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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 people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28-30

Dear Parishioners,

I will be in New Orleans on Wednesday and Thursday of this week enjoying a bit of fraternity with eight or nine brother priests. This is typically the week in which Alumni Day is celebrated at Notre Dame Seminary, but the event was canceled this year due to renovations at the seminary. Several of us decided to make the trip anyway to share a good meal and retell tall tales from our days at the seminary.

Lent is just one week away and so please take note of our Mass and confession schedule for Lent. Our Masses on Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2016, will be at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 6:00 p.m. Daily Mass remains at the normal time of 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, but moves to 6:00 p.m. on the Wednesdays of Lent. Benediction and Adoration remains at 8:30 a.m. on Friday mornings or immediately following the Friday morning Mass.

On the **Wednesdays of Lent**, confessions are at 5:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m. and then the Way of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. led by Deacon Sammy. I will return to the confessional from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday as part of the “Light is On for You” program. I encourage everyone to try to attend at least one daily Mass each week as part of your Lenten devotions.

Please mark your calendars for this year’s Lenten Mission to be held on two consecutive evenings, March 6 & 7, beginning at 7:00 p.m. each night. Our Mission is being led this year by Father Mark Toups, chancellor of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. Fr. Toups is a spiritual director and the author of “Oremus: A Catholic Guide to Prayer.”

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** on **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.

I remind you of the Valentine’s Day raffle sponsored by our Parish Pastoral Council. 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.

Our monthly 12 hour period of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament begins at 8:00 p.m. this Friday, February 5, and ends with 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, February 6. All are invited to sign-up for an hour of prayer and adoration during the night or early morning. You are free to sit or kneel in silent prayer, or pray the rosary, or engage in spiritual reading and meditation while in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Have a safe and happy Mardi Gras and enjoy the Super Bowl next weekend!

In Christ,
Father Matt



7TH AND 8TH GRADERS

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.

Christian Formation
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.

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



*Ash
Wednesday*

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

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Josie Delaune and her group for cleaning the church during the month of January. Cleaning in February will be done by Patricia Lefeaux (749-3108). Give her a call if you can help.

PLEASE NOTE: We need Group Leaders for May, November and December. Please call the Parish Office if you can help!

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Ruth LaBauve and her group for chairing the committee during the month of January. Chaircouple for February will be Bill & Geri Schneider (749-3508). Please give them a call with any concerns.

Thank you to the family and friends of Bobbie Cloutre for their recent donations.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, February 7

Communion Service for KC Members and their families at 7:30 am Mass.

Coffee & Donuts will be served after 7:30 am Mass in the Activity Center.



God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might have Eternal life!

This is the Son of God! Believe in Him! Visit Him! All night Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, Feb. 5th at 8 pm thru Saturday, Feb. 6th at 8 am.

Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of church. For more info, contact Julie @ 749-8260 or Mary @ 324-5289.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

January 24, 2016

197 Identified- - - - - \$6,608.00
Loose Collection- - - - - 685.60
TOTAL- - - - - \$7,293.60
Church in Latin America—\$572.00

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

A VOCATION VIEW

Before you were formed in your Mothers' womb, God knew you. Before you were born, you were dedicated to the Lord. Do not be afraid to respond to God's call. If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Resist sarcasm; it is the antithesis of mercy. "Set, O Lord, a guard over my mouth; keep watch, O Lord, at the door of my lips!" (Psalm 141:3).



Congratulations to Bliss & Ty Bernard who were married here recently! Best wishes on your new life together.

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.

NFP 101: THE BASICS OF NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

February 13, 2016—Bishop Tracy Center
9:00am—10:30 am

NFP 101 provides a general introduction to Natural Family Planning including Catholic Church teaching, the science of fertility and how to choose a method. \$10/couple. Register at www.mfldiobr.org/natural-family-planning.

Readings for the Week of January 31, 2016

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-6, 15-17/
Cor 12:31-- 13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-7/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
or 2:22-32
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10-12/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9-14/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sun.: 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

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury." Why were these folks furious? Because they didn't like what Jesus told them. They took offense at his teaching that "no prophet is accepted in his own native place." Jesus was implying that his fellow Nazarenes in the synagogue were blind to who he really was. And this made them mad. They didn't like being told that they were wrong. But Jesus told them anyway. He knew that these people needed to hear the truth, even if it meant that he would be unpopular. In fact, he spoke the truth even at risk of his own life. "They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong."

It can be tempting to confuse Jesus' kindness and goodness with passivity, mistakenly imagining him as a person who would never ruffle any feathers because he was so concerned about being "nice." This one-sided image of Jesus can lead us to excuse our own passivity about the falsehood and evil that surrounds us. We can justify our silence or inaction by convincing ourselves that we shouldn't upset anyone. But the fact is that Jesus upset people on a regular basis. That wasn't his goal, of course, but he was willing to deal with resistance for the sake of truth and justice. And we should be willing to do the same.

Our world is growing more and more hostile to the message of the Gospel. When we simply live our faith authentically, it makes some people angry. But we should not recoil from this reality. Jesus' witness made people furious too. But when they got mad, he didn't cave in. Whether people like it or not, the truth does not change.