



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 am) or by appointment

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.

Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:30–4:30
Office closed for lunch 12:30–1:30

November 25, 2012



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The HBO series *Game of Thrones* is a critical and ratings success. It has now completed two seasons and a third is on its way in the spring. The genre show has gained wide appeal, something that doesn't always happen in the convoluted world of fantasy genre. Since the beginning, fan sites have sprung up alongside the official HBO website to help new viewers keep track of the characters. The HBO site even includes a family tree so that viewers can remember who is connected to whom. The basic plot of the show involves the struggle to hold on to power in a kingdom that is threatened by internal strife and natural disaster. Various heirs and other nobles form and reform alliances in an attempt to stay alive. The court intrigue is shown in all its bloody detail.

The Gospel on this feast of Christ the King gives an entirely different picture of kingship. We only have a small snippet from John's Passion narrative, but it is enough to remind of the entire story that we hear on Good Friday. In John's Gospel, Jesus is completely in charge. He is no victim of the crowds. He willingly lays down his life and he takes it up again. Unlike the characters in *Game of Thrones*, the members of Christ's family are not scheming for power behind the back of the ruler, because his kingdom is not of this world. He reigns beyond the power of any foe to depose him.

Being an attendant of Christ (to use the word from the Gospel) is to listen to the voice of the King. As our prayers tell us today, he rules over "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace." So many television viewers are enamored of *Game of Thrones*. Hopefully our example will invite others to be a part of the kingdom of Christ.

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Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." - Jn 18:36

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the last Sunday of our liturgical year—the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It is a fairly new feast added to the Church calendar in 1925 on the Sunday before All Saints by Pope Pius XI, and moved to its present location on the last Sunday of the church year in 1969. Christ the King is also the name of the parish and student center on the L.S.U. campus which serves all of the Catholic students and faculty.

Christ's kingship is a spiritual and eternal kingship, and as such is not concerned with earthly power and privilege. However, this does not mean that the church should appear detached and uninterested in human affairs. In service to Christ our King, the church bears witness to the truth by proclaiming and protecting the dignity of every man, woman, and child. This means that we work within whatever political system we find ourselves to serve the highest good.

The Catholic Church does not and cannot align itself with any particular political party or candidate. The Church's role is to educate her members regarding the teachings of our faith, to help provide analysis of important issues, and to participate in the debate over public policy. To do less would turn religion into a purely private matter without any practical effect on our communal life and the well-being of our society.

As I mentioned in last Sunday's bulletin, the special appeal for St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College takes place this weekend, November 24—25, at all of our Masses. I thank Father Vic Messina for celebrating the Masses and making the appeal on behalf of the monks and seminarians. The Diocese of Baton Rouge has 14 seminarians in formation this year and eight of them attend St. Joseph Seminary College. Please take time to view the new vocation poster on the bulletin board in church and also in the activity center with the names and pictures of our seminarians.

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical year. We will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance for this year's R.C.I.A.

inquiry class at the 9:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday. You may remember from past years that this rite includes the tracing of the cross over the foreheads, shoulders, eyes, ears, and hands of the candidates. The candidates attend the first half of the Mass before being dismissed to continue their reflection and discussion of the Sunday readings. Please keep them in your prayers as they discern whether God is calling them to the Catholic faith.

Finally, I wish to thank all of the members of the committee who worked on our new pictorial directory. I think the final product turned out beautiful and was delivered to us in a timely fashion compared with my past experience with pictorial directories. The hard work involved with scheduling the family portraits and designing the layout paid off. Well done!

In Christ,
Father Matt

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 ☆ **High School Hangout Night!** ☆
 ☆ **6-8 PM** ☆
 ☆ **Wednesday, November 21** ☆
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We need a Refrigerator!
 Youth Ministry is looking for a full-size fridge for their new youth room. Please contact us if you have one available or would like to donate funds to help us purchase one. (749-3387)

A Run for their Lives:
Pro-Life Fun Run

A Fundraiser for the March for Life Pilgrimage
 Sponsored by
 St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist
 Youth Ministries

Come run or walk with us!

Distance: 2 Miles
 \$20/person; All ages welcome!
 Brusly High School Track and Field
 Saturday, December 1st, 2012

Registration opens 9:00AM
 Race begins at 10:00AM
 Questions? 225-749-3387



Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church Presents:

EVENINGS OF FAITH

Belief Under Assault: Rescuing Faith & Reason
from Monstrous Mentalities

Presenter: Dr. Chris Baglow

December 20, 2012

6:00-7:30pm, Activity Center

Wine and Cheese Reception

Adults Only

(Babysitting available upon request)

BALM FOR THE SOUL

A new shipment of cookbooks is in for the Christmas holidays. The cookbooks have sold over 1100 copies since October 2011! The sale of these popular books benefits the SJB Bereavement Committee. It includes over 500 unique family favorite recipes. At \$15.00 per copy, they make great gifts! Contact Harold & Beverly Babin at 749-2027 or Margaret Canella at 749-2874 to get your copy.



“ADVENT MEDITATIONS”

By FR. BOB KONOPA

Get your copy now!

\$8.00/copy

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, December 2

Monthly Communion Service for K.C. Members and their families at 7:30 am Mass. Coffee & Donuts will be served after that Mass.

October Calendar Winners: Koral Bourgeois, Fay Hebert, Laurie Moreau, Charles Felder, Emma Lee Blanchard, J.D. & Faye Pellerin, Rhonda Robillard, Peggy Hardy, K.C. Council #5352, Trent Bourgeois, Faye Vidrine, David LoBue, Peggy Parsons, Emily Rivet, Harry E. Breaux, Jacob A. Wilbert, Debbie Berthelot, Becky Wood, Melanie Bordelon, Joseph “Blackie” Landry, Willie Alford, Roger Rivet, Karen Lemoine, Derita Smith, Derwin Simoneaux, Winnie Wilsons, Ian Barbier, Jay Faust, Don Couvillon, M/M Glen Comeaux, K.C. Council #5352

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

Due to early printing of the bulletin this week we will report contributions next week.

A VOCATION VIEW

Today we hail Christ as our King, the Victor over the power of death. This Jesus, who loves us and freed us from our sins by his own blood, and who by Baptism has made us a royal nation of priests in the service of His God and Father. He who is King continues to choose men and women to serve as priests, sisters, brothers and deacons, so that all that He has won for us might be continually taught and celebrated through His Church so that the faithful may know Him, love Him, and serve Him as well. If you feel God is calling you to such a Church vocation, call or email Father Matt Dupre’ at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Mary Anita Tullier and her group for cleaning the church during the month of November. Cindi Breaux and her group will be doing the cleaning during the month of December. Give her a call at 749-3842 to offer your help.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Beverly & Harold Babin for chairing the committee during the month of November. Chairman for December will be Mary Anita Tullier (749-3459). Please give her a call with any concerns.

Thank You!

Curtis Dupuy, Myra Foret and family wish to express their gratitude to everyone for the outpouring of condolences at the death of their sister & mother, Beverly Saunders.

Thanks to the Choir, the Celebrants and Liturgical Ministers for the lovely Mass. Thanks also to everyone for the prayers, cards, and all expressions of sympathy. A special thanks to the Bereavement Committee and everyone who brought food. You were such a blessing at this time of sorrow!



**PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE IN!
IF YOU HAD YOUR PICTURE TAKEN BE
SURE TO PICK UP YOUR COPY
AFTER MASS!**

Readings for the Week of November 25, 2012

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/
Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12---4:2/
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2012-2013

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Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests in the service of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?

**ADVENT RETREAT:
JESUS, LUKE, YOU AND ME**

Presented By Fr. Donald Blanchard

Saturday, December 8, 2012

9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

St. Joseph's Academy Dining Hall & Chapel

3080 Kleinert Ave., Baton Rouge

Fee: \$50 (includes lunch)

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass—9:00 a.m.

As we begin the Season of Advent, we celebrate a New Year of the Church, the People of God, while at the same time, longing for the coming of Christ. We will reflect on the person of Luke whose Gospel we begin and hopefully come to understand that it is out of our own day so that the coming of Christ enlivens us to new opportunities to be the Christ to one another.

For more information or to register:

Call St. Joseph Center (225) 383-3349

2013—25th & 50th
Wedding Anniversary
Celebration

Sunday, February 24, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

2250 Main St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Bishop Robert W. Muench, Celebrant of the Mass
Families of honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and the Reception afterward in the Sacred Heart School Gym. If you have celebrated or will celebrate your 25th, 50th, 65th or greater anniversary during 2012, please call the Parish Office to register. Deadline to register is February 24, 2013.