



*May 19, 2013  
Pentecost Sunday  
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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**

Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain ..... Pastor  
Sammy Collura ..... Permanent Deacon  
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.

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,

As I mentioned last week, nominations are now open to fill several upcoming vacancies on our Parish Pastoral Council. Jamie Chustz, David Couvillon, Wendy Parrish, and Jerry Zimmerman are all completing their terms of service on the council and so must be replaced. Nomination forms are available in the back of church and you are invited to nominate yourself or any other registered parishioner. The deadline for nominations is the last Sunday of this month, May 26, and the forms may either be mailed to the church office or placed in the collection basket.

Once all of the nominations have been received, the names will be sent to the members of the current council for prayerful review. The current members will then elect three new members at their June 12 meeting. The fourth position is filled by pastor's appointment and may come from the pool of nominated candidates or from the community at large. All elected and appointed members serve three year terms beginning at the September 2013 meeting. This is the main consultative body for our parish so please give serious consideration to possible members.

Next Saturday, May 25, our Diocese will celebrate the ordination of one new priest and one new "transitional" deacon for service to God's Church. *Deacon Joseph Hoang Vu* will be ordained a priest and *Mr. Joshua Daniel Johnson* will be ordained a deacon at a 10:00 a.m. ordination Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral. Deacon Vu is a Vietnamese-American who is completely bilingual and bi-cultural as a result of growing up and attending school here in America. Joshua Johnson is bi-racial, the son of an African-American father and a white mother, and he is also very much at home in both cultures. He will serve as a deacon for one year before being ordained to the priesthood next May.

Our number of ordinations is not large but our Diocese has been very blessed with the quality of our young priests. They understand the challenges of practicing a vibrant faith in a society that is becoming increasingly secular, and they are witnesses to the power of the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of believers. They are also very much aware of the presence of

God's grace, especially as experienced in the sacraments, and they are committed to furthering Christ's mission by serving him as priests. Please pray for our young priests and for all of our seminarians and for those discerning a vocation, and of course for Father Matt Dupré who supervises our seminarians and coordinates our vocation efforts.

I mentioned that Joshua Johnson was being ordained a "transitional" deacon to distinguish him from "permanent" deacons such as our own Deacon Sammy Collura. It is actually the same exact sacrament and holy order, just exercised in slightly different ways. All men studying to be priests are ordained deacons as a final step on their road to the priesthood. Other Catholic men who are usually older and most often married, are ordained to assist the bishop and priests by serving as deacons. Their service as deacons is in addition to their primary vocation as husbands and fathers. We have eight men completing their preparation to become permanent deacons for our Diocese, and they will be ordained on Saturday, June 8, 2013 at St. Joseph Cathedral. Please pray for them and their families as well.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

## Christian Formation

### PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

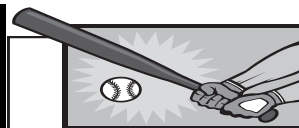
Come learn about the exciting transformations to our Religious Education Program for the 2013-2014 school year! Tuesday, May 28th at 6:30 pm in the Activity Center.

## 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!



SUMMER SOFTBALL  
Calling all High School  
Students!

Sign up for the Co-Ed  
summer Softball League!  
Mondays in June & July.  
Contact Julie Cilano at  
(225) 749-3387. Sign up  
by May 20th

# Steubenville South



June 21-23; Alexandria, LA

Open to High School Youth

Youth Cost: \$225

(First \$75 due by April 30; \$75 due by May 15th;

Last \$75 due by June 13th)

Chaperone Cost: \$50

Interested? Julie@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY Book of Revelation

You are invited to join us for a Bible Study on the Book of Revelation on Mondays at 6:30 pm from **May 20th thru July 29th**. It will be held in Classroom #1 in the Activity Center each week. Material fees: \$20.00. Please register ahead of time so we can plan to purchase materials. Call Brenda at 276-3490 for information or to register.

**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**

## STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

May 12, 2013

Regular:

207 Identified- - - - - \$5,916.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 850.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$6,766.00

Catholic Communication Campaign—\$567.00

## 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 may be calling you to this ministry call or email Fr. Matt Dupre’ at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).

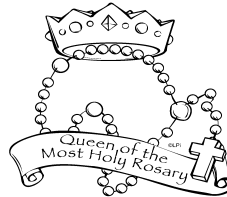
*One miracle of Pentecost was that, despite their diversity, each listener heard God’s word in his or her own language. The meaning for stewardship is that, by sharing the gifts poured out on us by the Holy Spirit, we will be empowered to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters, whatever they may be.*



**WEEKEND  
RETREAT**

## MANRESA RETREAT

“Men (minimum age 18) of the parish are invited to join parish members in attending the upcoming Manresa Retreat on **July 4-7**. The retreat is based on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius under the direction of the Jesuits. The 3-day retreat begins Thursday evening and ends after dinner on Sunday. The Retreat House is located in Convent, LA.” If you are interested, contact Grayson Brewer (975-3603) or Russ Bourgeois (235-0386).



## Readings for the Week of May 19, 2013

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ 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/ Rom 8:22- 27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2012-2013**

Donna Badon  
Maria Bertrand  
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Deacon Sammy Collura  
David Couvillon  
Jerry Deshotel  
Stacy Gauthreaux  
Fr. Matt Lorrain  
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Gerard "Jerry" Zimmerman



**Pentecost Sunday**

In the United States military, the Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG) is the legal branch concerned with military justice and military law. Judge Advocates can serve as legal advisers to commanders. They can also act as prosecutors in courts-martial, or serve on the defense team. The first encounter many people had with this branch of the service was through the television series JAG that began in 1995 and aired on CBS through 2005. For ten seasons viewers followed the exploits of military lawyers in plots that occasionally stretched credulity. The next general exposure of the Judge Advocate General's Corps to the public was through the military commissions set up to bring to trial those who were interred at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Unlike the television series, the JAG officers in this setting were deadly serious about their duties. Whether for the defense or the prosecution, they were determined to show the face of justice.

The Gospel for this weekend is a bit of a reprise from that of two weeks ago. Again we hear Jesus promising to send an Advocate who will be with us always. That Advocate is the Holy Spirit whose coming upon the church we celebrate this day. This Advocate is also serious about his duties. The Holy Spirit doesn't wear a uniform or carry a briefcase. We won't see the Spirit saluting or reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. As Advocate, the Holy Spirit teaches us the ways of Christ and opens our hearts to his message.

In their role as adviser, defender, or prosecutor, Judge Advocates are there to explain the law and hold others accountable to it. We heard just a few weeks ago that the law that Christ gave to his disciples is to love one another, a command reiterated in today's Gospel when Jesus tells his disciples to keep his word. As advocate, the Holy Spirit, dwelling in our hearts, will hold us accountable to Christ's law of love.