



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

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me."

- Lk 10:38-40

Dear Parishioners,

We recently mailed the 2016 edition of the small *St. John the Baptist Guide Book and Telephone Directory* to every registered family in our parish. Please call the parish office if you did not receive one so we can correct your mailing address on our computer. Extra copies are available in the church office for new parishioners and others who did not receive one.

We plan on updating and mailing out a new directory each year so please let us know if your address or telephone number changes. I also encourage anyone who has not yet registered to fill out a census card so that we can add your contact information to our records. The cost of the new annual directory as well as our weekly bulletin is paid for by the local businesses who advertise in them so please try to support their businesses.

Bill Lyon is a retired sportswriter for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. He is 78 years old and has been battling Alzheimer's disease for the last three years. I use the word "battling" because as he recounts in a series of recent articles for the *Inquirer* he does not intend to allow this terrible disease to define his life.

He begins: "In the winter of 2013, with the February cold bone deep, I sat in one of those cramped and sterile little examining cubicles in the Penn Memory Center and listened to the man in the white lab coat ask if I knew what Alzheimer's was... Death by inches, I said... And you have it, he said."

"I'm pretty sure the world stopped at that moment, and then there was a roaring sound, like a freight train barreling through my brain pan. I sat there, frozen, and I remember thinking what a crummy job this poor guy's got."

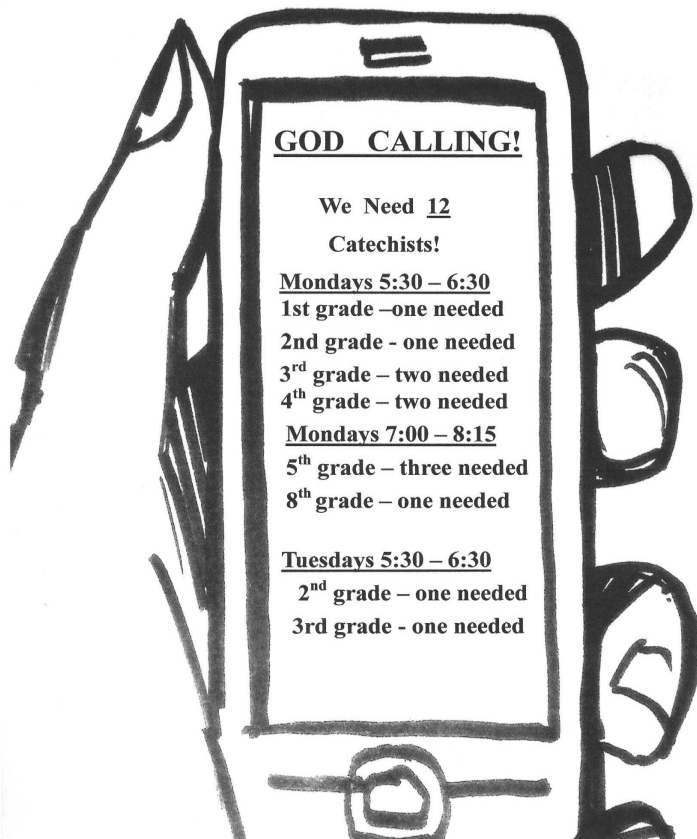
Lyon goes on to describe his disease: "I call him Al, for short. We've been joined to each other for going on three years now... Al is an insidious and relentless little bast**d, a gutless coward who won't come out and fight. Instead, he lies in ambush in my brain, and the only way I can put a face on him is to look in the mirror."

"Al is undefeated, you know. So far... Al is a sneak thief who comes in the night and steals away with something precious, the links to your past. You wake up one morning and something is missing and you're not sure how or what. So what do we do? Resist. And persist. And never, ever, ever give in."

His entire series is worth reading and can be found on their website: www.philly.com/inquirer. And please pray for those with Alzheimer's and for their families who care for them.

Thank you to all of the children, teenagers, and parents from St. John the Baptist and Holy Family Parishes who participated in Vacation Bible School last week. Its annual success is due to your generous gift of time, talent, and faith. A special thanks to June Hebert and Karen Lemoine from our Christian Formation Office for their service and leadership. Please consider volunteering to help them with our Christian Formation classes this fall and spring.

In Christ,
Father Matt





POSITION OPENING

St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge seeks to hire a receptionist/secretary to support its office operations. This is presently a part-time hourly non-exempt position averaging 28 hours per week; it does not offer insurance or pension benefits, but may be upgraded to full-time, with benefits, in the future. The dependable professional to be hired will have a positive demeanor, strong work ethic, good communication skills and love of interfacing with the public. He/She must possess standard office computer proficiency (including Microsoft Office), be reliable in record keeping, filing, posting and other standard office procedures, and work well on a small team. The job is primarily task-oriented, encompassing the basic and varied functions of a Catholic Parish office.

Inquiry and application may be made to Mrs. Sheila G. Juneau, Director of Administration, St. Joseph Cathedral, at either office@cathedralbr.org or 412 North St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802-5496. Applications must include resume with two references in addition to contact information of the present or last employer. To ensure full consideration, application should be received prior to Friday, July 29, 2016.

THE RESTORE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Volunteers are needed this summer at the two ReStore locations! Enjoy the air-conditioning while helping the Habitat ReStore raise funds to build simple decent homes, as well as divert quality building materials from the landfill! There are many volunteer opportunities at the ReStore: Customer Service, Preparing Donations for Display, Picking up donations and Office Support. This is a great opportunity for anyone, especially retired individuals who want to do meaningful work that makes a difference in our community!

The Habitat ReStore sells donated new and gently used building supplies to the public at a greatly reduced price. All proceeds help Habitat for Humanity of Greater Baton Rouge build affordable homes with families in need

Contact Kristen Lastrapes at Kristen@habitatbrla.org or (225) 927-6651 to volunteer.

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.**



**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH
BLOOD DRIVE**

July 24, 2016 (7 am—1 pm)

A Blood Donor Bus from Our Lady of the Lake will be parked next to the Office on Sunday, July 24th. How convenient is that??? Step out of church and into the Bus to Save a Life during this summer blood drive. The dog days of summer are a tough time for the blood supply. Summer heat and vacation travel usually means fewer donations! It is forecasted that the blood supply in the US this summer will be very tight. Please help by donating blood at the upcoming Blood Drive. All donors will receive a Blood donor t-shirt or a free cholesterol test. Look forward to seeing you on Drive Day. **If you are unable to make the church drive, please stop by the OLOL Blood donor Center and let the staff know that you are donating for St. John's in Brusly.** Call the Lake Donor Center @ 225-765-8843 with any questions.



A VOCATION VIEW

We are like Martha. There's plenty to be anxious about, but only one thing is required of us. For five minutes today be like Mary; rest with Jesus and ask Him what he requires of you. If you feel the call is genuine, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

July 3, 2016

264 Identified- - - - - \$15,631.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 564.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$16,195.00

St. Joseph Abbey & Seminary- - - - - \$3,169.00

July 10, 2016

221 Identified- - - - - \$ 9,457.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 692.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$10,149.00

Catholic Community Services- - - - - \$938.00

Readings for the Week of July 17, 2016

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-5/Col 1:24-28/
Lk 10:38-42

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/
Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-8/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-11/
Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10-13/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3-6, 8, 11/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-3, 6-8/Col 2:12-14/
Lk 11:1-13

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2015-2016

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing." Martha was caught up in a whirlwind of her own making. She stressed herself out with all the tasks and chores she thought she had to do to host Jesus, but Jesus wasn't the one who expected all of that. He just wanted Martha's presence, her company and friendship. His only expectation was that Martha would prepare for him her heart, but she was fixated on preparing her home instead.

How often do we create a similar whirlwind in our lives? How often do we fixate on external details, on making a good impression, on having all appearances looking just so, but forget what really matters? How often do we make ourselves "anxious and worried" about all we think we have to do? In today's Gospel Jesus calls us to stop the frenetic activity of our lives, to pause and listen, imitating Mary "who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak."

This can seem impossible. We look at our calendars and our to-do lists and cannot find a single slot in which to squeeze quiet prayer or silent spiritual listening. But Jesus asks us to reorganize our priorities. He tells us, "There is need of only one thing." Really, Jesus? Have you seen our lists!? What can we possibly eliminate? Don't we need to do all of this?

The Lord says no. What we need to do is to make time to be with him. The same Lord who turned water into wine and fed five thousand men with five loaves of bread and two fish can also multiply our time. So instead of being like Martha who tried to tell Jesus what to do-"Tell her to help me"-let's be like Mary who listened to what Jesus had to say.