



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
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.

"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,

God once again blessed our community with beautiful weather in which to celebrate the *Blessing of the Graves* on All Souls Day in our parish cemetery. For the last two years we have held the blessing on a Saturday morning at 9:00, but I am open to scheduling it later in the day if that would be preferable. We can also consider a Sunday afternoon but then we may conflict with the blessing of the cemeteries in Plaquemine. It is sometimes helpful to settle on a traditional day and time so people can plan ahead but I don't mind considering other options.

We received many compliments on the appearance of our cemetery so I want to acknowledge the hard work of our cemetery committee. The members are: Babs Babin, Beth Blanchard, Joanne Bourgeois, Jerry Deshotel, Arlen Landry, Ken Lemoine, Roy Mouch, Elaine Pearce, Earl Sarradet, and Ella Dean Thibodeaux. Larry Durbin and I also attend so we can coordinate the work with our parish calendar and budget. We don't always move as rapidly as we would like, but we are surfacing some good ideas which will benefit the cemetery in the months ahead.

For quite some time Arlen Landry has taken the initiative to repair and repaint the old iron crosses located throughout the cemetery. At coffee and donuts last Sunday I asked Arlen how many he had completed in preparation for All Saints this year. I guessed he would answer about 60 or 70 so I was shocked when he said 247! Arlen and Elaine Pearce have also worked tirelessly to apply a non-toxic chemical to many of the tombs and markers which gradually removes mold, lichen, and stains. Perrault's Trucking has donated and spread soil over some of the low areas, and other parishioners have also given of themselves to beautify our grounds. So even though our Cemetery Work Day was canceled due to rain, our parishioners stepped up and completed the job list we had prepared for All Saints.

These are the type of jobs that we prefer to do for love, friendship, or God rather than for money. Things like preparing and bringing food to the home of a neighbor whose spouse has died, or mowing the grass of a neighbor who does not have any family nearby, or

volunteering to coach children at a community park or school. God is never outdone in generosity and we can be sure that whatever we do out of love for God or neighbor will be repaid many times over in this life and the next. A paying job is how we earn a living but a non-paying job is how we earn self-respect and a sense of gratitude for the gift of life.

I may have mentioned previously that I am honored to serve on the Board of Trustees of Our Lady of the Lake College in Baton Rouge. The college was founded in 1923 as a nursing school with an initial class of nine students, and gradually evolved into a liberal arts college with an emphasis on health care professions and a current enrollment of 1800 students. I will be attending their 90th Anniversary celebration next Saturday, November 16, with a Mass, reception, and dinner to give gratitude to God for the college and the ministry of the Franciscan Missionaries of our Lady. Please welcome back Father Joel LaBauve who will celebrate our 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass here so I can attend the anniversary.

In Christ,
Father Matt

Attention: Youth

COME FLY WITH US!

New Orleans Pelicans Basketball Game

SATURDAY, November 16th

5:00—11:00 pm

Cost \$27 (includes ticket and bus ride)

Open to Junior High Youth and Families

Sponsored by the Diocese of Baton Rouge

**NO YOUTH NIGHT ON NOVEMBER 14th
DUE TO THE PRO VITA MARCH FOR LIFE
FUNDRAISER**

IGNITE YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT

Are you a Confirmed Senior in High School or College Student looking to deepen your Catholic faith? Join us for the Ignite Retreat!

December 20—22, 2013

Rosaryville Spirit Life Center—Ponchatoula, LA

Cost—\$100/Retreatant—Scholarships Available

Contact Julie (225-749-3387) to attend

Julie@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com




PARISH POT LUCK
 Thursday, November 21
 Theme: Thanksgiving Dinner
 Bring your favorite
 Thanksgiving dish to feed
 10-15 people.
 HOPE TO SEE YA' THERE!

HELP NEEDED!!

Adult Coordinator for Christmas Gospel Narrative
 Last year was our first ever Christmas Eve Gospel
 Narrative at the 6 pm Mass. We will be doing it
 again, but we need your help. **ADULTS!** Please
 contact Julie (225-749-3387) or
julie@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com if you are interested or
 would like more info.

NATIVITY CAROL
 ~an evening of Advent and Christmas song~
 December 19, 2013
 7:30PM
 (following the parish pot-luck dinner)
 ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
 BRUSLY, LOUISIANA
 ~featuring~
 The St. John the Baptist Angel Choir and Adult Choir



Canned good donations for the
 Food Bank are welcome!

We will be collecting Christmas Cards again this year
 for prisoners to send to their families. If you have
 any to donate, please send them to us before
 November 30th. **THANKS!**

**REMEMBER TO SIGN THE NAMES OF
 YOUR DECEASED LOVED ONES IN OUR
 MEMORIAL BOOK LOCATED IN FRONT OF
 ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR. THEY WILL BE
 REMEMBERED IN PRAYER THROUGHOUT
 THE YEAR.**

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

November 4, 2013
 255 Identified- - - - - \$12,609.00
 Loose Collection- - - - - 887.00
 TOTAL- - - - - \$13,496.00
 All Saints—\$1,308.00

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. Matt Dupre' at 336-8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.



WBR SENIOR SPIRIT AND
 ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
 CO-SPONSOR TRIP TO NEW
 ORLEANS DECEMBER 4th

- ⇒ Visit to Notre Dame Seminary to meet seminarians
 - ⇒ Lunch at historic Parkway Bakery and Tavern on Bayou St. John
 - ⇒ Tour of Longue Vue House and Gardens
 - ⇒ Browse the French Quarter
 - ⇒ Enjoy Celebration of the Oaks Light Festival, City Park
- Cost—\$60/person; fee due by November 15th
 Maximum 50 people can register.

Call 749-2189 to register or for more info contact Lucy Landry at 749-2981/lucyplandry@bellsouth.net.

Prayers & Sympathy to...

Mrs. Beth Toups and family upon the death of her sister, Iris Bennen, to Martha Daigle & family upon the death of her husband, Elliott "Red" Daigle, to Terry Naquin & family upon the death of his mother, Mildred Naquin and to Michael Melancon & family upon the death of his mother, Margaret Melancon Seward. Please keep them in your prayers.



BAPTISMAL SEMINAR
 Wednesday, November 13
 6:30 pm—Classroom #5 of the
 Catechetical Building
 Mandatory for parents to attend
 before baptism.

Readings for the Week of November 10, 2013

Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes 2:16--3:5/
 Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38
 Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Lk 17:1-6
 Tuesday: Wis 2:23--3:9/Lk 17:7-10
 Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19
 Thursday: Wis 7:22b--8:1/Lk 17:20-25
 Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37
 Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8
 Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/
 Lk 21:5-19

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2012-2013

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Puzzles are a kind of trap that we allow ourselves to walk into because we think we can find a way out. Crossword puzzles, Sudoku, word games, Rubik's cubes all invite us to match our wits against the creator of the puzzle. Sometimes, after spending an excessive amount of time in trying to find the solution, we will walk away, only to return a few hours later to perceive the puzzle with new insight and quickly overcome whatever impasse prevented us from solving the puzzle. Weekend Edition Sunday on National Public Radio always has a "Sunday Puzzle." Numerous times the guest participants will mention how they came to the answer through a moment of insight.

In this weekend's Gospel, the Sadducees come forward with a puzzle for Jesus. It is a trap they try to lay for him, one which they themselves don't even acknowledge since they don't believe in a resurrection. They ask Jesus whose wife someone will be after the deaths of multiple husbands. It's a puzzle that begs for an answer, especially in a culture in which male relatives are responsible for the widow of a brother. Like any great puzzle solver, Jesus breaks apart their argument with his own burst of insight suggesting that they not limit their thinking to this world.

We are created beings who live in a physical world. But we also have a spiritual dimension to our existence that transcends the limitations of our physicality. So often, our perceptions of the afterlife are limited because we only know the world in which we live. All the descriptions of life in eternity are analogous because we have no direct experience of what it is. As Jesus relates in the Gospel, the heavenly realm is completely different from this world. The categories of created reality do not apply. Instead we are risen as children of God. If we try to puzzle out who we are after we die, the answer Jesus would give us is that we are alive to God.