



*March 31, 2013
Easter Sunday
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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

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.

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. - Jn 20:6-8

Dear Parishioners,

Lent is finally over and life can now return to normal. This is normally a good thing, unless of course the life we led prior to the start of Lent was not so great. I am always very appreciative of what God is able to accomplish in our individual and communal lives over the course of these 40 days, and I am a little sad to relinquish the spiritual fervor I feel during Lent. While I would not want the entire year to be penitential in tone, I wish I could continue certain practices that are so life-giving. Or, phrased another way, I would like to embrace the joy and newness of Easter without surrendering the humility and simplicity of Lent.

That being said, the Easter Season has plenty of its own wonderful elements that contribute to our growth in faith. I especially enjoy reading from the Acts of the Apostles each Sunday and reflecting on the experience of the early Church and how our ancestors described the activity of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Even though the world has changed dramatically over the last 2000 years, human nature and religious experience is not all that different.

I also enjoy the many sacraments that are celebrated during this season, including the baptisms on Easter Sunday and other Sundays; weddings; and of course Confirmation and First Eucharist. Our 11th graders have their Confirmation retreat next Sunday, April 7, followed by their Mass of Confirmation at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2013. Bishop Muench enjoys interacting with youth and I know he will make the celebration of the sacrament a memorable experience for our candidates and their families. Since Confirmation completes the sacraments of initiation, our 11th graders will now be qualified to serve as godparents at baptisms and as sponsors at future confirmations.

Bishop Muench also celebrates a diocesan-wide Confirmation Mass each year for the benefit of those adult Catholics who were not ready or able to celebrate Confirmation in their parishes. This Mass will be on Sunday, May 19, at 12:00 noon at St. Joseph Cathedral. Candidates must be at least 18 years old and must attend some type of sacramental preparation in their parishes. Our preparation consists of four classes

beginning at 7:00 p.m. on April 25. However we have to submit the names of our candidates to the Diocese by April 16 so please call Karen in our Christian Formation Office prior to that day to register.

First Eucharist is on Sunday, April 21, the 4th Sunday of Easter, which is always the Sunday when we hear the Gospel of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Perhaps no other photographs quite capture the beauty and innocence of childhood as well as photographs of seven year olds on the day of their First Communion. Make sure you take plenty of pictures to cherish the memory of this special day for you, your child, and your entire extended family. Those framed photographs serve as visual reminders of the special relationship we share with our Good Shepherd who cares for us and knows each of us by name.

Have a blessed and happy Easter!

In Christ,
Father Matt

Christian Formation

NO K-8 CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES
APRIL 1-2
ENJOY YOUR EASTER & SPRING BREAK!

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

WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION

Catholic Daughters Court St. John the Baptist
Invites all women for a day of prayer, reflecting and
learning more about yourself as a daughter of the most
high GOD.

"Women at the Well: Bathed in Divine Mercy"

Presented by Mary Wallace, PhD

Music by Gracenotes

Saturday, April 6, 2013 (9 am—3:30 pm)

St. John the Baptist Parish Activity Center

Fee is \$15 (includes lunch)

For more info and to register call:

Julie Millard 749-8260 or Brenda Gomez 276-3490


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.



Calling All High School Students!
Camp Joshua is an action-packed camp that trains high school students to be the pro-life leaders of tomorrow. There are dynamic speakers, hands-on experiences, and interactive games! Come and connect with other pro-life leaders!

WHEN: April 5 - 7
WHERE: Diocese of Baton Rouge
COST: \$60

To Register Visit:
www.CampJoshuaLA.org
1-866-463-5433

Sponsored by:
Knights of Columbus
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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! 225-749-3389



Fill a Prescription for the Needy

A container has been placed on the counter at the entrance of church for St. Vincent DePaul Pharmacy. Please take an empty container and place your offering, then put it into the big container. If all of the small containers are gone you can use one of your old ones from home—just be sure to remove the label. The container will be there through Holy Week.

A VOCATION VIEW

The Lord is risen it is true! Through our baptism, He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News a priests, brothers and sisters. If god is calling you to minister in His church as a priest or religious, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, April 7:

- ⇒ Communion Service for K.C. Members and their families at 7:30 am Mass.
- ⇒ Coffee & donuts will be served after 7:30 am Mass in the Activity Center.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR WINNERS

Dani Breaux, Nunie & John Falcon, Gary Burton, Colt St. Germain, Wanda Seneca, Linda Levert, Clayton Brown, Charles Felder, Patrick Bourgeois, Jacob Kershaw, Linda Levert, Marie Hebert, Shane Travasos, Pat Ramagos, Austin St. Germain, Carol Allain, Bryan Guillot, Sr., James Frens, Vicky & Roland LeBlanc, Tommy LeBlanc, Mercedes Acosta, Tracy Hebert, K.C. Council #5352, Cheri Hutcherson, Joycelyn Lamothe, Chantel Guidry, K.C. Council #5352, Gilberto Cuadra

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Scrap and Ella Dean Thibodeaux for chairing the committee during the month of March. Chaircouple for April will be Sandra & Gerald Fitzgerald. Please give them a call at 749-3294 with any concerns.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Cindi Breaux & her group for cleaning the church during the month of March. They will be cleaning again in April. Please give her a call at 749-3842 to offer your help.



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Sondra Beard and her family upon the death of her sister, Stella Gary.

Readings for the Week of March 31, 2013

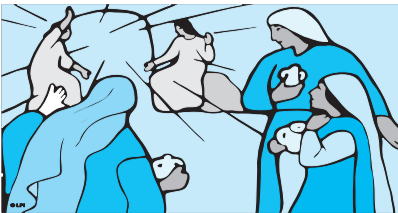
- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35
- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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*THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CAME
OUT TO HELP CUT & CLEAN
PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY
LAST WEEK.*



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Easter is the day when all things are tumbled over like the colored eggs that children roll in the grass. The stone from the tomb is rolled away. Christ, the Lamb of God, redeems the sheep. The Prince of life, who died, now lives forever. Death is swallowed up by the grave and Life itself comes forth from the tomb. As the psalmist writes: "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes" (Ps 118:22-23).

We have grown up with the notion of resurrection. The rising of Christ has been part of our religious upbringing. It is so much a part of our culture that the mystery of this great event may escape us. But imagine Mary Magdalene coming to the tomb early in the morning and finding the body of Jesus gone. Then Peter and the other disciple run to the tomb after she brings them the news. The Gospel makes it clear that they did not understand the Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead. They must have felt their world shaken apart by this great mystery!

And here we are, two thousand years later, calmly proclaiming, "He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day." This incredible mystery, this miraculous event, this saving action that we celebrate on this feast is the most incredible thing to happen since the foundation of the world. The Lord has been raised from the tomb and he lives in our midst. Just as the Resurrection turned over the lives of the disciples and changed them forever, so too does the rising of Christ from the dead make a difference in our lives. Because he lives we can be free from the power of sin. The living Christ gives us the Spirit that empowers us to act in his name and to live like him, filled with life and love.