



# 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

"Behold, I have given you the power to 'tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." - Lk 10:19-20

Dear Parishioners,

The changes in priests' parish assignments in our diocese became effective July 1. There were two changes to the personnel of parishes located within our Northwest Deanery. Father Reuben Dykes, the parochial vicar at Holy Family Parish in Port Allen, has been reassigned to serve as the parochial vicar in the three parishes of St. James in St. James, St. Philip in Vacherie, and Our Lady of Peace in South Vacherie. Father David Allen will continue to serve as pastor of Holy Family Parish but without the assistance of a parochial vicar.

Secondly, Father Chris Decker was appointed as the new pastor of the three parishes of St. Joseph in Grosse Tete, Immaculate Heart of Mary in Maringouin, and St. Frances Cabrini in Livonia. Father Amrit Raj, IMS, will stay on as parochial vicar for the three parishes. It is not an easy assignment to serve as pastor for three communities but Father Decker has the youth, energy, and pastoral spirit necessary to succeed in this endeavor. He is a native of St. Isidore Parish in Baker and was ordained in 2007.

On a related note, the Society of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, more commonly known as The Josephites, is a religious congregation of priests and brothers dedicated to serving the African American community. In our diocese they currently staff the parishes of St. Augustine in New Roads and St. Francis Xavier in Baton Rouge. They recently decided to transfer their novitiate from Washington, DC to St. Augustine Parish in New Roads in the building formerly used as the convent. Father Joseph Doyle, SSJ, will serve as director for three men entering the novitiate for the Josephites.

A novitiate is a period of preparation and formation prior to the taking of vows in a religious community. The period must last at least one year during which time the novices are instructed in the meaning of the vows they are about to take, the particular history and charism of their religious order, and further practice in prayer, discernment, and the spiritual life. After completing their novitiate in New Roads, the novices will be able to request first vows before relocating to Washington, DC to begin their theological studies.

The Confirmation Retreat for our 11<sup>th</sup> graders is at the end of this month on Thursday-Saturday, July 28-30, at Rosaryville Retreat Center near Ponchatoula. A two night retreat provides a wonderful experience for our candidates to grow closer to God in preparation for their final sacrament of initiation. The date for Confirmation is Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. so please keep them in your prayers during the next six months. I look forward to spending some time with them at their retreat.

Finally, we had another great turnout for our Ministry Appreciation Supper last Saturday. We continued our tradition of recognizing one parishioner for his or her example of service, and this year we honored *Jack Sarradet* for his faithful and dedicated service to our parish. Jack is a daily communicant and serves the Church in numerous ways but especially as a volunteer with the Food Pantry, Zippers, and *Feast on the Levee*. He served our country as a Marine in WWII and continues to serve our community as a member of the honor guard at veterans' funerals. May God continue to bless him and all the many wonderful volunteers in our parish.

In Christ,  
Father Matt



### **GEAR UP FOR VBS**

MEETING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

THURSDAY, JULY 7TH

6:30 ACTIVITY CENTER

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>  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 30, 2016  
Fee: \$20 (Family max \$60) Grades K—5  
Late Registration Charge—\$5.00 per family.



**HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY**  
**The Parish Office will be closed for this holiday!**



**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 Eastertide.

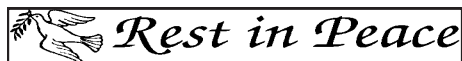
Please call the Parish Office at 749-2189 to receive more information on RCIA.

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

**NEW GUIDE BOOK**

Our new Guide Book & Directory is here! Check your mail box next week for your copy. The advertisers helped to provide this service at no cost to our congregation. We encourage you to think of them as your needs arise. If you wish to download a copy electronically go to [www.GuideBookPublishing.com/booklist.php](http://www.GuideBookPublishing.com/booklist.php) and click on our state followed by our city. Then, click on the name of our congregation to download the book.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Any changes to the status of any family in the last two months will not be included. Those changes have been made on our Census Program, but were not in time for publication of the book.



*Rest in Peace*

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO THE FAMILY OF GENEVIEVE LEVERT UPON HER RECENT DEATH. PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.



**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
*Daniel Felipe Osorio & Ariel Alexis Jones*  
**RECENTLY MARRIED.**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

The collection for Catholic Charities will be taken up next weekend. Please place your special envelope in the regular collection.

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

**June 26, 2016**

REGULAR:

180 Identified- - - - - \$5,914.00  
Loose Collection- - - - - 712.00  
TOTAL- - - - - \$6,626.00

Peter's Pence Collection- - - - \$1,023.00

**BUILDING FUND**

April—\$14,589.98

May—\$12,828.25

Loan Balance—\$366,420.52



**A VOCATION VIEW**

“The harvest is rich, but the workers are few. Ask the harvest-master to send workers into the harvest!” Pray for vocations! If God is calling you, call or email Father Matt Dupre at 225.336.8778, [mdupre@diobr.org](mailto:mdupre@diobr.org).

**ROSARYVILLE RETREAT**

**Ponchatoula, LA**

**“Women’s Ignatian Silent Retreat”**

August 4—7, 2016

Theme: Finding God in All Things

This retreat will focus on Ignatian Exercises. You are invited to a weekend of reflection, rediscovery, and refreshment. The Spiritual Exercises are a compilation of meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices developed by St. Ignatius Loyola to help people deepen their relationship with God. The cost is \$280 for a single room and \$250 for a double room.

For further information call Vivien Michals at (504) 944-4000 or [viviemichals@gmail.com](mailto:viviemichals@gmail.com).



**CHARIS MINISTRIES**

**“Christ Is Alive in Our Marriage Retreat”**

**Saturday, August 27, 2016**

**8:30 am—4:00 pm**

**St. George Activity Center**

\$40 per couple (includes lunch and supplies)

Registration Deadline: August 20, 2016

Register at [charisministries.org](http://charisministries.org) or call

Sister Ily at 225.757.6095

This retreat will be led by Becky & Chris Eldredge and is for couples in their first few years of marriage. Take this opportunity to reflect on the meaning of your vocation and how you are being invited to live out your faith. Spend the day hearing talks by other young couples, talking with your spouse and other couples, praying and reflecting as a couple.

**Readings for the Week of July 3, 2016**

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/Gal 6:14-18/  
Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-9/  
Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-10/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-7/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16/  
Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17/  
Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

Next 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

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**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Can we be counted among the laborers? Are we ready and willing to work for the sake of our faith, or are we looking for the easy way out?

Our faith is more than a personal experience. It's more than a routine that fits into our weekly schedule. Our faith is meant to be shared with others, even when that requires a bit of work on our part. In today's Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to "Go on your way," to prepare people for the Lord. And we are called to do the same. We are meant to go on our way-out of our homes, and even out of our churches-to share the good news of the Gospel and to serve those in need.

It can be tempting to think, "I believe, I go to church, isn't that enough?" But Jesus tells us that there is an abundant harvest out there-countless people who may just need to know that Jesus loves them or that someone is willing to help. If we don't step up to the task then those people will miss out on that word of encouragement, that personal invitation to Mass, that act of kindness that might have made all the difference in their life. God may be calling some of us to an even deeper commitment-to be a lay minister in a parish or to discern a religious vocation, for example -but there is no doubt that God is calling all of us to labor for his kingdom in some way.

This mission isn't for someone else. It's for us to carry out the work of the disciples because we are today's disciples. When we accept this mission, we will not only enjoy seeing the benefits that others receive, we will also rejoice with those whose "names are written in heaven."