wishing you a Blessed Christmas  
and a Happy New Year!*

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Christmas Vigil—Monday, December 24th  
4:00 p.m. & 6:00—p.m.  
Christmas Concert  
Brass/Angel Choir/Adult Choir  
3:15 before 4:00 Vigil

Christmas Day—December 25th  
7:30 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.

New Years Vigil—December 31st  
4:30 p.m.

New Years Day—January 1st  
9:00 a.m.

The Parish Office will be closed at noon on Tuesday, December 24th through Wednesday, December 26th and on December 31st & January 1st for New Years.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- ◇ **Sunday, January 6**—Monthly Communion Service for K.C. Members & their families at 7:30 am Mass. Coffee & Donuts will be served after Mass.
- ◇ **December Calendar Winners:** Meredith Landry, Della Truxillo, Donna Breen, Peter Messina, Peyton Rhodes, John Runnels, Gene Guffey, Lisa Sonier, John & Therese Blanchard, Jeanne Brignac, John Carville, Kerrilyn Breau, James Frens, Oscar J. Lemoine, Lawrence Braud, Peyton Rhodes, Benson Mabile, Mary Navarre, Glynn Millard, L.J. & Annette Zeringue, Ty Bromell, Bill Haydel, Scott Rills, William Telfer, Janet Abernathy, Colin Winter, Toby Ponville, Marion Bergeron, Thomas M. Brasher, Vincent Orcino, Adam Hebert

## BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

*Thanks to Mary Anita Tullier for chairing the committee during the month of December. Chairperson for January is Ruth Landry (749-3101). Please call her with any concerns.*

## ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Cindi Breau and her group for cleaning the church during the month of December. Cleaning for January will be done by Sara Ann Sarradet (749-2283).

## STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

December 16, 2012

### REGULAR:

223 Identified- - - - - \$8,200.33

Loose Collection- - - - - 851.56

TOTAL- - - - - \$9,051.89

## A VOCATION VIEW

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love? If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org.

## CATHOLIC COMMENTATOR

Beginning with the first issue in January 2013 (weekend of January 12th & 13th) our Diocesan newspaper, the Catholic Commentator will no longer be delivered to your home. Instead, future issues will be placed on racks set up in church and you will be able to pick up your copy when you attend Mass.

If you wish to have your copy emailed to you, send your email address to ldisney@diobr.org and a complete copy of each edition will be sent to your email box.

If you are unable to attend Mass and need the Commentator mailed to you, call 387-0983 or send your name and address to the Catholic Commentator, P.O. Box 14716, Baton Rouge, La 70898.

Remember, The Catholic Commentator is on the website thecatholiccommentator.org both in PDF and story format.



## NEXT BAPTISMAL SEMINAR

**Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

**6:30 pm -Classroom #5**

**Call the office to register.**

## Readings for the Week of December 23, 2012

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45  
Monday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/  
Lk 1:67-79  
Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/  
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or  
1:1-5, 9-14  
Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22  
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Friday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18  
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35  
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/  
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or  
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

## Readings for the Week of December 30, 2012

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/  
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or  
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52  
Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18  
Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28  
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34  
Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42  
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51  
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2012-2013**

Donna Badon  
Maria Bertrand  
Jamie Chustz, Vice-chairman  
Deacon Sammy Collura  
David Couvillon  
Jerry Deshotel  
Stacy Gauthreaux  
Fr. Matt Lorrain  
Wendy Parrish  
Katie Roettger  
Toni Tolar  
David Toups, Chairman  
John Windham, Secretary  
Gerard "Jerry" Zimmerman



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING  
DECEASED & THEIR FAMILIES:**

*Hubert Berthelot, brother of John D. Berthelot*  
*Terrie Hebert, sister of Mark Hebert*  
*Dorothy Brou, mother of Rusty Avants*  
*Genevieve Lefeaux mother of Gladys Prejean*  
*Denisce McCurley Becker, daughter of Evie McCurley*

**CENACLE RETREAT HOUSE**

**Metairie, LA**

Introduction to Ignatian Spiritual Exercises

January 11-13, 2013

Presenter: Rev. Peter Callery, SJ

Call (504) 887-1420 if you wish to attend.

**SEELOS BIRTHDAY HEALING MASS**

**With Sacrament of Anointing**

Nation Shrine of Bl. Francis Seelos—New Orleans, LA

Sunday, January 13, 2013—1:00 pm

Confessions before Mass

Veneration of Relic Missionary Crucifix

One-on-one Intercessory Prayer before Mass at 11:45 am

Celebrant: Fr. Byron Miller, C.Ss.R., Vice Postulator for the

Cause of Canonization

Call (504) 525-2495 for more information.



*THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS  
BURNING IN MEMORY OF  
CYRIL JOHN DOIRON  
BY MARINA & FAMILY*

**REMINDER!**

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

St. Joseph Cathedral

Sunday, December 30 after 12:00 noon Mass

**25th & 30th WEDDING**

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Sunday, February 24th—3:00 pm

Sacred Heart Church—Baton Rouge

Call the Parish Office before Friday, February 15th

if you plan to attend!