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# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

• catholic church •



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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

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I." - Jn 14:27-28

Dear Parishioners,

Our Life and Justice Committee is sponsoring a baby item collection to benefit the pregnancy centers of the greater Baton Rouge area. The drive will start this weekend and run for two weeks, ending just after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on May 15. This is a simple yet tangible way of showing our support for single mothers and their babies. All donations are appreciated.

I remind you that most dioceses in the United States, including all of those in Louisiana, have transferred the observance of the *Feast of the Ascension of the Lord* from this Thursday to next Sunday. The prayers and readings for the Ascension replace those of the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. This was done for pastoral reasons in the hope that more Catholics would be able to celebrate this wonderful dimension of the Easter mystery.

Each month the Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus invite us to join them in prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Their monthly 12 hour period of adoration begins at 8:00 p.m. this Friday, May 6, and ends with 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, March 7. All are invited to sign-up for an hour of prayer and adoration during the night or early morning. You are free to sit or kneel in silent prayer, or pray the rosary, or engage in spiritual reading and meditation while in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

As mentioned in last week's bulletin, we will honor our Blessed Mother with a traditional May crowning ceremony next Sunday, May 8, at the conclusion of the 9:00 Mass. We will walk in procession to our Lourdes Grotto and then ask one of our second graders to place the crown on Mary. We will then offer prayers and hymns to our Blessed Mother as an expression of our love and devotion. This date was chosen to coincide with Mother's Day since Mary is the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of the Church. In honoring her we honor all of the mothers of our community on this special day.

The 2016 NFL Draft is now in the books and Saints fans hope and pray that we were able to add some quality athletes to our roster. The Saints finished with a disappointing record of 7 wins and 9 losses last year

and so improvements are needed. They seem to have a good coaching staff and a core group of solid players, so I am hopeful that they will do better in 2016.

On a related note, Saints owners Tom and Gayle Benson have two horses entered in next Saturday's Kentucky Derby. *Tom's Ready* is ranked #16 and *Mo Tom* is ranked #20 in the twenty horse field. I am happy to learn that both horses will be ridden by Louisiana jockeys: Brian Hernandez aboard *Tom's Ready* and Corey Lanerie aboard *Mo Tom*.

The Bensons' stable, GMB Racing, was founded just two years ago and named for Gayle Marie Benson. Gayle Benson designed the stable's racing silks using light blue, gold, and white colors in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I don't know if the Blessed Mother has an interest in horse racing but if so she could be a powerful intercessor for our home team.

In Christ,  
Father Matt



### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

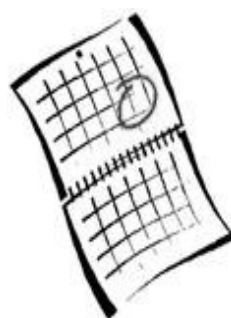
We need another Catechist for Children's Church at 11:00 am Sunday Masses.

Please contact Karen Lemoine at 749-3387 if you are willing to help.

## Be Merciful!

Take a few minutes during the week to stop at a church and sit before the Tabernacle, simply to be with Christ, the Merciful. If you cannot do that, meditate upon the Crucifix.

## Mark Your Calendar!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
JULY 11th thru JULY 15th  
9:00 am—Noon

MINISTRY APPRECIATION  
DINNER

Saturday, June 25, 2016  
After 4:30 pm Mass



**BAPTISMAL SEMINAR**  
 Wednesday, May 11, 2016  
 6:00 pm  
 Room #5—Christian Formation Bldg.  
 Mandatory for parents of the  
 children being baptized.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

The following children were baptized here last week-end: Evie Kate Normand, daughter of Mark & Leslie Normand; Cale Henry Couvillon, son of Garrett & Kaylin Couvillon; Audrey Beth Walker, daughter of Jared & Casey Walker.

WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW  
 BURNING IN MEMORY OF  
 TOM JOFFRION**

**Organizations**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Sunday, May 1**

- ⇒ Communion Service for K.C. Members & 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 Karen Cordell & her group for cleaning the church during the month of April. Cleaning for May will be done by Mary Delapasse (610-6531). Please give her a call to offer your help.

**BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Thanks to Sandra & Gerald Fitzgerald for chairing the committee during the month of April. Chaircouple for May will be Beverly and Harold Babin (749-2027). Please give them a call with any concerns.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

*“Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening.”*  
*(1 Samuel 3:10)*

**Do we hear Our Lord calling to us? He speaks to us in the silence.**

**Come Listen to Him!**

All night Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, May 6th at 8pm thru Saturday, May 7th at 8am.

Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of Church.  
 For more info, contact Julie@749-8260 or Mary@ 24-5289.



**A VOCATION VIEW**

Those who love me will be true to my word. My Father will love them and will come to them. How will I respond to that one love? Am I being called to priesthood or religious life? If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, [mdupre@diobr.org](mailto:mdupre@diobr.org), or visit, [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).

**YOUNG ADULT HONDURAS MISSION TRIP**

**June 9—20, 2016**

This trip is for young adults, ages 18 and older. It is sponsored by a Catholic non-profit organization, Missioners of Christ and is open to young adults around the Diocese of Baton Rouge. The group works in partnership with lay long-term American and Honduran missionaries, the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, the Missionaries of Charity, the Poor Clares, and the Diocese of Comayagua, Honduras. The main focus of the mission is working in the impoverished mountain villages outside of Comayagua to bring Christ's message of hope and dignity to those most in need. Several preparatory sessions with the group are required before attending the mission. For more information, please contact Steven Brooksher (225) 773-0374 or email [stevenbrooksher@gmail.com](mailto:stevenbrooksher@gmail.com) or Shannon Baldrige at (225) 921-9074 or [Shannon.m.baldrige@gmail.com](mailto:Shannon.m.baldrige@gmail.com).



**SENIOR SPIRIT BUS TRIP**

**Wednesday, May 18, 2016**

**8:00 am—8:00 pm**

**GET ON THE BUS!**

Be sure to call the Parish Office (749-2189) for more info and/or if you are interested in making this trip to Jeff Davis Parish! Lots of interesting sites to explore—good food—good company.

**\$75/person.**

**Readings for the Week of May 1, 2016**

- Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/  
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29
- Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1-6, 9/  
Jn 15:26—16:4a
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-5/Jn 14:6-14
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/  
Jn16:12-15
- Thursday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/  
Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 or  
Eph 1:17-23/Lk 24:46-53
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-7/Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10/Jn 16:23b-28
- Next Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9/Rv 22:12-14,  
16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

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"Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." Can we hear Jesus saying these words to us? It's often easier for us to imagine the apostles hearing this consoling command and following it, than to think of it really applying to us. After all, Jesus was standing right there with them. Can he really expect US, two thousand years later, not to be troubled by the cares of life? But the fact is that the gift Jesus was giving to his disciples, he has also given to us: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name."

Jesus told them that peace would be theirs, and it can also be ours. Peace is, in fact, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, along with love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity. These fruits don't come from us. They aren't just for people with certain cheery personalities. These fruits come from God straight into our souls through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. Through our baptism and confirmation, Jesus gives us the gift of his Spirit. And then his peace, and so many other gifts can truly become ours if we open our hearts to them.

This is a reality that we can contemplate whenever worry or anxiety strike. Whatever may be disturbing our inner peace--whether it be a family feud, some kind of physical suffering, or a difficult decision to make at work or school--we can take comfort in knowing that we can find peace even in the midst of the problem. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you," Jesus says. But he continues, "Not as the world gives do I give it to you." In other words, God doesn't promise to take away the struggle in an instant. But he does promise to give us his peace even in the midst of life's trials and tribulations.