



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 Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

-Jn 8:10-11

Dear Parishioners,

This is the last full week before Holy Week, so please make plans to come to confession in preparation for Easter if you have not already done so. I am available this Wednesday, March 16, from 5:30 – 5:50 p.m. just prior to the 6:00 p.m. Mass, and then immediately following Mass from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. This is the last week for our Wednesday evening Mass, Stations of the Cross, and Confessions during Lent. I am also available from 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. next Saturday afternoon.

Our schedule for Holy Week is as follows: The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening is at 7:00 p.m. The Mass will be followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for about one hour. On Good Friday, the Way of the Cross will be led by Deacon Sammy at 12:00 noon, and then the Celebration of the Lord's Passion will begin at 3:00 p.m. (Remember that Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.) On Holy Saturday the Easter Vigil will begin after nightfall at 8:00 p.m. as required by the Church. The Vigil begins in the front of the church with the blessing of the Easter fire and the lighting of our new paschal candle. Our Masses on Easter Sunday will be at the regular times of 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday is next weekend so we will be cleaning and trimming palm branches this Thursday morning, March 17, at 8:30 a.m. under the rectory carport. Volunteer help is always appreciated, as are donations of sago palm branches if you have some in your yard. Many hands make a tedious job quick and easy, but you might want to bring a pair of gloves to protect against the thorns. You are also invited to bring your Rice Bowl monies to Mass on Palm Sunday weekend if you participated in that particular Lenten program.

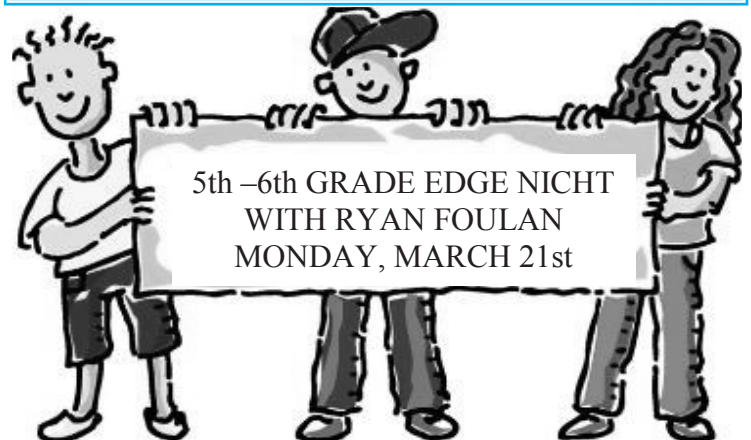
Every year, the American Cancer Society sponsors its "Relay for Life" in communities all over the country to support cancer survivors, caregivers, and ongoing research. The West Baton Rouge Relay will be held Friday, April 8, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at Brusly High School. To help promote the event, we are hosting the annual Relay for Life *Prayer Breakfast* next Saturday, March 19, at 8:30 a.m. in our Activity Center. For more information or to register, please call Elaine Pearce at 413-7102 or email deauxlady1947@yahoo.com. It's always a very nice event.

The Gospel for this Fifth Sunday of Lent, Cycle C, is the *Woman Caught in Adultery* (John 8:1-11). The aim of Jesus here and throughout the Gospels is to condemn sin but save the sinner, and so he answers the scribes and Pharisees by saying: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

St. Augustine wrote: "The Lord, in his response, neither failed to respect the law nor departed from his meekness." Augustine added that Jesus obliged the accusers to look into themselves to see whether they too were sinners. Thus, "pierced through as if by a dart as big as a beam, one after another, they all withdrew." When they had all left, Jesus remained alone with the woman, and Augustine famously concluded: "relictis sunt duo, misera et misericordia." "And two were left... the wretched one, and mercy."

In Christ,
Father Matt

CHRISTIAN FORMATION UPDATE



NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES
MONDAY, MARCH 28TH OR TUESDAY, MARCH 29TH DUE TO EASTER HOLIDAYS.

LAST CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES WILL BE ON MONDAY, APRIL 4TH AND TUESDAY, APRIL 5TH.

THANKS TO ALL OF OUR DEDICATED CATECHISTS WHO MADE THIS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR OUR YOUTH HERE AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.



We will be cutting & cleaning palms on Thursday, March 17 after 8:00 am Mass. Please bring your gloves & shears and join us. WE NEED YOU!



- ◆ **Holy Thursday Services**—March 24—7:00 pm
- ◆ **Good Friday**—March 25
 - Way of the Cross—12:00 noon
 - Veneration of the Cross—3:00 pm
- ◆ **Easter Vigil**—Saturday, March 26—8:00 pm
- ◆ **Easter Sunday**—7:30 am, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Wednesday, March 16th

Officers' Meeting—6:00 pm

Regular Meeting—7:15 pm

Saturday, March 19th

Pro-Life Rosary—4:00 pm in church

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to the K.C.'s and Christian Formation 7th Graders for the recent donations!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 pm after Mass and the Way of the Cross. No dinner will be served this night. Please try to attend and make your voice heard. **GOD BLESS!!**

PASSING ON OUR HISTORY

When our parish celebrated 180 years, a skit was performed by several people of our community. **Madison Mabile, 13-year old daughter of Jason & Jill Mabile, and granddaughter of Gerald & Lillie Mabile recited The Our Father in French!**

Madison attends St. Jude Catholic School in Baton Rouge and when called upon to present a Social Studies Project, she chose our celebration as her subject. Using pictures of the skit, of our church renovations, her parents' wedding day and other artifacts discovered in the diggings, she compiled a very impressive project. When presented at her school she received 1st Place, then at Regional she received another 1st Place and at State a 5th Place.

CONGRATULATIONS MADISON! We are so proud of your accomplishments, your faith, and our heritage.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

March 6, 2016

REGULAR:

278 Identified- - - - - \$15,550.50

Loose Collection- - - - - 552.45

TOTAL- - - - - \$16,102.95

Catholic Relief Services—\$865.00

Flower Collection—\$2,010.00

Pray for Vocations



A VOCATION VIEW

“Christ Jesus has made me His own.” Are you called to belong to Christ alone as a priest, deacon or through the consecrated life? Call or email Fr. Matt Dupre’ at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

Important - Please Note!

PARISH GUIDE BOOK UPDATE

Does our church database have YOUR family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Do you want your cell number listed? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Do you want your record published? If you have not already informed the Office about changes to your record, please let us know now. The Office number is 749-2189. **DEADLINE: MARCH 18TH.**



March 17th



March 19th

Be Merciful!

Instead of losing patience with someone, try to hear their fear. Ask God for what Solomon asked for: “an understanding heart.”

Pray a novena for the good of someone you dislike.

Readings for the Week of March 13, 2016

- Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 3:8-14/
Jn 8:1-11
- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-
or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:12-20
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/
Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16,
18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-
23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14--23:56

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5th Sunday of Lent

"Then Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.'" To the woman caught in adultery, Jesus was literally a savior. She was about to suffer the death penalty, according to the law of Moses, but the Lord preserved her life. He did not pretend she was innocent or excuse her behavior. His protection was not the result of anything the woman did or said to earn his favor. Rather, his freely bestowed mercy became an opportunity for her conversion. He saved her and set her free--not only from the self-righteous scribes and Pharisees--but from her own destructive behavior. The woman's physical life was spared, and if she chose to follow Jesus' instruction to abandon sin, her spiritual life was also saved as a result of this dramatic encounter.

We also have access to this freedom. When he died on the cross for us, Jesus became our savior too. Instead of condemning us, he set us free from the power of sin. But like the woman in the Gospel, we have a choice to make. Jesus' sacrifice is sufficient to remove the "death penalty" for us, but we are the ones who decide whether or not we will "sin anymore." We decide whether we will be slaves to selfishness, lust, and envy or whether we will pursue a life of generosity, self-control, and peace. Jesus does everything he can for us, short of taking our will captive. We, finally, have to decide: will I follow the path of Jesus, who has saved me, by resolving to sin no more? Or will I depart from my savior, and return to the same old self-destructive patterns?

The holy season of Lent is made to assist us in our decision to repent and to change for the better. There is no better time than now to sincerely resolve to begin anew.