



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

• catholic church •

*June 26, 2016*  
*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Vol. 48, No. 26*



**402 S. KIRKLAND (RIVER ROAD) • P.O. BOX 248 BRUSLY, LA 70719**

**OFFICE: 225-749-2189 • FAX: 225-749-1921**  
**WEBSITE: [sjb-brusly.com](http://sjb-brusly.com)**  
**CHRISTIAN FORMATION: 225-749-3387**

### 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 answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." And to another he said, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father." But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." - Lk 9:58-60

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for responding so generously to the Mission Appeal of Fr. Steve Rodrigues on behalf of the Capuchin Franciscans of Goa, India. The collection raised over \$6,000 and Father Steve was very grateful for your prayers and support. He will remain in our Diocese for another two weeks or so before returning home.

I enjoyed my brief trip to San Antonio in order to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Religious Profession of Sister Dianne Heinrich, CDP, who had worked in our Diocese for many years. Father John Carville and Father Donald Blanchard also made the trip, and we were able to enjoy several good meals together while we were there.

Sister Dianne's Congregation of Divine Providence was founded in 1762 in Lorraine, France. The sisters were invited to Texas in 1866 by the Bishop of Galveston so that they might open schools for the growing Catholic population. At that time the Diocese of Galveston covered the entire state of Texas.

Her jubilee Mass was celebrated in the beautiful chapel of Our Lady of the Lake University which was founded in 1895 by the sisters. During the Mass and Renewal of Vows, the sisters and choir sang the *Suscipe*, a song traditionally sung at the profession of religious vows. *Suscipe* is the Latin word for receive. It is often associated with a famous prayer written by St. Ignatius of Loyola in the 16<sup>th</sup> century but its history and use is much older.

Here is the English translation of the Latin text sung by the sisters in San Antonio: "Receive me, O Lord, according to your word, and I shall live; and I will not be disappointed in my expectations." One can see why it is such an appropriate prayer to be sung at the profession of vows and at anniversaries. It is a response in faith to a call from God, and an expression of trust in God's ongoing providence.

Benedictine monks also pray the *Suscipe* at their entrance into a monastic community. For the remainder of their lives they will live in one place and devote themselves to work and prayer. Please remember that

we will take a second collection next weekend, July 2-3, to benefit our local community of Benedictines at St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College as they recover from flood damage. The monks were finally able to move back into the Abbey church for Mass and prayer just last weekend.

This Thursday, June 30, is the deadline to register for Vacation Bible School without incurring a late fee. Also, please note that we will not have our monthly twelve hour adoration this Friday evening and Saturday morning, July 1-2, due to the upcoming Fourth of July holiday. However, we will celebrate our first Saturday morning Mass as usual at 8:00 a.m. on July 2.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

## Thank You!

*"Dear Fr. Matt & Parishioners,*

*Greetings! I write to thank you very much for all your prayers and generous financial support for our Franciscan Capuchin Missionary works in India. God loves a cheerful giver! I thank Fr. Matt Lorrain, your pastor, for his brotherly welcome and the opportunity he gave me to make the mission appeal. I enjoyed my days with you. God bless you with love, joy, peace and good health. You are most welcome to visit Goa, India. God loves you!"*

**Fr. Steve Rodrigues, Capuchin**  
**capsteeve@yahoo.com**



There will be NO All-Night Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, July 1st to Saturday, July 2nd due to the Fourth of July holiday. The next All-Night Eucharistic Adoration will be on Friday, Aug. 5th at 8pm to Saturday, Aug. 6th at 8am

## Be Merciful

*Can you play the piano or any instrument? Can you recite poetry? Give free "concerts" to the forgotten people in nursing homes and assisted living centers.*



**HAVE A HAPPY & SAFE  
FOURTH OF JULY**  
The Parish Office will be closed in honor of this holiday!



# 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.



## GEAR UP FOR VBS

MEETING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

THURSDAY, JULY 7TH

6:30 ACTIVITY CENTER

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### Sunday, July 3

- ⇒ Communion Service for K.C. Members and their families at 7:30 am Mass.
- ⇒ Coffee & donuts will be served in the Activity Center after 7:30 am Mass.

### ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Opie Vidrine & her group for cleaning the church during the month of June. Cleaning for July will be done by Carolyn Bourgeois (776-3325) and her group. Give her a call to offer your help.

### BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Joel & Janice Hebert for chairing the committee during the month of June. Chairperson for July is Ruth Landry (749-3101). Give her a call with any concerns.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW  
 BURNING IN MEMORY OF  
 GERALD CAILLOUET

*PRAYERS & SYMPATHY* are extended to the family of Joseph A. "Buttie" Tullier upon his death. Please keep them in your prayers.

## STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

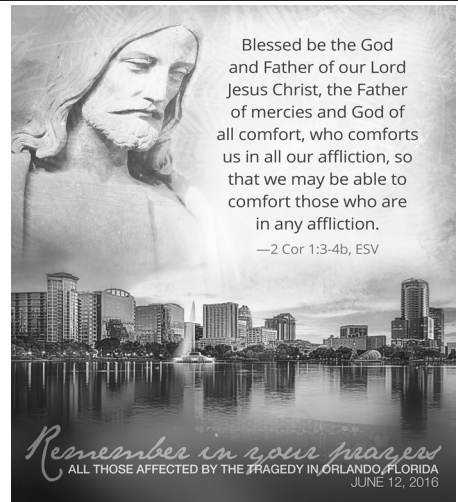
June 19, 2016

REGULAR:

218 Identified- - - - - \$9,495.33  
 Loose Collection- - - - - 859.00  
 TOTAL- - - - - \$10,354.33

## A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus still speaks the invitation "Come, follow Me!" Pray for the strength and the grace of discernment if you feel He is calling you to be an ordained or consecrated person. Call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225-336.8778 or [mdupre@diobr.org](mailto:mdupre@diobr.org).



## Baptisms

The following children were baptized here last week: Evan Joseph Benoit, son of Jace & Jessica Benoit and Bryn Rose Blanchard, daughter of Trey & Latisha Blanchard.

CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!

## REGINA CAELI ACADEMY

A classical, hybrid Resource Center for Homeschoolers taught in the Catholic tradition is opening a center in the Baton Rouge area, occupying classroom space at St. Mark in Gonzales.

Students in grades Preschool—12th will be served at the center. Fully accredited academic and extracurricular classes for homeschoolers will be offered.

Call Erika Ahern, Director of Education at 470.239.0259 or visit [www.rcahybrid.org](http://www.rcahybrid.org) for more information.

Salaried part-time tutors are needed! Send resume and cover letter to Erika Ahern, [eahern@rcahybrid.org](mailto:eahern@rcahybrid.org).

## Readings for the Week of June 26, 2016

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/  
 Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62  
 Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16-23/Mt 8:18-22  
 Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4-8/Mt 8:23-27  
 Wednesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-5/Gal 1:11-20/  
 Jn 21:15-19  
 Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/  
 Mt 16:13-19  
 Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 9:1-8  
 Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/  
 Mt 9:9-13  
 Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9-14/Mt 9:14-17  
 Next 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

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2015-2016**

Donna Badon  
Maria Bertrand  
Jamie Bourg  
Chris Buckle, Chairman  
Deacon Sammy Collura  
Stacy Gauthreaux  
Jules Lefeaux  
Mark Loreno  
Fr. Matt Lorrain  
Jason Murphey  
Andrea Smicker  
Toni Tolar, Vice-Chairman  
John Windham



**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." What have we left behind? What have we traded in to become faithful followers of Christ?

The answer is different for all of us. Some of us can tell the tale of a dramatic conversion story, leaving behind a life of blatantly selfish indulgence or obviously sinful behavior in order to embrace the call of Jesus. Others of us have been Christians since the day of our baptism as infants and have always walked the path of belief, but perhaps can trace certain moments when we embraced a deeper commitment and resolved to abandon particular behaviors, relationships, or worldly priorities that were in conflict with our faith. Whatever the case, Jesus instructs us today not to look to "what was left behind." Instead, we are called to keep our focus on what lies ahead, namely, life in Christ and the ultimate hope of union with him in heaven.

Keeping this focus can be quite a challenge. So often, it's tempting to think that the grass is greener somewhere else. As Christians, we can fall into the trap of imagining that it might feel better to be ... something else. Perhaps, seeing others around us whose lives are not shaped by their faith, we might think they have it easier than we do. Or perhaps we get lost in reminiscence about the way things were in the good old days, and thus get distracted from the mission that stands in front of us today. But thoughts like these are not fit for our new life as disciples of Christ. As St. Paul says in today's epistle, "For freedom Christ set us free." May we embrace the gift of this true freedom and follow Christ without looking back.