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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 Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.—Jn 20:6-8

Dear Parishioners,

In his homily for the Easter Vigil in 2008, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said: “Gregory of Tours (fourth century) recounts a practice that in some places was preserved for a long time, of lighting the new fire for the celebration of the Easter Vigil directly from the sun, using a crystal. Light and fire, so to speak, were received anew from heaven, so that all the lights and fires of the year could be kindled from them.”

He continued: “This is a symbol of what we are celebrating in the Easter Vigil. Through his radical love for us, in which the heart of God and the heart of man touched, Jesus Christ truly took light from heaven and brought it to the earth—the light of truth and the fire of love that transform man’s being...When we are baptized, the fire of this light is brought down deep within ourselves.”

“In our baptismal promises, we rekindle this light, so to speak, year by year...The Lord has granted us the light of truth. This light is also fire, a powerful force coming from God, a force that does not destroy but seeks to transform our hearts so that we truly become men of God and so that his peace can become active in this world.”

I wish to thank everyone who contributed to our beautiful liturgies during Holy Week whether by cleaning the palms, decorating the church, washing the linens, singing in the choir, serving at Mass, or sponsoring an RCIA candidate, now a new Catholic. The dying and rising of Christ was on full display as we celebrated the deepest mysteries of our faith. His death and resurrection are also present in the lives of all believers who have been baptized into this sacred mystery.

I will be on vacation from March 28 – April 8 so please watch over the parish while I am away. I am traveling to Madrid to visit my nephew who has been teaching there for the last two years. Father Paul Counce will join me for the trip so that we can do some sightseeing on the days my nephew has to work.

Father Jon Koehler will celebrate the 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass and the 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Masses next weekend, April 2-3. The 11:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday

will be celebrated by Father John Carville. Both priests are retired and generously help out in various church parishes around the Diocese whenever priests take vacation or become ill, so please welcome them to St. John.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer the 8:00 a.m. weekday Mass the two weeks that I am away. We will have a Communion Service in place of the Mass on Tuesday through Friday each week, and you also have the option of attending a Mass in Baton Rouge or at one of our neighboring parishes. Be sure to offer a prayer for vocations in either case so that we can help ensure future priests for our Church.

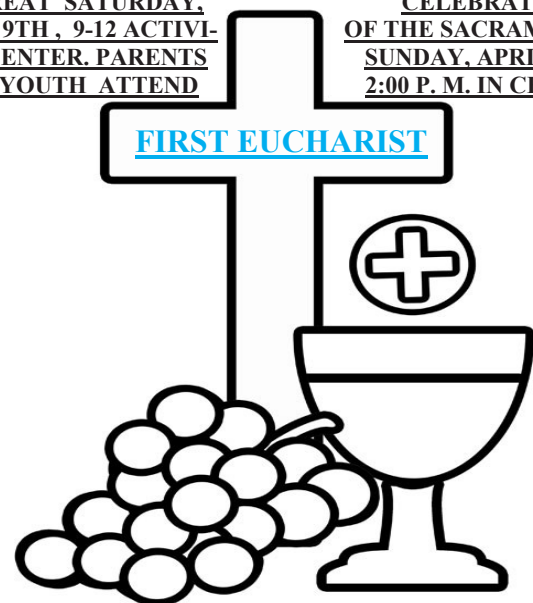
Our second graders celebrate their First Eucharist on the Sunday after I return, April 10, 2016, at a special 2:00 p.m. Mass. Please say a prayer for them as they approach this special day.

In Christ,
Father Matt

CHRISTIAN FORMATION UPDATE

RETREAT SATURDAY,
APRIL 9TH, 9-12 ACTIVI-
TY CENTER. PARENTS
AND YOUTH ATTEND

CELEBRATION
OF THE SACRAMENT ON
SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH
2:00 P. M. IN CHRUCH



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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Plans are being made for classes to prepare any adults who for some reason are not yet confirmed. The actual Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2016.

Anyone wishing to be Confirmed must attend the classes which will be held here on Thursdays, April 21 & 28 and May 5 & 12, 2016. Please call the Parish Office to register.

*Pray for
Vocations*



A VOCATION VIEW

The Lord is risen it is true! Through our baptism, He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters. If God is calling you to minister in His church as a priest or religious, call or email Fr. Mat t Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit www.diob.org/vocations.

Be Merciful!

Make a gratitude journal for your spouse and jot down little things he or she does that you're grateful for. Bite your tongue and go write in it (or at least read it) the next time you want to criticize in a moment of frustration.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Maria Bertrand and her group for cleaning the church during the month of March. Cleaning for April will be Karen Cordell (749-3458). Please give her a call to lend a hand.

WE STILL NEED A LEADER FOR THE MONTH OF MAY. PLEASE CALL IF YOU CAN HELP.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, April 3

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

⇒ February Calendar Winners:

Shelli Lagrange, Craig Sarradet, Marty Michel, Robert Broussard, Donnie Fourroux, Mary Zimmerman, Bruce Capone, Beryl Burrus, Earl Millard, Marceline Naquin, Dolores Pruitt, Gene Bertrand, Yvonne Terrance, Barry Maggio, Lisa Brown, Angelle Soniat, Keith Morris, Tommy Bickham, Lydia Richard, David Deculus, Tim & Jennifer Piendel, Linda Levert, Jaci Solario, Doug Landry, Linda Hebert, Nelson Theriot, Sheri Domingue, Laurie Blanchard, Ryan Theriot

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Ella Dean & Scrap Thibodeaux for chairing the committee during the month of March. Chaircouple for April will be Gerald & Sandra Fitzgerald (749-3294). Please give them a call with any concerns.



**WISHING ALL OF YOU A
VERY BLESSED AND
HAPPY EASTER AND
SPRINGTIME!**

*Fr. Matt, Deacon Sammy, and
Staff of St. John the Baptist*

SUMMER AT CHS

Catholic High School will offer courses in Academics, Arts and Athletics again this year. Summer course will run from June 6—July 22, 2016.

Activities are offered for students as young as five-years old. Course times and exact dates can be found in the 2016 Summer at CHS brochure which can be viewed on the CHS Website:

www.catholichigh.org/summeratchs.

Please contact Mrs. Tracy Ducote by email at summeratchs@catholichigh.org with any questions.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Christ is now raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has power over Him." Alleluia! (Rom 6:9)

Our Risen and Glorified Lord is present in our church.
Come adore Him!!

All night Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, April 1st at 8pm thru Saturday, April 2nd at 8am.

Signup sheets are in the foyer of Church.

For more info call Julie@749-8260 or Mary@324-5289.
All Church doors are locked at 10pm!! Adorers please knock at the side door to enter!

Readings for the Week of March 27, 2016

- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/
Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or
Lk 24:13-35
- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/
Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/
Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5-9/Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27/Jn 21:1
Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-21/
Mk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

"But Peter got up and ran to the tomb." Peter was unique in this response to the news of Jesus' resurrection. The other apostles disregarded the reports from the women who had seen the empty tomb and heard the angels because "their story seemed like nonsense and they did not believe them." But Peter took action. He got up and ran to see the evidence and "went home amazed at what had happened."

On this Easter day, we have a choice to make. We too have heard a remarkable report. We have been told that two thousand years ago, a man named Jesus defeated death and rose from the grave. To many people in today's world, this sounds like nonsense, just like it did when it first happened. Some would like to dismiss the story entirely as a myth at best, or an outright lie at worst. Others try to spiritualize the miracle, suggesting that the Resurrection narrative is a story that is meant to symbolize the power of God, but whether or not Jesus actually rose from the dead is irrelevant. Finally, there are those who simply believe--those who, with Peter, make an act of faith and choose to take the Gospel literally.

This of course is the Christian way. It was not the Crucifixion that brought confidence to the early followers of Christ; it was the Resurrection. This momentous event has always made all the difference! We will only water down our faith if we reduce Easter to anything other than a true miracle. But to accept it as such will bolster our faith. As St. Paul wrote in the Epistle to the Romans, "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life." This Easter, may we experience the great joy of new life in the risen Christ.