



# 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

*When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, "Do not weep." He stepped forward and touched the coffin; at this the bearers halted, and he said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. - Lk 7:13-15*

Dear Parishioners,

Father Steve Rodrigues, O.F.M.Cap., is scheduled to visit our parish next weekend, June 11-12, to make an appeal on behalf of the *Capuchin Franciscan* religious order in his native India. They work with the poor and disadvantaged in numerous villages throughout India providing education, housing, medical care, food, and other basic necessities of life.

Father Rodrigues' visit is coordinated by our Diocesan Propagation of the Faith Office and provides an opportunity for us to support the pastoral ministry and missionary activity of the Church. We will have a second collection at each of our Masses next weekend to benefit the *Capuchin Franciscans* and their important ministry. As always, please make your checks out to *St. John the Baptist Church* so we can count and deposit the collection, and then forward the proceeds to our Propagation of the Faith Office, who will then forward the money to the *Capuchin Franciscans*. Also, please place your Building Fund envelopes for June in the first collection so that the second collection can be dedicated to the mission appeal.

I will be in San Antonio, Texas next weekend along with several other priests attending the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Religious Profession of Sister Dianne Heinrich, CDP, a Sister of Divine Providence. Sister Dianne worked in our Diocese for many years at several parishes as well as in the Chancery and the Office of Vocations before returning to her native Texas. I will be out of the office from Thursday, June 9, through Wednesday, June 15, so please welcome Father Rodrigues in my absence.

Mark your calendars for our annual Ministry Appreciation Dinner to be held on 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. This includes liturgical ministries such as choir, décor, ushers, altar servers, lectors, and Eucharistic ministers; Christian formation catechists and Sacramental preparation leaders; Feast workers; Bereavement Committee volunteers; Homebound and hospital visitation; Zippers; Food Bank; K.C.'s, Catholic Daughters; Altar Society; Cemetery Committee

and any others I may have missed. Please RSVP to the parish office so we will know how much food to order.

Registration continues for this year's Vacation Bible School to be held July 11-15, 2016. Forms are available in the back of church as well as on our parish website, and the deadline to register without incurring a late fee is June 30 so don't delay. VBS is open to children in grades K through 5<sup>th</sup> so sign up your kids for a week of fun, faith-filled activities. We need teachers and aides as well as participants and the forms for adult and youth volunteers are also located on our website. VBS is a joint effort of Holy Family and St. John the Baptist Parishes.

Congratulations to Father Edwin Martin who was ordained last Saturday and will be stationed at St. Thomas More Parish in Baton Rouge. Ordained at the same time was Deacon Ryan Hallford who has one more year of seminary formation before his priestly ordination next year.

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.**

 Psst...

**CAN YOU HELP???????**  
**WE STILL NEED A CATECHIST  
FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH AT  
11:00 AM MASSES ON SUNDAYS.  
CALL KAREN at 749-3387 TO  
VOLUNTEER**



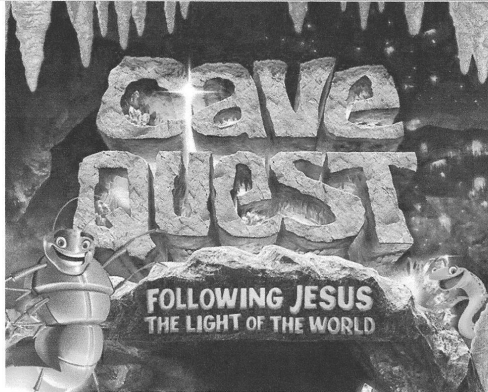
St. John the Baptist Youth Group  
 Will host a Garage Sale on Saturday,  
 June 11th in the Parish Activity Center  
 6:00 am—11:30 am  
 All proceeds from the Garage Sale will  
 go to help fund the Youth Group.  
 Please come and support our youth.  
 Hope to see you there!



### A VOCATION VIEW

If you feel you are being called to the priesthood or religious life, take courage, the Lord is with you! If you feel God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org. or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

### 2016 VBS REGISTRATION



St. John the Baptist/Holy Family VBS - July 11—15 2016

"Cave Quest—Following Jesus The Light Of The World"

Registration and Volunteer Forms available at the Back of Church,  
 in the Church Office, the Christian Formation Office and on-line at

<http://www.sjb-brusly.com/> on the home page.

#### REGISTRATION DEADLINE

JUNE 30, 2016

REGISTRATION FEE \$20 (FAMILY MAX \$60) GRADES K-5

LATE REGISTRATION WILL INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL

\$5 FEE PER FAMILY

for additional information contact

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### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S INFERTILITY SUPPORT GROUP

You're Not Alone—Are you and your spouse currently experiencing the pain of infertility or the inability to maintain a pregnancy? There is support available! Come join us for a Catholic Women's Infertility Support Group, now being offered on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, 7pm—8pm at St. George Catholic Church, 7808 St. George Dr., B.R. For more information, contact Julie at [stellajuliedot@gmail.com](mailto:stellajuliedot@gmail.com).

### BUILDING FUND/MISSION COLLECTION

For collections next week, please place your Building Fund envelopes in the regular collection. The Mission Appeal Collection will be taken up as a second collection.

# THANKS!

The Social Responsibility Committee would like to thank its members, the Catholic Daughters, and the RCIA group for helping with the First Communion, Confirmation, & RCIA receptions and the Graduating Seniors' Dinner. A BIG SHOUT OUT to Mr. "Happy" Earl Millard—thanks for all your help Earl!

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

In his recently published Apostolic Exhortation on Love and Family Life entitled "The Joy of Love", Pope Francis says: "Few human joys are as deep and thrilling as those experienced by two people who love one another and have achieved something as a result of great, shared effort."

That "great, shared effort" is what you can experience on a Marriage Encounter Weekend which will introduce you to concepts and practices that can help you experience a joy that is "deep and thrilling" in your marriage.

The next Marriage Encounter Weekends are scheduled for July 22-24 and October 14-15 at the Bishop Robert E. Tracy Center in Baton. These Weekends provide an enjoyable and romantic get-away that can transform your marital relationship.

To register or for more info go to: [LAMS-wwme.org](http://LAMS-wwme.org) or contact Jack and Angel LaBate at [jackandangel@bellsouth.net](mailto:jackandangel@bellsouth.net) or at (470) 297-8560.

### Readings for the Week of June 5, 2016

Sunday:	1 Kgs 17:17-24/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/ Gal 1:11-19/ Lk7:11-17
Monday:	1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121:1-8/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-5, 7-8/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1-5, 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10-13/Mt 5:20-26
Friday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-9, 13-14/ Mt 5:27-32
Saturday:	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1-6/ Mt 5:33-37
Next Sunday:	2 Sm 12:7-10, 13/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11/ Gal 2:16, 19-21/Lk 7:36-8:3 or 7:36 7:36-50

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
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**10th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her." A survey of the Gospels reveals many ways in which Jesus upheld the dignity of women. In a culture where women were considered second-class citizens, Jesus was never afraid to encounter women, to affirm them, and to welcome them among his followers. He regularly broke rules about interaction with women and understood the value of women's religious testimony. In today's Gospel we see another aspect of Jesus' respect for women.

Here we see that his heart was stirred by the situation of this grieving mother. The man who had died was "the only son of his mother, and she was a widow." In other words, this woman had just been stripped of her primary focus in life. Also, in this culture, a woman was protected by her father, her husband, or her son. Absent one of those men in her life, she was in an incredibly vulnerable position. This, along with the grief of losing her child, struck the Lord with pity. "Do not weep," he told her, clearly moved by her sorrow. And then, he did the impossible and restored the dead man to life. But he did more than this. After "the dead man sat up ... Jesus gave him to his mother." In other words, Jesus made a point to restore and affirm this woman's vocation as a mother.

In our culture, women have earned a much more respectable status and are no longer dependent upon men. But, at times, the noble and irreplaceable role of mother is still undervalued in society. Too often, women who devote themselves to this vocation are dismissed as unimportant. Christ himself reveals, through his ministry to this mother, that her role is vital. May we also find ways to affirm and serve the mothers in our midst.