



*June 9, 2013
Tenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
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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

Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain Pastor
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Julie Ginther Cilano Christian Formation
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin Parish Secretary
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 at weekend Masses. Parents should call the office early to enroll in our baptismal preparation program. Parents should be registered and actively practicing the 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,

Writing in the St. Joseph Cathedral Parish bulletin, pastor Father Paul Counce recently shared his summer reading list with his parishioners. Since I also enjoy reading and since there was not an urgent topic to write about this week, I thought I would do the same.

I read a good bit online these days and I also subscribe to several magazines and occasionally download books on my Kindle, but my preferred manner of reading remains the print version of novels and non-fiction works. I usually wait for the paperback edition but will sometimes splurge and purchase the hardback soon after it is released.

In the religious category, I am currently reading "Rebuilt" by Father Michael White and Tom Corcoran. Subtitled "The Story of a Catholic Parish," it is a book on Pastoral Ministry and Church Leadership which tells the story of how the authors revitalized the Church of the Nativity in Timonium, Maryland. Our Christian Formation Director Julie Cilano is also reading "Rebuilt" and it may make good reading for our parish staff and Parish Council members.

Next on my list in this same category is the small book "Strange Gods," subtitled "Unmasking the Idols in Everyday Life," by Elizabeth Scalia. Scalia writes a blog entitled "The anchoress" and serves as the editor of the Catholic Portal at the *Patheos* website. This particular book falls under the heading of spirituality and takes its name from the first commandment — "*I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange gods before me.*" The sin of idolatry disguises itself in many forms so I look forward to reflecting on Scalia's insights.

I also enjoy reading history and just started "An Army at Dawn" by Rick Atkinson. It is the first of a three volume work on the liberation of Europe and looks at the war in North Africa from 1942-1943. The final volume of this trilogy was just released in hard cover but I decided to start with the first volume since it is available in paperback and was also awarded the Pulitzer Prize for History in 2003. I am only 112 pages into it but am very impressed so far.

Historical fiction can also be fun to read and I recently finished "1356" by Bernard Cornwell. Next on my list in this genre is "The Son" by Philipp Meyer. It is described by one reviewer as a "brilliant chronicle of Texas from 1849 to the present day," and covers six generations of the fictional McCullough family. I enjoyed "Lonesome Dove" and the novels which followed by Larry McMurtry so I look forward to reading this one.

Of course summer reading should also provide a diversion from everyday concerns and nothing beats a good thriller. In this category I enjoy books by John Sandford, David Baldacci, Robert Crais, and Karin Slaughter. Hopefully you have your own favorite authors for broadening the mind and relaxing the spirit.

Please remember that we will take up a second collection next weekend, June 15-16, for the people who lost their homes during the recent tornadoes in Oklahoma. Also, don't forget to RSVP for our Ministry Appreciation Dinner scheduled for Saturday, June 29, at 5:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. The dinner is open to any parishioner who participates in a ministry or organization here at St. John the Baptist, and the deadline is June 15.

In Christ,
Father Matt

REAL WORLD SERVICE IMMERSION CAMP

A 5-day experience of learning and living the principles of Catholic Social Teaching
July 23-27

Cost: \$80
Open to current 9th-12th graders

Housing Location:
St. Isidore, Baker LA
Contact: Julie Cilano
225-749-3387
Register by May 16!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 8—12 (9am—12pm)

Grades K—5th

Registrations Open Now

Cost is \$25/child

Contact the Christian
Formation Office (749-3387)

**ATTENTION!
ALL MINISTERS
& VOLUNTEERS**



Join us for an
Evening of Fun

Are you a volunteer?? Do you belong to any church organizations?? Are you involved in any ministries???

Thanks for generously giving your time! Now, come and let us honor you at our annual **Ministry Appreciation Dinner** which is set for **Saturday, June 29th** in the Activity Center immediately following 4:30 pm Mass.

Please give us a call (749-2189) by **June 15th** to let us know if you will be there. **WE HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND!!!**

FAMILY CHOICES:

**Facing the Challenges in Dementia Care
Presented by the Diocese of Baton Rouge
Saturday, August 24th (9:30 am—3:30 pm)
Registration begins at 8:45 am
Catholic Life Center
1800 S. Acadian Thruway, Baton Rouge, LA**

**Featuring Keynote speakers:
Dr. Christopher Johnson & Dr. Susan Nelson**

*Cost: \$10/Walk-ins \$15
Lunch Provided*

**Register online at www.brfamilychoices.org or
Call the Office of Marriage & Family Life at
(225) 242-0323**

**A panel of experts will be available to address
your specific questions and concerns.**



**A Special Collection will be taken up for
the Victims of the Oklahoma Tornado on
the weekend of June 15 & 16. Please be
generous. Please make checks out to
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.**

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

June 2, 2013

Regular:

283 Identified- - - - - \$13,835.50
Loose Collection- - - - - 432.95
TOTAL- - - - - \$14,268.45

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 225.3368778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

RCIA STUDY DAY

Fr. Thomas C. Ranzino will take you into a deeper experience and understanding of: *“Essential Tools for a Healthy RCIA Process.”* Fr. Paul D. Counce will give insight to: *“Working through the Thorny Marriage & Annulment Issues.”*

Saturday, June 22, 2013 (9:00 am—1:00 pm)

8:30 Registration/Check-In

St. George Church—Kleinpeter Center
7808 St. George Dr., Baton Rouge, LA
(Exit I-10@Siegen Lane)

Light breakfast, hearty snacks, and beverages will be provided.

Registration Fee: \$25.00

Registration Deadline June 14, 2013

Please Mail and Make checks payable to:

Diocese of Baton Rouge

Office of Evangelization & Catechesis

P.O. Box 2028

Baton Rouge, LA 70821

For more information contact:

Michele Hall (225) 336-8760, Ext. 140

LIVING FAITH BOOKLETS

**FOR JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER ARE
AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

SMALL PRINT—\$1.00

LARGE PRINT—\$2.00



Readings for the Week of June 9, 2013

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:17-24/Gal 1:11-19/
Lk 7:11-17
Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15--4:1, 3-6/Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Mt 5:33-37
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 12:7-10, 13/Gal 2:16, 19-21/
Lk 7:36--8:3 or 7:36-50

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10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the very difficult economic times of the last few years, many families found themselves relying on resources that they had never had to utilize in the past. Some households used their retirement savings or tried to sell their homes after a job loss. Others found themselves grateful for unemployment compensation even if it didn't pay all their bills. Some adult children found it necessary to move back in with their parents, while some families found help from a local food pantry or meal program-maybe one to which in better times they actually made donations.

In Sunday's Gospel, the widow from Nain has lost her only son. In the time of Jesus, this was not only a personal loss filled with grief, but also a devastating economic event. There was no one on whom she could rely for support. With her husband gone and now her only son dead, the woman had nothing. She was in the very worst of straits. That is, until Jesus came along. Suddenly, the widow had renewed hope, as her son was raised up and restored to her. Her life could go on.

The plight of our neighbors in need today is not so different from that of the widow of Nain. While we might want to have Jesus walk into town and give them their house or their job back, we know that isn't going to happen. But that doesn't mean that something can't happen. Indeed, something should! As the followers of Christ today, we are his presence in this world. When there are people suffering, we are the ones called upon to reach out and help. There might be one or the other among us who actually can offer someone a job, but most of us will help in other ways. It can be as simple as buying one extra item every time we go grocery shopping to donate to the local food pantry. We can all help!