

*December 4, 2016  
Second Sunday of Advent  
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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

*John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. - Mt 3:4-6*

Dear Parishioners,

Our Thanksgiving Day Mass was very well attended and I was edified by the amount of canned goods and other food items that were brought to Mass. Pope Francis has been reminding us of our responsibility to show compassion for the poor and you provided a wonderful example for all of us to follow. Thank you also to all of you who volunteer your time or donate money in support of our food pantry ministry.

We have a new Advent wreath this year thanks to John Toups and Ford Thomas. In previous years we have used the old baptismal font as a pedestal on which to place a garland wreath. This year, our parishioner and liturgical environment coordinator John Toups designed a wooden stand to support the Advent candles and wreath, and then commissioned Baton Rouge furniture maker Ford Thomas to build it. It is a wonderful addition to our church and liturgy.

We can transform our lives and our community this Advent by each making a commitment to go to confession before Christmas. We already have a loving parish family but think of how much better we would be if everyone regularly sought the forgiveness of Christ in the sacrament of confession. Our Advent Penance service is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20, at 6:30 p.m. We also have our regular Saturday afternoon confessions from 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. every week.

Thursday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and a holy day of obligation. We will celebrate a Vigil Mass on Wednesday, December 7, at 6:00 p.m., and then a Mass on Thursday morning at 8:00 a.m. We honor the Blessed Virgin Mary as patroness of the United States of America under the title of the Immaculate Conception. (Holy Family Parish in Port Allen will have a 6:00 p.m. Mass on Thursday evening if that time is more convenient.)

The annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious is next weekend, December 10 & 11. This is our chance to help provide for our consecrated religious who have given so much to the Church over the years. Since this is also the weekend for our monthly Building Fund collection, I ask that you place your contributions in envelopes marked "Religious Retirement" and then drop them in the first collection.

We also have a Parish Blood Drive taking place next Sunday, December 11. The Advent season is a nice time to give of ourselves in preparation for receiving God's gifts at Christmas, so please donate if you are able.

Finally, please mark your calendars for our *Advent/Christmas Concert* to be held on Tuesday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Admission is free but you are invited to bring a canned good for our food bank. A Christmas Cookie reception will follow in the Parish Activity Center.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION UPDATE**  
**CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12TH AND**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH**  
**WILL BE FOR GRADES K—4TH ONLY.**  
**THERE WILL BE NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION**  
**CLASSES FOR GRADES 5TH—10TH GRADES**  
**ON THESE DAYS.**



**FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT  
THE YOUTH MARCH FOR LIFE  
TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC.**

***Drop and Shop Day #2,***  
**2016**

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH ACTIVITY  
CENTER**

**Saturday, December 10, 2016 5:00 P.M. – 9:00 PM**

**GRADES Pre K - 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**REGISTRATION FEE \$15 PER PERSON (Family Max \$40)**

**Food/Fun/Movie will be provided.**

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER: NOV. 28**

**REGISTRATION FORMS  
AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF  
CHURCH, IN THE CHRISTIAN FOR-  
MATION OFFICE OR ON THE  
CHURCH WEBSITE.**

Contact: June (749-3387) or Mary Benoit (324-5289) with any questions. Or email: [june@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com](mailto:june@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com) or [maryben69@gmail.com](mailto:maryben69@gmail.com)



PLEASE  
NOTE!!!



Our monthly schedule for Liturgical Roles will now be placed on our website for your convenience. To access, please go to [sjb-brusly.com](http://sjb-brusly.com) home page on the internet. Then go to Parish Ministries, slide right to Worship, slide to Liturgical Ministers and click on that tab. The file can also be downloaded. You will still receive your schedule through the regular mail and by email.

**A VOCATION VIEW**

John the Baptist was called to prepare the way of the Lord. Is God calling you to be a priest, brother or sister to do the same? If you think God is calling you, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, or email [amerrick@diobr.org](mailto:amerrick@diobr.org).



**Bishop's Annual Appeal**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS  
SUPPORT OF THE  
BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

More than thirty years ago, Bishop Stanley Ott established the Bishop's Annual Appeal with a desire to expand ministry and increase Catholic influence in each city and rural community in the diocese. As we begin a new era of ministry support, we honor a commitment shared by thousands of generous parishioners whose gifts have helped fund essential programs and projects throughout the Diocese of Baton Rouge. To everyone who has contributed to make that vision so successful, thank you. It is a privilege to advance that legacy of faithfulness.

You may have submitted your valuable contribution this year already, and we are very grateful for your gift. If you've not yet made your commitment, we invite you to do so this weekend. Offertory envelopes are available on the shelf in the back of church for your convenience.

Please invest in the work of the Bishop's Annual Appeal and Be Merciful. *"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful"* (Lk 6:36). Consider the many essential ministry efforts supported through each campaign, and celebrate God's blessing and your parish's generous involvement. For additional information concerning the impact of your gracious gifts, please visit [www.baabr.org](http://www.baabr.org) and read about the great work you make possible through the BAA.

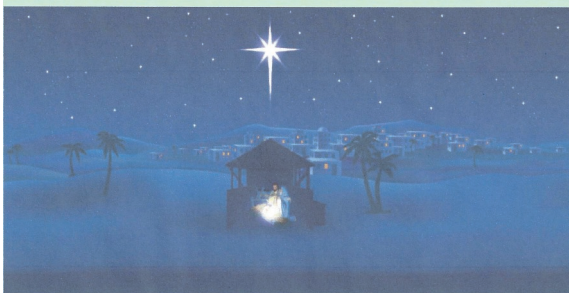
**NATIVITY CAROL**

~an evening of Advent and Christmas song~

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

7:00PM

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH  
BRUSLY, LOUISIANA



Canned good donations to benefit the  
Food Bank are welcome!

A Christmas Cookie reception to follow in the Activity Center.

***Congratulations!***

**BAPTIZED**

*Brady Luke Broussard, son of Chad & Kori Broussard;  
Hudson Floyd Moore, son of Aaron & Mary Moore; and  
Thomas Acosta, son of Cody Acosta & Melissa Junot*

**JUST MARRIED**

*Paul Alan Prewitt, II & Nicole Deanna Kemp*

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

This collection will be taken up next weekend. Please place your special envelope in the regular collection.

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

November 20, 2016

184 Identified- - - - - \$6,765.00

Loose- - - - - 690.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$7,455.00

Campaign for Human Development - \$771.00

November 27, 2016

202 Identified- - - - - \$7,155.00

Loose- - - - - 677.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$ 7,832.00



**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY** are extended to the family of Betty Gassie upon her recent death; to Don Baucum & family upon the death of his wife, Anne Baucum and to Ella Dean Thibodeaux & family upon the death of her brother, David "Butch" Cullen. Please keep them in your prayers.

*The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank everyone for their donations in memory of Betty Gassie.*

**Readings for the Week of December 4, 2016**

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/  
Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2015-2016**

Donna Badon  
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Jules Lefeaux  
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Jason Murphey  
Andrea Smicker  
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**2017—25TH & 50TH**  
**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.**

**Our Lady of Mercy Church**

**445 Marquette Ave., Baton Rouge, LA**

Bishop Robert W. Muench will celebrate a liturgy honoring couples on their 25th, 50th, and 65th or greater wedding anniversary. The families of the honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and reception afterward in the Our Lady of Mercy Parish Activity Center.

***PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO REGISTER (749-2189)***

*Breakfast with Santa!*



**Brusly Lions Club Annual Santa Breakfast**

**December 10, 2016, 9 am-11am**

**Doors Open at 9 am**

**Brusly Lions Club**

**Adults \$20 / Kids \$10 / 4 & under Free**

**.....Featuring .....**

**Visit with Santa / Delicious Breakfast**

**With the Purchase of an Adult ticket, a Free 5x7 Photo with Santa**

**A limited number of tickets will be sold for this event**

**Payment per check, cash, no credit cards**

**Call 225-328-4843 ASAP to reserve your tickets for this event!!**