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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

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor? and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." - Lk 4:18a, 19

Dear Parishioners,

On Friday, January 8, I attended the funeral of Adrian Péré, a former priest of the Diocese of Baton Rouge, who committed suicide on January 3, 2016. He was 51 years old. Adrian spent his first year of priesthood with me at Immaculate Conception Parish in Lakeland right after his ordination in 1993. He also served at Christ the King, St. John the Evangelist in Prairieville and St. George Parishes before leaving the active ministry.

Adrian was an incredibly gifted preacher, teacher, and counselor. He also struggled with depression for most of his adult life. After leaving the priesthood, he excelled at a couple of well-paying jobs before leaving them to pursue a master's degree in social work at Tulane University. Since 2009 he was employed as director of counseling services for the University of New Orleans.

In a news release on their website, his colleagues at UNO described him as "so outstanding, incredibly qualified, skilled and gifted," and "very nurturing, very gentle, very sweet, always with a kind smile." The assistant director of counseling said Adrian "did something anybody could be proud of. He made a difference in people's lives. He changed people's lives." We might ask ourselves how someone so talented could fail to see it in himself.

Depression is largely an invisible illness to coworkers and acquaintances, despite being a very real burden to those who suffer from it. It prevents people from seeing their own talent, beauty, and goodness, and just how much they are loved and needed by others. In Adrian's case, it also contributed to his tremendous compassion and empathy for the suffering of others.

Some people might find it strange that a priest or former priest might suffer from depression to the point of suicide. But as the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us, priests are "taken from among men." They are not made from "another kind of clay than the rest of us," the German theologian Father Karl Rahner once wrote. He went on to say that a priest "continues to share the lot of man after the hand of God has rested on him in the form of the bishop's hand. The lot of the

weak and weary, the lot of the discouraged, the unsuccessful, and the sinner."

So please pray for those in our community who struggle with emotional or mental illnesses which are often resistant to treatment and invisible to the world around them. Pray also for the families who have lost a loved one to suicide and continue to grieve as they search for answers. May God in his mercy grant eternal rest to the deceased and comfort to their families.

Finally, 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 this weekend. The drawing will be held on Sunday, February 14, right after the 11:00 Mass.

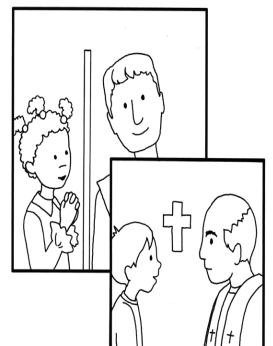
In Christ,
Father Matt

Congratulations Newly Confirmed

The following young people celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation here last week. Congratulations to them and their families.

Blake Alvarez	Collin Devillier	Bailee Oubre
Brennan Babin	Ryan Devillier	Sydney Oubre
Landon Babin	Collin Ford	Hannah Soniat
Marc Babin	Patrick Ganaway	Blake Stokes
Skylar Benoit	Max Gauthreaux	Frank Tempanaro, Jr.
Hope Black	Anne Marie Herring	Cade Tolar
John Blanchard	Abigail Hembra	Madison Toups
Taylor Bouquet	Malina Hollier	Gracie Trahan
Dillon Cain	Stephen Hunt	Cassie Tuminello
Connor Chustz	Jacob Kershaw	Austin Weems
Alec Conner	Lauren LeBlanc	Chance Willis
Kelsie Courville	Connor Manola	Jennifer Windham
Anna Daigle	Kelly Marks	Londyn Wininger

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION
FIRST RECONCILIATION
CELEBRATION FOR
2nd GRADE YOUTH AND
THEIR FAMILIES WILL BE
HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27th
AT 6:00 PM IN THE CHURCH**





CALLING ALL YOUTH

7TH AND 8TH GRADERS

EDGE NIGHT FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADE WITH RYAN FOULON ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST DURING CHRISTIAN FORMATION REGULAR CLASS TIME.

NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASS ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH OR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH DUE TO MARDI GRAS HOLIDAYS.

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.



We need volunteers to work with our Social Activities Committee! Also need names of people who are presently serving on the committee. Please contact Evelyn at 225-933-8924 or evelynclouatre@att.net if you are presently serving or wish to begin serving.



God dwells among His people in the flesh of Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, present in the Eucharist!

God is made present in the Holy Eucharistic at Holy Mass for us to receive as our spiritual Food. He dwells in our tabernacle and is enshrined in the monstrance for us to adore. He will be with us until the end of time.

All night Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, Feb. 5th at 8pm thru Saturday, Feb. 6th at 8am.

Signup sheets are in the foyer of Church

For more info, contact Julie @ 749-8260 or Mary @ 324-5289.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

January 17, 2016

REGULAR:

232 Identified- - - - - \$10,038.83

Loose Collection- - - - - 846.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$10,884.83

Pray for Vocations Is God calling YOU?

A VOCATION VIEW

Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF MARK BLANCHARD

WORKS OF MERCY

- ⇒ Pare down possessions: share your things with the needy.
- ⇒ Offer to drive an elderly person to Mass.



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Lester Clouatre & family upon the death of his wife, Bobbie. Please keep them in your prayers

Thank You

The family of Bobbie Falcon Clouatre wish to thank everyone for the prayers and concerns during her illness and death! A special thank you to Deacon Sammy Collura for the lovely liturgy at her funeral. It was truly a comfort to the family. Special thanks also to the Bereavement Committee and everyone who brought and served food. The outpouring of sympathy and love was so appreciated!



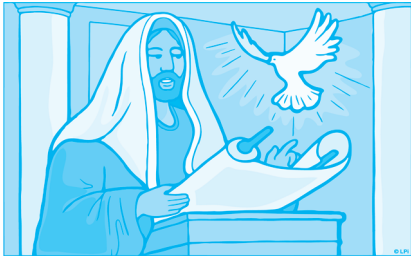
Our Food Pantry is in need of someone with a truck to go to the Baton Rouge Food Bank once a month (second Monday of each month) to pick up food. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in volunteering.

Readings for the Week of January 24, 2016

- 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
- Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Ps 117:1-2/Mk 16:15-18
- Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 10/ Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-30/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-5, 11-14/ Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-7, 10-11/ Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-6, 15-17/ 1 Cor 12:31-13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"So that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received." St. Luke began his Gospel by explaining why he wrote it. His intention was to provide a written account "of the events that have been fulfilled among us." But he didn't write simply to make a historical record; he wrote in order to bolster the confidence of the Christian community. He wanted to offer them a resource for realizing that what they had been taught was legitimate. This is why he investigated "everything accurately anew" and wrote it down "in an orderly sequence."

This passage helps us understand the relationship between sacred tradition and sacred Scripture. As Catholics, we believe that the Bible is an essential part of divine revelation that goes hand in hand with the teachings that were established by Jesus and passed on by his apostles. The "Catechism of the Catholic Church" tells us that the church "does not derive her certainty about all revealed truths from the holy Scriptures alone. Both Scripture and Tradition must be accepted and honored with equal sentiments of devotion and reverence" (#82). Here, Luke emphasizes that what he writes is a confirmation of what was already being taught.

This fact should help us appreciate the gift of the Bible. This inspired collection of books exists to help us practice our faith and to bring us into a deeper understanding of the revealed word of God. Although the Bible is not the only source of revelation, it does help us to have what Luke calls "certainty" regarding our faith. We do hear Bible readings at Mass, but we would do well to read the Bible on our own as well. Let us not miss the opportunity to hear God's word speaking to us every day.