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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

When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." - Jn 2:3-5

Dear Parishioners,

National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts on the last Sunday in January and runs for an entire week. The diocesan Mass for Catholic Schools Week rotates among the various parishes and this year will be held close to home at Holy Family Church on Wednesday, February 3. Many of the priests and representatives from all thirty-three Catholic schools in our diocese attend the Mass.

Laurie Moreau currently serves as our parish representative on the Holy Family School Board. Laurie and Lee are the parents of Corinne who attends the 5th grade at Holy Family. Laurie succeeds Byron Braud who served as our representative for the previous three years. Byron remains active at the school and currently serves as president of the Papa Bears Dads Club.

Although we do not have our own parish school we are blessed to have Catholic schools on either side of us at Holy Family and St. John the Evangelist. Several of our young parishioners also attend one of the Catholic schools located in Baton Rouge. We are also blessed to have very good public schools in our community staffed by many of our parishioners. Students from all of our schools come together to celebrate the sacraments of First Eucharist, Confirmation, and of course Sunday Mass.

Our Parish Pastoral Council is once again sponsoring a raffle for Valentine's Day. 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 next weekend. The drawing will be held on Sunday, February 14, right after the 11:00 Mass.

Please consider signing up for our *Traveling Chalice* program of family prayer for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life. You merely select any available week on the schedule located in the back of church and indicate which Mass you normally attend. I will then invite you forward after communion on that particular Sunday and present you with a box containing a chalice, books on family prayer, and various other resources related to religious vocations.

You can then look over the material and select prayers to pray each evening for an increase in vocations.

This Friday, January 22, is designated as a "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children" for all dioceses in the United States. It is the 43rd anniversary of the *Roe vs. Wade* Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion. The national "March for Life" will take place in Washington, DC that same day, and all Catholics are encouraged to spend some time in prayer and fasting for the protection of unborn children. The "Louisiana Life March" will be held on Saturday, January 23, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Galvez Plaza behind the Old State Capitol. Participants will march to the state capitol where there will be speeches and prayers for the sanctity of life. The program usually ends around 12:00 noon.

In Christ,
Father Matt

NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES ON MONDAY, JANUARY 18th or TUESDAY, JANUARY 19th DUE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY



CONFIRMATION WILL BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20th AT
7:00 P.M.

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE
ACTIVITY CENTER.

THANKS TO ALL OF THE
PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE BEEN
PRAYING FOR OUR YOUNG
ADULTS ON THIS FAITH JOURNEY.
THANKS TO THE CONFIRMATION
TEAM FOR BEING WITNESSES TO
OUR FAITH AND TO THE
CANDIDATES OPENNESS TO THE
HOLY SPIRIT.

ALL 2ND GRADE YOUTH AND
PARENTS ARE TO
ATTEND THE
RECONCILIATION
RETREAT ON
SATURDAY, JANUARY 23RD
FROM 9-12
IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER.
PLEASE COMPLETE
CHAPTERS 5 AND 6 IN THEIR
RECONCILIATION BOOKS AND
BRING THEM TO THE RETREAT
COMPLETE.

First
Reconciliation

ATTENTION YOUTH!!!

DIOCESE OF BATON ROUGE
 DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20th
 GRADES 6—12th
 REGISTRATON DEADLINE—FEBRUARY 1st
 Contact: june@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com or
karen@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com to register.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

This Month's Meeting will be held on Wednesday,
 January 27 due to Confirmation being celebrated on
 Wednesday, January 20th.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THIS CHANGE!

ATTENTION: CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

January Meeting Change—The next meeting will be held
 on Wednesday, January 27th at 7:00 pm. Dinner will be
 served at 6:30 pm with the Knights of Columbus. We
 hope to see you there.



Cub Scout Pack 39

Fundraiser—Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, January 24, 2016

6 am—11am (SJB Activity Center)

Dine in or Carry Out—\$5/plate

Contact Kendul Michel (776-0778) for
 more information



BATON ROUGE DIOCESE
 2015 –25th & 50th
 Wedding Anniversary Celebration

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21st
 OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH
 BE SURE TO CALL PARISH OFFICE TO SIGN-UP
 REGISTRATION DEADLINE—FEBRUARY 12th

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION

Next week we will take up the collection for the Church in
 Latin America. Your gifts will fund catechesis, pastoral
 programs, marriage and family life projects, seminarian
 education and many other necessary programs in Latin
 America and the Caribbean. Please support the Church in
 Latin America and be generous in this collection.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

January 10, 2016

Regular:

239 Identified- - - - - \$ 9,236.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 845.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$10,081.00

December Building Fund—\$15,652.00

December Loan Balance—\$464,712.03

Pray for Vocations Is God calling YOU?

A VOCATION VIEW

There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit.” Is the
 Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest? If
 God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre’ at
 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

*God, who is merciful, desires our mercy. Some ways to
 keep mercy during this Jubilee Year are:*

- ⇒ *Write a letter of forgiveness to someone. If you
 cannot send it, sprinkle it with holy water, ask
 Christ Jesus To have mercy on you both and
 then burn or bury it.*
- ⇒ *Learn to say this prayer: “Dear Lord, bless
 (annoying person’s name) and have mercy on me!”*

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Katie Dawson
 & family upon the death of her husband, Dillon.
 Please keep them in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS to Langdon Thomas Granier, Jr.
 upon his baptism! He is the son of Langdon, Sr.
 and Leah Stein Granier.

DEFENDING LIFE CLASS

Saturday, January 30, 2016 (10:am—1:pm)

Bethany Church—South Campus

11107 Honore Lane, Baton Rouge, LA

*Do you have difficulty sharing your pro-life beliefs? Do
 you want to have successful non-confrontational discus-
 sions with friends and family about abortion?* Clelie
 Carpenter, 40 Days for Life prayer leader, will present the
Defending Life class. For more information or to reserve a
 spot, please contact Clelie at cleliecarpenter1@gmail.com.
 This event is co-sponsored by Baton Rouge Right to Life.
 FREE ADMISSION

Readings for the Week of January 17, 2016

- Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/
 Jn 2:1-11
- Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mk
 Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20-22, 27-28/
 Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/
 Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-13/
 Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11/Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/
 Mk 3:20-21
- Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8-10, 15/1
 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/
 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus told them, 'Fill the jars with water.' So they filled them to the brim." And then look what happened! The water became wine! And not only that, but it became "the good wine." Jesus transformed plain water into the very best wine served at that wedding feast in Cana. And he can do the same with our lives.

Sometimes, we come to Jesus with empty jars. We feel we have nothing to offer, that our efforts have failed and our energy has run dry. It may seem impossible that anything good could come out of our situation. Even our hope has often disappeared in these moments. But today's Gospel should restore our confidence; we don't need to work the miracle. We just need to "do whatever he tells" us.

In many cases, this will mean doing something that doesn't make sense on the surface. The servers were probably skeptical that filling their jugs with water would have any benefit. But they did it anyway. And they did it wholeheartedly, filling them up "to the brim." In our moments of emptiness, we too need to do what Jesus asks of us, all the way, without reservation. We need to continue to pray (even when we don't hear an answer). We need to continue to participate in the sacraments (even when they don't seem to help). We need to continue to follow the commandments (even when they strike us as difficult or irrelevant). We need to continue to love our neighbors (even when they don't love us back). All of this is like pouring water into those jars. We simply need to do what Jesus asks of us and then allow him to do the rest. Only when we are willing to follow his directions can he transform our emptiness into an overabundance of joy.