



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

Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said in reply, "The Christ of God." He rebuked them and directed them not to tell this to anyone. He said, "The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised." - Lk 9:20-22

Dear Parishioners,

As I mentioned last week, we will take a second collection on the weekend of July 2-3 to benefit St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College near Covington. The Abbey suffered major damage as a result of flooding on March 11. Our collection will take place just prior to the Feast of St. Benedict on July 11. A three minute video of the flood and the Abbey's response can be found on their website at <http://www.saintjosephabbey.com/abbey-flood-response>.

This Friday, June 24, is the solemnity of the *Nativity of St. John the Baptist*, our patronal feast day. A patron saint is something like a heavenly godfather or godmother, or an advocate who intercedes for his or her godchildren. Professions have patron saints, as do countries, individuals, and of course parishes. We are blessed to live and practice our faith under the patronage of so great a saint, who was praised by Jesus himself who once said "among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist..." (Matt. 11:11)

Our annual Ministry Appreciation Dinner is next Saturday, June 25, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the parish activity center. The dinner is our way of thanking all of you who contribute to the vitality of our parish through serving in one of our various ministries. Please RSVP to the parish office so we will know how much food to prepare.

Dr. Paul Kalanithi was an Indian American neurosurgeon and writer. He was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer in 2013 just as he was completing his medical residency. Like Father Than Vu, a priest of our Diocese who also died from the disease, Paul had never been a smoker. He died just two years later at the age of 37, but not before writing a memoir on his life and illness entitled "When Breath Becomes Air," published posthumously in January 2016.

Remarkably, Paul and his wife Lucy decided to start a family even after receiving this heart-breaking diagnosis. In weighing the decision, Lucy asked her husband "Will having a newborn distract from the time we have together? Don't you think saying goodbye to your child will make your death more painful?" Paul

answered, "Wouldn't it be great if it did?" He later added, "Lucy and I both felt that life wasn't about avoiding suffering."

Paul ends one of his essays with the following message to his daughter: "When you come to one of the many moments in life when you must give an account of yourself...do not, I pray, discount that you filled a dying man's days with a sated joy, a joy unknown to me in all my prior years, a joy that does not hunger for more and more, but rests, satisfied. In this time, right now, that is an enormous thing."

Those are very beautiful words written by a man who was only able to experience fatherhood for a brief eight months. And yet he captured the sacred and life-changing love which is placed in a parent's heart. Happy Father's Day to all of the fathers in our parish!

In Christ,
Father Matt

You are Invited—

CALLING ALL MINISTERS!!!!

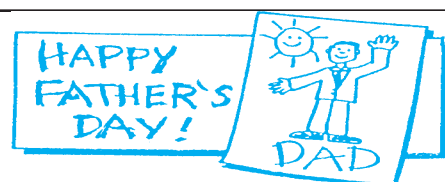
**Mark Your Calendars for
Saturday, June 25th**

**Annual Ministry Appreciation Dinner
After 4:30 pm Mass—Activity Center**

***If you are involved in any ministry (Altar Servers,
Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Catechists,
Choir, R.C.I.A. Money Counters, Bereavement,
K.C.'s, Catholic Daughters, Zippers, Environment)
and any others we may fail to mention:***

**COME & LET US HONOR YOU AT THIS
SPECIAL EVENT.**

**PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO
R.S.V.P. NO LATER THAN MONDAY,
JUNE 20th**



You formed my most inner being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, so wonderfully you made me; wonderful are your works! Psalm 139:13

REGISTER NOW!!!



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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MAY CALENDAR WINNERS

Wanda Cambre, Burton Theriot, Brian Prejean, Harry Bizette, Karen Landry, Christie Markins, Phyllis Martinez, Jake Avrill, Jason Pruitt, Julie Bewick, Ed Reeves, Blake Lawhon, BeneDetto’s Market, Yasmine Barbier, Patty Aucoin, Amanda Voorhies, Devin Lemoine, Howard L. White, Suzie Naquin, Jason Riggs, Phil Daigle, Everett Rabalais, Gerald L. Moore, Barry Maggio, Mary Brown, Cafhy Prejean, Gerard Theriot, Lloyd Bouchereau, Dale Blanchard, Brett St. Germain, Betty P. Landry

Baptisms

The following children were baptized here last weekend: Alana Michelle & Zoey Marie Leonard, daughters of Travis & Joni Courville Leonard and Hayden Bayham, son of Davian & Alesha Bayham. Congratulations and welcome into our faith community!



Rest in Peace

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Mary Claire Meyer and family upon the death of her father, Vernon Mathews. Please keep them in your prayers.

Peter’s Pence (Collection for the Holy Father) will be taken up next weekend. Please place your special envelope in the regular collection.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

June 12, 2016

193 Identified-----\$7,902.00
Loose Collection----- 660.00
TOTAL----- \$8,562.00

Mission Appeal—\$5,866.00



A VOCATION VIEW

“The Lord called me before I was born. Do you pray to know your vocation which was given to you before you were born? Could it be as a priest, sister or brother? If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre’ at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org.



MEN’S EMMAUS RETREAT

Put aside the “hustle and bustle” of daily life and attend the upcoming men’s Emmaus retreat the weekend of July 15-17, 2016. The retreat is held at Rosaryville Spirit Life Center and Retreat House in Ponchatoula Louisiana. This retreat is based on the scripture passage “The Road to Emmaus” (Luke 24:13-35) and is an uplifting experience that has a profound effect on men’s lives. The retreat begins at 5:00 pm Friday and ends after the 5:30 pm Mass on Sunday. If you have any questions or concerns contact Norm Madere at (504) 481-0411 or Rick Valadie (504) 267-4944.

W.B.R. MUSEUM EVENTS

- ⇒ *Huey Long and the Noble Experiment*: Prohibition in Louisiana—Now thru September 4
- ⇒ *Spirited: Prohibition in America*. June 25—August 14
In a tumultuous era spanning 13 years Americans could no longer manufacture, sell, or transport intoxicating beverages. Prohibition was a part of the Constitution, holding the same status as freedom of speech and the abolition of slavery. Ratified in 1919, the 18th Amendment stirred up a passionate and sometimes volatile debate between “wets” and “drys” that will forever cement Prohibition’s place in history.

Readings for the Week of June 19, 2016

Sunday:	Zec 12:10-11; 13:1/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/ Gal 3:26-29/Lk 9:18-24
Monday:	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3-5, 12-13/ Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/ Ps 48:2-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33-37, 40/ Mt 7:15-20
Thursday:	2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1-5, 8-9/Mt 7:21-29
Friday:	Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-6, 15-17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Day:	Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/Acts 13:22-26/ Lk 1:57-66, 80
Saturday:	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1-7, 20-21/ Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/ Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Once when Jesus was praying in solitude, and the disciples were with him..." The first line of today's Gospel presents a strange image. Jesus was both by himself and with others. He was somehow experiencing the solitude of personal prayer, but was also close enough to his followers to engage in conversation with them. Although we don't know exactly what the details were of this situation, it does suggest for us an example of what we might call spiritual "balance." Here we see Jesus taking time to be alone in prayer, but also taking time to engage in spiritual reflection with the other members of his community. He didn't sacrifice one for the other. He found a way to have both.

We are called to do the same. Developing the habit of personal prayer is an essential part of our spiritual lives. Like Jesus, we too need to set aside time and space to pray by ourselves, connecting as individuals with our Father in heaven. Whether it be a few quiet moments in the morning, or time to pray at night, this kind of prayer keeps us connected to God. It enables us to give our own answer the poignant question Jesus poses today, "But who do you say that I am?" Personal prayer alone, however, is not enough to fulfill us spiritually. We are also meant to participate in the larger community of believers, joining together with others in communal prayer and reflection.

This, of course, happens every time we attend Mass as we gather together at church and join in the liturgy. For some, "sacrificing" our Sunday mornings week after week may seem like too much to ask. But this is one way we can carry out the challenging command of Christ to take up our cross and follow him.