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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

Very Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain ..... Pastor  
Donna Badon..... Christian Formation  
Carolyn Dupuy ..... Bookkeeper  
June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
Pedro Hernandez..... Custodian  
Layne Mire ..... Parish Secretary  
Celeste Veillon ..... Music Director  
Katie Roettger..... Mothers’s Day Out

### 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 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 the Parish Office

Dear Parishioners,

This Wednesday, 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 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Roe vs. Wade* Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion.

The national “March for Life” takes place in Washington, DC on Friday, January 24. We pray for all of the participants in the March, especially the young people from our parish and diocese, who give powerful witness to the beauty of life and the dignity of each person.

Closer to home, Bishop Duca will celebrate a Respect Life Mass on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral. At the conclusion of the Mass, congregants are invited to join others in the Louisiana Life March which begins at 10:00 a.m. on the front lawn of the State Capitol and proceeds to Galvez Plaza for a short program of speeches and prayers.

Confirmation candidates have their final “Day of Reflection” on Sunday, January 26, in preparation for celebrating their Confirmation at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 30. Please pray for all of our 11<sup>th</sup> graders, their sponsors, and their families.

National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It runs from January 26 – February 1, 2020, and this year’s theme is “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.” There are 6,353 Catholic Schools in the United States, of which 5,158 are elementary and 1,195 are secondary schools. Our own Diocese of Baton Rouge has 23 Catholic elementary schools and 10 Catholic high schools.

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.

The men of our parish are invited to attend the fourth annual Catholic Men’s Conference to be held on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at St. George Church in Baton Rouge, beginning at 7:30 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. This year’s speakers include Father Wade Menezes, CPM, Mr. Jeff Cavins, and Father Mark Beard. For more information and to register, please visit <http://www.catholicmenbr.com/>.

In closing, the beginning of a new calendar year is an excellent time to recommit ourselves to supporting our Church through Stewardship of Finance. It is often said that we reveal our priorities through the content of our daily planners and checkbooks. In essence, we indicate what is important by the ways we invest our time and money. Please join me in revisiting our individual practices of giving to our Sunday collection, Building Fund, and other special appeals to insure that they are reflective of our income and gratitude to God for His many blessings.

In Christ,

Father Matt



*NO  
Christian  
Formation  
Classes  
January  
20th, 21st or  
22nd*



*Church  
Office is  
closed  
January  
20th*



**The Sanctuary Candle  
burns in Memory of  
Mercedes Garlington.**

**We have big dreams for  
our newly baptized!  
Please welcome:  
EVAN BRADLEY  
DAIGLE  
son of Derek & Lauren  
Daigle  
AND  
GRAHAM JOSEPH  
LAFOSSE  
son of Wayne & Melissa  
Lafosse**



# Confirmation

**Confirmation will be held on Thursday, January 30th at 7:00pm. A Reception will follow in the Activity Center. THANKS to all of you who have prayed for these Candidates along their faith journey. THANKS to the Confirmation Team for preparing them to be Witnesses to our faith and to be open to the Holy Spirit.**



**Will you join the Dream Team?  
Will you be God's servant and  
light the way for others as a  
priest, deacon, sister or  
brother? Please contact Father  
Andrew Merrick at 225-336-  
8778 or amerrick@diobr.org**



**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING  
Thursday, January 23rd  
5:00-6:30 pm in the Church**

John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." - Jn 1:32-34

**Readings for the week of January 19, 2020**

- Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
- Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1]/Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 [5b]/Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]/Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
- Next Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



**MARCH FOR LIFE MASS  
January 25th @ 8:30am  
St. Joseph's Cathedral**

**SAVE LIVES by donating to  
the Baby Bottle Campaign of  
the K.C.s**



**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES:**

**January 12, 2020**

202 Identified	\$7,073.00
Loose Collection	1,084.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$8,157.00</b>

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2019-2020**

John Begue, Chairman  
Bob Bewick  
Audy Bourgeois  
Christie Chapman, Vice-Chairman  
Wayne Delapasse  
Janice Hebert  
Fr. Matt Lorrain  
Mary Claire Meyer, Secretary  
Jason Murphey  
Joey Normand  
Edana Robnett  
Derek Scott  
Jewel Woods



**Open House**  
**Holy Family School**  
**January 30th**  
**9:00am-2:00pm**  
**Pre-K through 8th grades**



**Wedding Anniversary Celebration**  
**February 23rd at 2:00pm**  
**St. Thomas More**  
**Call the Church Office to Register**

## Lighting

St. John's priests and congregation relied on sunlight and candles for illumination before the advent of electric lighting. The windows of our church building were necessarily tall to admit as much light as possible. Candles supplemented this natural light and would have been the sole illumination for night services. Gas fixtures were popular when our church was built, but no evidence of such was found during the previous renovation.

By the 1940's a handful of electric lights had been installed. They consisted of vertical luminaires mounted to each side of the Sanctuary, torchieres held by the altar angels, one or two pairs of large pendant lights in the nave and two small pendant lights in the choir loft.

The nave pendants were replaced shortly after 1946 by more ornate three-globe brass chandeliers. Mrs. Joyce Caffarel preserved the interesting acorn shaped white glass shade from one of the original nave lights and later gifted it to the parish for posterity.

Tall hexagonal gothic chandeliers were installed throughout the nave between 1955 and 1960. The fixtures were marked with "Canada" which was the only clue to their origin.

During the church renovation, the building committee resolved to save rather than replace the chandeliers as they had become integral to the church's historic character. Happily, retrofitting the fixtures with up-to-date lighting components saved thousands of dollars compared to the cost of full replacement. The front addition to the church needed matching chandeliers so replicas, indiscernible from the originals, were created.