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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
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

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing.

-Lk5:5-6

Dear Parishioners,

The grace-filled season of Lent begins this Wednesday, February 10, so please take some time to decide on one or two activities of prayer or penance to deepen your faith and draw you closer to God. Our Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 6:00 p.m., and starting next week our Wednesday Mass will move to 6:00 p.m. followed by the Way of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. for the entire season of Lent (except for Holy Week). Even if your work or school schedule will not allow you to attend morning Mass on most days, you may be able to attend the Wednesday evening Mass each week as an extra opportunity to nourish your faith life.

In addition to the Eucharist, the Sacrament of Confession offers another opportunity to deepen our sense of God's mercy and love. Confession will be available in our church every Wednesday evening from 5:30 – 5:50 p.m. just prior to the 6:00 p.m. Mass, and then from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. (during the Way of the Cross). Opportunities for confession will be limited during Holy Week so please try to go sometime during the first five weeks of Lent.

We are excited to offer a two-night Lenten Mission this year led by Father Mark Toups. The Mission will be held on Sunday, March 6, and Monday, March 7, beginning at 7:00 p.m. each night. Father Toups is a priest of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux where he serves as chancellor, spiritual director, and the author of "Oremus: A Catholic Guide to Prayer." He previously served as vocation director for his diocese at the same time that I served as vocation director for our diocese.

In keeping with the feast of *Our Lady of Lourdes* and the 24th *World Day of the Sick*, we will offer the **Anointing of the Sick** next **Saturday, February 13, 2016**, immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass. Please encourage those who are struggling with health problems to attend this Mass and Anointing of the Sick so that we can support them in prayer as they receive the special grace of this sacrament. We will again use the Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos crucifix to implore the intercession of Blessed Seelos during our anointing service.

The drawing for the Valentine's Day raffle sponsored by our Parish Pastoral Council will take place next Sunday, February 14, right after the 11:00 Mass. First prize will be a gift basket containing champagne, chocolate, and a gift card for dinner at a fine restaurant. Second and third prizes include a dozen roses and a bottle of wine. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be available for purchase at all Masses this weekend.

Our parish office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday of this week for Mardi Gras, and our morning Mass is also canceled on Tuesday, Mardi Gras Day. I will probably do a little work around the house before getting together with friends for food and drink later in the day. Have a safe and happy holiday and see you on Wednesday. Remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of both fast and abstinence.

In Christ,
Father Matt

The following young people received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last week. Congratulations to them and their families!

<i>Brayden Aguillard</i>	<i>Jasmine Garcia</i>	<i>Emily Neyland</i>
<i>Courtlyn Alexander</i>	<i>Kaitlyn Garcia</i>	<i>Brody Pierce</i>
<i>Hunter Bickham</i>	<i>Deegan Hebert</i>	<i>Rylan Polansky</i>
<i>Brody Bourgoyne</i>	<i>Matthew Hebert</i>	<i>Samantha Polansky</i>
<i>Hayden Bourgoyne</i>	<i>Jesus Hernandez</i>	<i>Evan Prejean</i>
<i>Blaize Bourque</i>	<i>Nereyda Jimenez</i>	<i>Coy Purpera</i>
<i>Alex Chenevert</i>	<i>Bradlee LeBlanc</i>	<i>Brayden Ray</i>
<i>Cristian Cruz</i>	<i>Jonathan Lefeaux</i>	<i>Madelyn Roberts</i>
<i>Hunter Daigle</i>	<i>Meredith Maciasz</i>	<i>Brooke Settoon</i>
<i>Annie Dunaway</i>	<i>Noah Martinez</i>	<i>Adyson Simoneaux</i>
<i>Elizabeth Duncan</i>	<i>Mac McKinney</i>	<i>Addison Stein</i>
<i>Thomas Duncan</i>	<i>Camille Meyer</i>	<i>Elle Stutes</i>
<i>Annalise Dupont</i>	<i>Wyatt Morales</i>	<i>Drake Vincent</i>
<i>Carly Freeman</i>	<i>Bryan Moreno</i>	

CHRISTIAN FORMATION INFO

PARENT MEETING THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 18th

FIRST EUCHARIST

6:30 P.M. CHURCH
ALL 2nd GRADE
YOUTH AND
PARENTS ATTEND

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED Monday, February 8th and
Tuesday February 9th for
Mardi Gras Holidays.



+ DAY of
FASTING
and **ABSTINENCE**

Ash Wednesday, February 10th
Masses with Ashes
8 am, 12:00 Noon and 6 pm

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
4:30 PM MASS NEXT
SATURDAY, February 13th

CALL THE OFFICE!

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

25TH, 50TH & GREATER ANNIVERSARIES
Sunday, February 21 (3pm) Our Lady of Mercy
Call the Parish Office if you wish to attend.



Be sure to call the Parish Office if
you need contribution
information for tax returns.

Please call the Parish Office to schedule the
Sanctuary Candle for a loved one. There are
many dates still available for 2016

CRISTO REY

Baton Rouge Franciscan High School

A new, private, Catholic school grounded in Francis-
can values will be opening in August 2016.

NEXT STUDENT/PARENT OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, February 17, 2016
5:30—7:00 pm

4000 St. Gerard Ave., Baton Rouge
Call (225) 615-7479 for more information

The Church in Central and Eastern Europe

This collection to be taken up on **Ash Wednesday** supports
Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and
training for seminarians in a region that struggles from the
effects of Soviet rule. It provides pastoral care, catechesis,
and funding for building renovations. Please help restore
the Church and build the future!

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

January 31, 2016

REGULAR:

190 Identified- - - - - \$6,718.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 649.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$7,367.00

Pray for
Vocations **Is God calling YOU?**



A VOCATION VIEW

Peter's faith and trust is rewarded with the miraculous catch
of fishes. If you want to be fisher of men as a priest or reli-
gious, please call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778,
mdupre@diobr.org. or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

Congratulations!

BAPTIZED

Maggie Lauren Engemann, daughter of William & Jacie
Engemann and Oaklee Lynn Engemann,
daughter of Stephen & Kaylee Engemann

MARRIED

James Leland, II & Katherine Ann Wheeler Stoltz



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to
David Deculus & family upon the death of his
brother, Louis Joseph Deculus and to Marion
Brown & family upon the death of her husband,
Norman Brown. Please keep them in your pray-
ers.

Be Merciful!

Take a tip from Cardinal Timothy Dolan and carry
around \$5 Starbucks and McDonald's gift cards for
the homeless.



**Catholic Community
Radio, Inc.**

Catholic Community Radio will be holding a fundrais-
er on Saturday, February 27th at the Renaissance
Hotel in Baton Rouge. The event will consist of a
jazz brunch beginning at 9 am, featuring the renowned
New Orleans Chef, John Besh. \$75 Individuals; and
\$700 for a table of 10. Call (225) 448-3754 for reser-
vations and information.

Readings for the Week of February 7, 2016

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-5, 7-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or
15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-10/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3-5, 10-11/
Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Ps 51:3-6, 12-14,
12-14, 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15/Rom 10:8-13/Lk
Lk 4:1-13

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him." Just when business was finally booming, Simon and Company closed up shop. The timing was strange, really. After a lifetime of fishing to make a living, these men had just hauled in so many fish that "their nets were tearing" and "the boats were in danger of sinking." Just imagine the profit on the other side of this night's work! Just imagine how their reputation would have grown. How easy it would have been to go out and buy a new fleet of boats and to upgrade their stash of nets. Most likely for the first time, wealth was within reach.

And yet, just then, Simon, James, and John left their boats on the shore and followed Jesus in the task of "catching men." This is astonishing. Not only did they give up their sudden monetary success, they gave up EVERYTHING. In a moment's time, these men radically altered their life, their plans, their future, and their fortune. And civilization has never been the same since.

Thanks in large part to the courage of these first apostles, and of their successors the bishops, and of all the faithful men and women religious throughout history who have "left everything and followed him," our church has continued to flourish and our culture has been greatly enhanced. Those of us who are members of the laity are likewise called to follow Christ, of course. The tremendous sacrifices that priests and religious sisters make should inspire us, and remind us that serving Christ-at any cost-is worth it. Their lives stand as a powerful witness indeed. Today, let us pause to thank God for these men and women and to ask his blessing on them all.