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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

"Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, ' We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" - Lk 17:9-10

Dear Parishioners,

Please join me in offering prayers for one of our former pastors, Msgr. Gerald Lefebvre, who died on September 18 and was buried a week ago on September 23. Msgr. Lefebvre was a native of Port Allen and served as pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish from 1973-1975.

Msgr. Lefebvre was ordained on June 9, 1956 for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. His ordination class included Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux, Msgr. Leo Guillot, Father Hubert Brou, Father John McDonald, and Father Robert Marcell. He became a priest of the Diocese of Baton Rouge when it was established in 1961.

I served as his associate pastor from 1986-1988 at St. Patrick Parish in Baton Rouge immediately following my ordination. Msgr. Lefebvre, or Gerald as I called him, was the pastor, I was the associate, Father James Clement was a retired priest in residence, and Father Patrick Hunter, S.J., was a Jesuit priest who also lived with us while working on his PhD at LSU. It was a very interesting living situation with the four of us crowded into a rather small house.

Gerald did not place very many restrictions on my ministry and so allowed me a great deal of freedom to develop my priestly gifts. He had worked for many years in the marriage tribunal and had a special ministry to divorced and separated Catholics. He possessed a most compassionate heart for those who had experienced loss and were learning to start over again.

The early days of cable television included channels from Chicago and Atlanta and so we followed the Chicago Cubs and Atlanta Braves baseball games. Gerald also enjoyed politics and was a life-long and unapologetic Democrat. CNN was the favored channel before the days of FOX News, and we enjoyed following political campaigns and election returns. After he retired, he continued to celebrate Mass at several parishes and nursing homes, and will be greatly missed by friends, family, and parishioners. May he rest in peace.

This coming week of October 3-6 is the week during which all of the priests of the Diocese of Baton Rouge

make their annual priests' retreat. Most of the priests will be at Manresa Retreat House but I am taking the opportunity to join two other priests in a private retreat in Mobile, Alabama. So please pray for us as we promise to do the same for all of you. We will have Communion Services on Tuesday – Thursday of this week while I am on retreat. Funerals will most likely be led by one of our deacons since the Bishop has asked that we not interrupt our retreat if at all possible.

Our annual *Cards, Etc. Party* is one week from Monday on October 10, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. The cost is \$25 which includes a spaghetti and meatballs lunch. The *Feast on the Levee* is about four weeks away and scheduled for Sunday, October 30, 2016. Thanks to everyone for offering your support and returning your raffle ticket stubs and money.

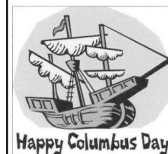
In Christ,
Father Matt

WE NEED YOU!

We Still Need 1 Childrens' Church

Catechist—11:00 am Sundays

Call Karen or June at 749-3387 if you can help.



Christian Formation Update
WE WILL NOT HAVE CLASS ON
Monday, Oct. 10th and
Tuesday, Oct. 11th

due to Columbus Day holiday on Monday.

BAPTISM

The following children were baptized here last weekend:
Gabriel Keithen Hall, son of Jacethen & Melanie Hall;
Jolie Mae Tircuit, daughter of Michael & Aimee Tircuit;
Emma Angeline Daigle, daughter of Trent & Janice Daigle;
Caroline Claire Haydel, daughter of Martin & Anne Haydel;
Colten John Cook, son of Troy & Lynna Cook;
Caitlyn Marie Lavergne, daughter of Kellie Lavergne Salvadras;
Elena Rose O'Brien, daughter of Gregory & Leigh O'Brien;
and Sydney Grace Savoie, daughter of Lucas & Megan Savoie.

CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME INTO
OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!



FEAST ON THE LEVEE 2016

It's almost Feast on the Levee time again: The date is set for Sunday, October 30, 2016.

COOKS: If you are a great cook, then prove it. Make your special dish for all of us to taste.

BAKERS: Dust off those recipes and join us for a "cake walk." Enter those family recipes that have been handed down thru the generations.

STUDENTS: Get those service hours in—either call me or let Ms. June or Ms. Karen know you want to help out. We still need help in the Coke Booths, Childrens' Games, Bounce House, Slide and Trash Detail. I will try to get everyone assigned to a task as soon as I get the names in so sign up early to get the task you want to participate in.

If you can help out, please let us know—it takes many hands to make our Feast a success. You can call me at 225-603-8782 (Mimi), or call Evelyn at (225) 933-8924.



SILENT AUCTION PARADE OF PRIZES

ATTENTION: TALENTED PARISHIONERS!!!
We need your help. We are in need of creative items for the Silent Auction and Parade of Prizes. You can bring your donations to the office or call Hayley at 776-2659 with any questions. Gift cards are accepted.



We will have the Fun Run again this year. Watch the bulletin for Entry Forms.

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank everyone for donations in memory of Helen Thibodeaux.

NOTRE DAME HOSPICE

"Becoming a Volunteer"

Notre Dame Hospice, a ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, is looking for volunteers. Volunteers can provide caregiver relief, run errands, play music, or offer any talent that you have to share. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Melissa Meyers, Volunteer Coordinator (504) 920-8442 or email: mmeyers@arch-no.org. Volunteers are needed in all church parishes in the surrounding areas.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

September 25, 2016

REGULAR:

195 Identified- - - - - \$7,046.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 936.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$7,982.00



A VOCATION VIEW

"If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts." Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest or religious? If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Loved the Wedding; Invite Me to the Marriage. Love, God."

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) Weekend can help you do just that! The Weekend is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores and phones...and focus on each other. Take this message as a sign and decide to experience a WWME Weekend where you will experience greater depth, growth and enrichment in your relationship. Enjoy this opportunity to talk and listen to that special person who loves you! Decide now to enrich your relationship by attending. The next Weekend is Oct. 14 & 15, 2016 at the Bishop Robert E. Tracy Center in Baton Rouge Call (470) 297-8560 for more info or to register.

The Sanctuary Candle is now burning in loving memory of Alfred Chustz

Thanks to Linda Mott for helping Lisa Beraud clean the church during the month of September.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT & OPEN HOUSE

Young men in the 8th grade and their parents are invited to attend an Information Night at Catholic High School on October 23 (7—9 p.m.) in the Catholic High School Gym.

Young men in grades 6—8 and their parents are invited to the Open House at Catholic High School on November 10. (Tours begin at 5 p.m.)

For additional information regarding these events or the admissions process, please visit the CHS website www.catholichigh.org.

Readings for the Week of October 2, 2016

Sunday:	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
Monday:	Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1-2, 7-10/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1-2/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday:	2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/ Lk 17:11-19

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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"When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" What a humble attitude this would be! Jesus challenges us today not to boast, not to seek special praise, not to consider ourselves worthy of some great reward when we follow him. Rather, he honestly reminds us that it is simply our duty to do all we "have been commanded."

God made us. Our lives are a result of his loving initiative. Giving ourselves back to him through "the obedience of faith" (as the Second Vatican Council called it), is truly the only appropriate response. Of course we are free NOT to practice this obedience. We are free to reject God, to ignore his commandments, even to make ourselves his enemies. But nonetheless it remains true that what we ought to do is to love God and follow his ways. And Jesus suggests today that this simple obedience should be a given in our lives. Following the commandments is merely what we are obligated to do.

But, let's not forget that we are also free to do more. Because of the nature of love, we can never really exhaust it. We can always love more, serve more devotedly, give more generously. Perhaps Jesus is calling us to focus less on meeting the bare-bones requirements of Christianity, and instead to shift our efforts farther in the direction of going above and beyond the call of duty. Instead of asking what is the least I HAVE to do, we would do well to ask, what ELSE can I do? What else can I do to show my gratitude to God for all he has given me? What else can I do to serve his people and nurture the world he has made? Let us aim to become truly profitable servants.