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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

*"That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called out 'Lord,' the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive." - Lk 20:37-38*

Dear Parishioners,

This Tuesday, November 8, is Election Day so please make time to vote. Good Catholics are also good citizens and our participation in the electoral process is an important expression of both our faith and our citizenship. There is no such thing as a perfect candidate or platform so we have to do our best to vote for those who have the most potential to grow or develop into the public servants we need and desire. This is an especially difficult year for our country so say a prayer for everyone as we vote this Tuesday.

Some Catholics wish that priests and bishops were more forceful or specific on how we should vote. They would prefer that the Church either endorse or condemn a particular candidate or party as being either compatible or incompatible with Catholic teaching. But while I appreciate thoughtful commentary from bishops, priests, and others on the issues and their relative importance, I personally do not like to be told how I should vote and therefore I would never presume to tell you how to vote.

As Catholics we naturally look at issues such as reverence for life, immigration, employment, fiscal policy, national security, and world relations. Next we do our best to judge the candidates based on their skills, both hard and soft. We consider their education, moral beliefs, professional experience in business and government, and administrative ability. Then we look at their soft or people skills, their temperament, their ability to work with others, to show initiative, to communicate, and to follow through on projects.

Many times the local elections are easier to figure out than the national ones. Depending on where you live, you may be voting for a mayor and town council members; we are also voting to elect a U.S. Representative and a U.S. Senator, in addition to the next president of our country. Finally, there are several constitutional amendments which require our vote.

November 6-12 is National Vocation Awareness Week for Catholics in the United States. Pope Francis wrote that *"Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or to the consecrated life there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a community... Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit."*

Please offer prayers that our parish may produce vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

Bishop Muench recently wrote to all registered Catholics regarding this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal. The BAA is similar to a parish fair in that it provides the means for Bishop Muench and our Diocese to fund special projects or programs. Last year, 75 individuals or families from our parish contributed a total of \$13,140 to the BAA. Please give your support to this year's BAA.

Thank you very much for all that you contributed, whether in the form of prayers, donations, volunteer service, or attendance, to last Sunday's "Feast on the Levee." God provided some beautiful weather which made for a very enjoyable day and a further testament to the vitality of our parish community. I wish to especially thank our chairperson Mimi Cloutre for her outstanding leadership in coordinating the day's activities. We will publish the financial report as soon as all of the numbers are tabulated.

In Christ,  
Father Matt



## FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH MARCH FOR LIFE TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC.

*Drop and Shop Day #1,*  
**2016**

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH ACTIVITY  
CENTER**

Friday, November 25, 2016 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

GRADES Pre K - 5<sup>TH</sup>

REGISTRATION FEE \$15 PER PERSON (Family Max \$40)

Food/Fun/Movie will be provided.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: NOV. 11

**REGISTRATION FORMS  
AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF  
CHURCH, IN THE CHRISTIAN  
FORMATION OFFICE OR ON  
THE CHURCH WEBSITE.**

Contact: June (749-3387) or Mary Benoit (324-5289) with any questions. Or email: [june@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com](mailto:june@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com) or [maryben69@gmail.com](mailto:maryben69@gmail.com)





**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Mimi Clouatre, our Feast Chairperson, wishes to thank everyone for all they did to make this year's Feast a success. Thanks to all the cooks, booth workers, set-up and take-down crew, raffle ticket sales, and especially to her parents and Gary Tullier who contributed so much of their time & effort towards this great event. Thank God for the beautiful day and the wonderful gathering of friends and community!

**SUPER RAFFLE WINNERS**

- 1st Prize—\$4,000—Johnny Wilbert
- 2nd Prize—\$1,000—Curtis Dupuy
- 3rd Prize—\$500—Al Devillier

**REGULAR RAFFLE WINNERS**

- 1st Prize—\$1000—Kendul Michel
- 2nd Prize—\$500—Melissa Samson
- 3rd & 4th Prize—\$250 Certificate (Hubbens or Benedetto's)  
Denise Roberts & John Richard
- 5th Prize—\$100—Clara Deculus

- Fun Run Winner—Hannah Crochet
- 5K Winners—Steven Boudreaux, Hannah Crochet and Alcus Rimes
- Overall Men's Winner—Steven Boudreaux
- Overall Women's Winner—Bambi Boudreaux
- Overall Children's Winner—Hannah Crochet



**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY** are extended to *Edgar Paul Blanchard & Family upon the death of his sister, Inez Crowson and to Walter Landry & family upon the death of his brother, Darrell J. Landry. Please keep them in your prayers.*



*The BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE has been placed in church. Please enter the names of your deceased loved ones who will be remembered in prayer throughout the year.*

**NOTICE!!!**

**ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT MEMORY LOSS?**

Free and Confidential Memory Screening  
Holy Family Church Parish  
November 9, 2016 (9 am—Noon)  
Marian Hall (474 N. Jefferson, Port Allen, LA)  
Call (225) 334-7494 for more information.

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

October 30, 2016

**REGULAR:**

- 141 Identified- - - - - \$6,236.00
- Loose Collection- - - - - 782.00
- TOTAL- - - - - \$7,018.00**

**A VOCATION VIEW**

Let us pray that the Word of the Lord will make progress. Let us pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. If God is calling you to serve him, call or email Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal**

This past year, the Diocese of Baton Rouge celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of the first Bishop's Annual Appeal. The landmark anniversary appeal as the most successful ever, following the diocese to expand ministry programs, meet additional needs and provide hope to even more of your neighbors and fellow parishioners. 75 members from St. John the Baptist Parish participated in the anniversary campaign, contributing a total of \$13,140.00. You are a valued member of your Catholic community, we thank you for your involvement, and we encourage you to support the BAA again.

In the mail this week, you may have received a packet from Bishop Robert Muench concerning this year's BAA, inviting you to *Be Merciful*. Our heavenly Father has shown each of us great mercy, and serving others is an ideal way to reflect our gratitude. To the multitudes that gathered to listen, Jesus taught, "*Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful*" (Lk 6:36).

In light of the recent flooding, we recognize this may be a difficult time for many in our community. If you were affected, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Many individuals and families in need depend on vital funding from ministries supported by the BAA. Therefore, our work of vital ministry continues. If your situation allows, we respectfully invite you to "Be Merciful" and give to support the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

*"The Right to Life is the first among human rights."*  
—Pope Francis

**Readings for the Week of November 6, 2016**

- Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15/  
2 Thes 2:16--3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or  
20:27, 34-38
- Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 17:1-6
- Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29/  
Lk 17:7-10
- Wednesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:3-6, 8, 11/  
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
- Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7-10/Lk 17:20-25
- Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18/  
Lk 17:26-37
- Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-6/Lk 18:1-8
- Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-9/2 Thes 3:7-12/  
Lk 21:5-19

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
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**32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage." Jesus' response to the Sadducees regarding their question about the resurrection of the dead actually raises another question for us: what about marriage in heaven? We understand marriage to be "until death do us part," but what exactly becomes of this special relationship in the afterlife?

Pope Francis gave a homily on this Gospel passage in which he discussed the mysterious transformation that will take place for those who enter into the joy of heaven. The Holy Father tells us, Jesus explains that "life after death does not have the same parameters as our earthly life. Eternal life is another life, in another dimension where, among other things, there will be no marriage... The life that God prepares for us is not a mere embellishment of the present one: it surpasses our imagination, for God continually amazes us with his love and mercy" (Angelus, November 10, 2013).

An interesting interpretation of this comes from Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, the Preacher of the Papal Household, who said "marriage does not come to a complete end at death but is transfigured" (Homily, November 10, 2006). Catholic author Stephen Ray described it this way in a letter to his mother who was grieving the loss of her husband: "We cannot understand our new spiritual bodies and heavenly existence any more than a caterpillar can comprehend what it will be like to be a butterfly. We cannot anticipate how personal relationships will flower in glory any more than [an] acorn can anticipate standing 50 feet tall." Whatever it will be, we can trust it will be wonderful!