



# 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

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you . "And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." - Jn 20:21-23

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost and the beginning of the Church. The "Catholic Bible Dictionary," Scott Hahn, editor, offers the following description:

"The Christian feast of Pentecost is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter. According to Acts, on the day of Pentecost the apostles were gathered in one house in Jerusalem when the Holy Spirit descended upon them, sounding like a mighty wind and appearing as tongues of fire upon each of them. The apostles then miraculously spoke in foreign languages, went forth preaching the gospel without fear or hesitation, and Peter delivered a sermon that resulted in the conversion and baptism of some three thousand people (Acts 2:1-47). Pentecost is thus remembered as the founding of the Church as the bearer of God's Spirit to the world."

The Holy Spirit creates, unites, and empowers. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* contains this quote from St. Cyril of Alexandria: "All of us who have received one and the same Spirit, that is, the Holy Spirit, are in a sense blended together with one another and with God. For if Christ, together with the Father's and his own Spirit, comes to dwell in each of us, though we are many, still the Spirit is one and undivided. He binds together the spirits of each and every one of us,...and makes all appear as one in him."

In the second reading for today's Mass, from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians chapter 12, St. Paul describes the community of believers as one body made up of many parts. And in describing the work of the Holy Spirit, St. Paul writes: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."

Spiritual gifts are given to individual members so that we might serve one another and contribute to the Church's mission. The various ways we share our gifts constitute different forms of ministry. We speak of youth ministry, liturgical ministry, catechetical

ministry, prison ministry, and social responsibility ministry to name just a few. So this is a very appropriate time of year to volunteer or recommit oneself to serving Christ and the Church.

This Thursday is the last day of school in West Baton Rouge Parish so I congratulate all of our students and teachers on the completion of another successful year. Beginnings and endings are sacred moments which help us to pause and give thanks for the past and future. We do our best to forget the painful or unpleasant moments and hold on to the beautiful and grace-filled moments. I pray that everyone will have a restful and enjoyable summer vacation.

Vacation Bible School is July 11-15 this year so be sure to mark your calendars and come enjoy a week's activities with classmates and friends. We need teachers and aides as well as participants so all are invited to join us. As you know, VBS is a joint effort of Holy Family and St. John the Baptist Parishes which makes for a great community experience.

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 can help.

"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."

~ ~Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta"



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

## Be Merciful!

Visit the graves of your ancestors, or visit a local cemetery and walk around praying a rosary for all the souls buried there.

May 21st



ARMED FORCES DAY

We honor & appreciate all men and women who have served and/or are now serving our country in the military. Your unselfishness is so appreciated. THANKS!

### Congratulations!

Miles Patrick Bourgeois, son of Cory & Mandie Bourgeois was baptized here last weekend. Congratulations to him and his family.

### In Loving Memory

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to the family of Mrs. Anita Thibodeaux upon her recent death. Please keep them in your prayers.

### Knights of Columbus

#### Monthly Meeting—Wednesday, May 18

Activity Center  
Officers' Meeting—6:00 pm  
Regular Meeting—7:15 pm

#### Pro-Life Rosary—Saturday, May 21

Church—4:00 pm

#### KC CALENDAR WINNERS—APRIL

Donna Beatty, Gale Thibodeaux, Don C. Rome, Kim Revelle, Clarence & Elsie Falcon, Jacob Richard, Roxanne Dupuy, Curtiss Thurston, John Windham, Tony Lamothe, Martin Millien, Kirk Allain, Jordan Blanchard, Gene Bertrand, Lionel Dugas, Anite Breaux, Peggy Hardy, Joann Leal, Carl & Nancy Ritzmann, Betty Blanchard, Mike Chustz, Roy T. Mouch, Aimee C. Marks, Bryant Mouch, Aaron Tullier, Duncan Gotfredson, Rylee Janet, Rebecca Cazes, Joel Hebert, Nolan LeBlanc

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m. Dinner with the K.C.'s will be at 6:30 p.m. Please try to attend.

If you are a Catholic Woman, 18 years or older, and would like to be a part of this organization that promotes "Unity and Charity", you are invited to come and see what it is all about.

### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

#### May 8, 2016

207 Identified- -----\$8,496.00  
Loose Collection- ----- 727.00  
TOTAL- ----- \$9,223.00  
Catholic Communication Campaign—\$778.00



### A VOCATION VIEW

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love." Send forth workers into your vineyard. May some of our parishioners choose to serve you by becoming priests, brothers and sisters. If you feel God is calling you to this ministry call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupe@diobr.org, or visit, [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF RICHARD LANDRY

### BRUSLY LIONS CLUB ANNUAL BAR-B-Q

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016  
Bar-B-Q Chicken Dinners  
Served from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
DONATION PER PLATE..... \$8.00  
202 E. St. Francis St. - Brusly, Louisiana  
Visit us at [www.bruslylionsclub.org](http://www.bruslylionsclub.org)

### THANKS!

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank the families and friends of Lillie Mabile and Anita Thibodeaux for their recent donations.

### ATTENTION: ALL SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

St. Albert Catholic Student Center is located on campus at 409 W. Dakota St. (next door to Cardinal Newman Hall). Let them be your "home away from home" while you are there. See their website to join your Catholic Student Association or contact them at [www.stalbertselu.org](http://www.stalbertselu.org).

### Readings for the Week of May 15, 2016

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39  
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/ Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/ Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/ Rom 8:8-17 or 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/ Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26 or Jn 20:19-23  
Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mk 9:14-29  
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-11, 23/Mk 9:30-37  
Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-11/Mk 9:38-40  
Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-20/Mk 9:41-50  
Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12/ Mk 10:1-12  
Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-3, 8/Mk 10:13-16  
Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-9/Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2015-2016**

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**Pentecost Sunday**

"And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always." Pentecost fulfilled this promise. The Holy Spirit came upon the apostles and nothing was ever the same again.

This event is often referred to as the "birthday" of the church. It took Pentecost--and the power of the Spirit--to embolden the apostles to begin their ministry of preaching and baptizing. Conversions began to happen and the early church began to grow. And all of this took place without Jesus' earthly presence among them.

This is one of the most encouraging elements of the practice of our Christian faith. We believe that through the Holy Spirit, God dwells within us and empowers us. We believe that even though we never walked with Jesus and the apostles, we are nonetheless accompanied by the same Spirit who is always available to us! We only need to stir up this Spirit within our souls by praying sincerely, "Come, Holy Spirit!"

The special hymn of today's feast, called the sequence, does just this. It also expresses well the package of "benefits" that come from the presence of the Advocate among us: "You, of comforters the best; You, the soul's most welcome guest; Sweet refreshment here below; In our labor, rest most sweet; Grateful coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe." And not only do we receive these personal blessings, but the Church herself also receives a tremendous gift. As Jesus said, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit... will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." It is only through this divine guidance from on high that the Church has the power and privilege to teach and guide us who are still here below.