

*October 23, 2016
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Lk 18:13-14

Dear Parishioners,

Our "Feast on the Levee" is now just one week away so please double up on your prayers for good weather next Sunday. Pray also that all of our fairgoers, both parishioners and guests, may spend an enjoyable day together and travel safely between home and church. Thank you in advance for all that you do for one another and for our beloved Church. I pray that our shared ministry may bear much fruit and be the source of many blessings.

Please note that we will follow a special Mass schedule on October 29-30, the weekend of the "Feast on the Levee." The 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass and 7:30 a.m. Mass are unchanged, but we substitute a **special 10:00 a.m. Mass** in place of the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. and the food booths are scheduled to begin serving at 11:00 a.m., following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. We have a Fun Run at 8:00 a.m. and a 5 K Run at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday so please be extra careful of runners and pedestrians when arriving and departing for Mass on October 30.

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the success of this year's "Cards Etc. Party" which was held the Monday before last. Special thanks to Larry Durbin and Terry Guidry for co-chairing the event and for all who worked alongside them to guarantee its success. We had another great turnout in support of our parish and Church, and it looks like we made a little over \$5,100 on the day!


On Wednesday of this week, October 26, at 6:30 p.m., we have an important meeting for the *parents* of all second graders preparing for their First Reconciliation. The second grade year is highly important since this is the year when our children first experience God's forgiveness in the sacrament of confession, to be followed by their First Communion later in the spring. So parents please make a note of the meeting and place it on your refrigerator, computer, smart phone, and bathroom mirror. First Reconciliation will take place on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, and First Eucharist on Sunday, April 30, 2017.

Tuesday, November 1, is the *Solemnity of All Saints* and a holy day of obligation. Our Masses on All

Saints Day will be at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. This year's *Blessing of the Graves* will take place on the following Saturday, November 5, at 12:00 noon in our parish cemetery. All are invited to attend.

We will once again place a "Book of Remembrance" in church beginning with the Feast of All Saints and remaining throughout the entire month of November. The book and accompanying candle serve as a visible reminder to offer prayers for our beloved dead and for all who have gone before us in faith. Feel free to once again write in the names of any of your deceased relatives and friends so that they may be included in our prayers.

In Christ,
Father Matt


*First
Reconciliation*
ALL 2ND GRADE YOUTH AND
PARENTS ARE TO ATTEND
THE MEETING ON
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER,
26TH FROM 6:30- 7:30 P.M.
IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER.
THIS IS FOR 2ND GRADERS
IN PUBLIC AND CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS.

Please Note!

THERE WILL BE
NO CHRISTIAN
FORMATION CLASSES
On Monday, Oct. 31 or
Tuesday, Nov. 1 due to
All Saints Day.
The Parish Office will
Also be closed on
Tuesday, Nov. 1.

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 - 5TH

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.**

Call June Hebert (749-3387) or Mary Benoit (324-5289)
with any questions.



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.



**DON'T FORGET TO
TURN IN YOUR
RAFFLE TICKETS!!!!**

**SILENT AUCTION
PARADE OF PRIZES**



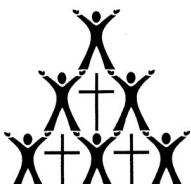
ATTENTION: TALENTED PARISHIONERS!!!

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.



**FUN RUN Begins at 8:00 am
5K Begins at 8:45 am
Free T-Shirt for all participants!
Entry Forms are available in
Parish Office or in the back of Church.**

We will have a Cake Walk, so Bakers—get your cakes in by 9:00 am on Sunday, October 30th.



**SET UP FOR THE FEAST WILL BE
OCTOBER 27th & CLEANUP WILL
BE OCTOBER 31st. IF YOU CAN
COME OUT & GIVE A HAND IT
WOULD BE APPRECIATED!**

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

October 16, 2016

REGULAR:

217 Identified- - - - - \$9,330.83

Loose Collection- - - - - 642.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$9,972.83



A VOCATION VIEW

Wanted: humble sinners who know the forgiveness of God. These make good servants of the Gospel. They can be priests, deacons, sisters or brothers. If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations.



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to

C.G. Mouch & family upon the death of his sister, Dolores Smith and to Sharon Couvillon & family upon the death of her mother, Virgie LeBlanc. Please keep them in your prayers,

Parlez-vous Francais?

Café Francais. Gather with West Baton Rouge Museum Staffers and other members of the Francophone community around the coffee pot for conversations in French, Cajun French, or Creole. First Friday of every month at 1:00pm. All ages and levels are welcomed. Can't speak French—Come sit in and listen to conversation. The museum is located at 845 N. Jefferson, Port Allen. For more information call (225) 336-2422 x 16.



**CARDS, ETC.
THANK YOU!**

On behalf of Cards, Etc., Larry & Terry wish to thank everyone who came out and played! The event was a great success due to your participation. Over \$5100 was raised that day and proceeds will go to our Building Fund.

A very big thanks to all of the workers in all areas. We couldn't have done it without you! Thanks to our cooks and the Zippers for providing the meal again. Thanks also to everyone who donated Door Prizes.

It was a great day of fun, fellowship and fundraising!

Readings for the Week of October 23, 2016

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23/
2Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14
Monday: Eph 4:32--5:8/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32/Ps 128:1-5/
Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-14/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2-3, 5/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Wis 11:22--12:2/Ps 145: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14/2
Thes 1:11--2:2/Lk 19:1-10

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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." The Pharisee and the tax collector--polar opposites by practice. The one is a religious leader, a professional follower-of-the-law. The other is a deviant who extorts money for himself as he goes about his economic business. But in today's parable, Jesus flips these perceptions around. The humble tax collector is the one who "went home justified." Whereas the Pharisee has a flawless outer appearance, when we see a glimpse into his inner thoughts we detect his vanity and presumption. We see a man who may keep the letter of the law, but who is not truly converted to God's ways in his heart. The tax collector, on the other hand, pleads for God's mercy, recognizing that he needs it.

So, which one are we? Honestly, most of us are probably a combination of these two character types. Most of us follow God's laws some of the time, and fail to do so at other times. But the important point is to honestly acknowledge when we do fail, and to ask God to have mercy upon us. If we think we have nothing about which to plead for mercy, chances are we are living in a kind of self-imposed blindness like the Pharisee. When we won't admit we need help, it's hard to get the help we need! Instead, we should humble ourselves by honestly examining our conscience (regularly!) and seeking God's forgiveness, particularly through reconciliation, the great sacrament of divine mercy.

As hard as it may be for some of us to confess our sins to a priest, this humble act of acknowledging our failings prepares us to be "justified" like the tax collector who cried out, "Be merciful to me a sinner!"