



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
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June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Karen Lemoine Christian Formation
Celeste Veillon Music Director
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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

"A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight."

-Lk 10: 30b-31, 33

Dear Parishioners,

A brief news article appeared last month entitled "Last Priest from Dachau Concentration Camp Dies at 102." It caught my interest because I too am a priest, and I have visited Dachau on two separate occasions, and I have also read a couple of priest's memoirs, most notably "Priestblock 25487" by Father Jean Bernard.

Dachau is a mere 10 miles from Munich and opened in 1933 as the first Nazi concentration camp in Germany. It operated for some 12 years until its liberation by U.S. troops in April 1945. It originally held political prisoners but gradually expanded to include communists, socialists, homosexuals, Gypsies, Jehovah's Witnesses, Jews, Christian clergy, and others.

Records list 2,720 clergy imprisoned at Dachau over its 12 years, with 94% of them identified as Catholic priests. About 1,000 clergy died during their imprisonment. The great majority of the Catholic priests were from Poland, but the German priests numbered over 400. Father Jean Bernard, the author of "Priestblock," was from Luxembourg. The subject of the recent news article was Father Hermann Scheipers of the Diocese of Dresden-Meissen in Germany.

Father Scheipers' obituary published by a German Catholic news agency states that he drew the attention of the Nazis by celebrating Mass and hearing confessions for Polish forced laborers. His file described him as a "fanatical proponent of the Catholic Church and thus likely to cause unrest among the population."

After the war Father Scheipers returned to his pastoral work in his home diocese now located in the German Democratic Republic or East Germany. He was watched and investigated by the Stasi or secret police for continuing his same pattern of celebrating the sacraments. Thankfully Germany was reunified before they took action against him.

It is rather remarkable that the practice of the Catholic faith can be seen as so threatening in countries controlled by dictators or communist administrations. We perhaps underestimate the power of love or the value of spiritual belief or the compelling influence of moral authority. Evil can only be overcome by good, and in

many cases only after extended prayer and suffering.

The faithful witness of so many saints and martyrs, even within our own lifetimes, is a tremendous source of strength and encouragement for us as we face some of the challenges of our contemporary era. I pray that Catholics will always be on the side of goodness, truth, and the sanctity of life, even in the face of growing secularization, terrorism, and isolationism.

Please remember that Vacation Bible School is this week from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday, in the activity center and classrooms. Please watch out for the children and be extra careful in the parking lot during drop off and pick up. I know the kids will have a great time getting together with their friends and classmates for a fun week of activities. Thank you to all of our volunteers from St. John the Baptist and Holy Family Parishes who give so generously of their time to make VBS a success.

In Christ,
Father Matt



**HOPE TO SEE
YOU
THERE!!!**

St. John the Baptist/Holy Family VBS
"Cave Quest—Following Jesus The Light of the World"

July 11—15, 2016

REGISTER NOW! Forms are available in the back of church, the Parish Office & the Christian Formation Office and on-line at <http://www.sjb-brusly.com>

Fee: \$20 (Family max \$60) Grades K—5

Be Merciful

If someone you know seems to lack faith, share some of yours—tell him or her how Christ has changed your life.

"The right to life is the first among human rights."
-Pope Francis

R.C.I.A.

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Have you or someone you know expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic?

RCIA offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic faith. Weekly sessions focus on the teachings of the church, faith experiences, understanding scripture and preparing you to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation at Eastertime.

Please call the Parish Office at 749-2189 to receive more information on RCIA.

**OPEN HOUSE IS WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 24, 2016.**



*THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW
BURNING IN MEMORY OF
BUCK ALLEMAN.*

Knights of Columbus

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, July 20, 2016—Activity Center
Installation Banquet
6:30 pm

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Saturday, July 23 (4:00 pm) In church

Thanks!

*The Bereavement Committee would like to thank
the family & friends of "Buttie" Tullier for
their recent donations.*



BAPTISMAL SEMINAR
Wednesday, July 13, 2016
6:00 pm—Classroom #5
**This seminar is mandatory for
parents who wish to have their child
baptized.**

W.B.R. MUSEUM

An Exhibit: Huey Long & the Noble Experiment
Prohibition in Louisiana
Thru September 4

Lunchtime Lecture and Book Signing
Forgotten Baton Rouge
July 19th at Noon

The topics of Doug Villien's local history book span the time period of the 1920's and 30's. Villien served as a city planner for the East Baton Rouge City-Parish Planning Commission until his retirement in 2001.



A VOCATION VIEW

It's a simple concept: love God with your whole being and put that love into practice. How is God calling you to love? Have you considered the way of loving called "priesthood" or "religious life"? If God may be selecting you for the special life of priest or religious, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK

July 24—30, 2016

*"Love, Mercy, Life: Natural Family Planning:
Opening the Heart of Marriage"*

Local NFP Events:

Love & Life: Understanding God's Plan for Your Marriage
& Family with Dr. Susan Caldwell
Wednesday, July 27—6:30 pm
St. Mark Church—Fr. DeMaria Activity Center
42021 Highway 621
Gonzales, LA

You are invited to an amazing opportunity to learn more about natural methods of family planning that assist couples to live more fully the abundant life that God has planned. RSVP (225-647-8461)

First Annual Diocesan Supper & Substance Event for Married Couples
July 30, 2016—Premiere Lanes in Gonzales
7—10 pm

Join married couples from across the diocese for an evening of fun, fellowship and marriage enrichment! Tickets are \$65 per couple and include food, live band, open bowling lanes and witness talk by David & Kate Dawson . Register at www.MFLDiobr.org.

Readings for the Week of July 10, 2016

Sunday:	Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37 or Ps 19:8-11/Col 1:15-20/ Lk 10:25-37
Monday:	Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/ Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday:	Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-8/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-10, 14-15/ Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-21/ Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10-12, 16/ Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday:	Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-5/Col 1:24-28/ Lk 10:38-42

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He replied to him, 'You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.'" In today's Gospel a scholar questions Jesus about how to gain eternal life. In case anyone ever wonders whether heaven is within reach, one only needs to refer to this Gospel. Jesus provides a clear answer that gives us a clear plan of action: We are to love God with all that we are, and also to love our neighbors. Really, it's that simple.

The scholar, however, complicated things to make himself look better. Instead of accepting the simplicity of Jesus' instruction, he wanted to split hairs, asking, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied with the story of the Good Samaritan-and the lesson that our neighbors are not just those we know or love. Rather, our neighbor is the person that needs our help, the person whom we would rather ignore, the person whom God puts in our path. In short, everyone is our neighbor and we are called to treat everyone with mercy. This is part of how we gain eternal life. But this flows from the first element of Jesus' answer. First and foremost, Jesus instructs us to love God "with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind." When we love God in this way, truly as the Lord of our life, then loving our neighbors becomes the easy part. When our hearts and minds are full of the love of God-who loves all people-then it will necessarily follow that we too will desire to share that love with others and not count the cost.

The Good Samaritan is an excellent example of this kind of love. Without hope of repayment, he gave of his time and his money to help the poor victim. But in return, the Samaritan will surely "gain eternal life."