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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
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.

"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,

The **Feast of All Saints** is a holyday of obligation and follows right on the heels of our "Feast on the Levee." This feast is especially popular in Louisiana and provides encouragement for us to grow in holiness in imitation of the saints. Our Masses on **Friday, November 1**, will be at **8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.** I have an early morning meeting on Friday so Father Joel LaBauve will be our celebrant for the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The **Blessing of the Cemetery** will take place the following morning on **Saturday, November 2, at 9:00 a.m.** You are invited to come an hour early and join us for our 8:00 a.m. first Saturday Mass in celebration of All Souls Day.

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.

I will be traveling to Houma this Wednesday to attend the installation of Bishop Shelton Fabre as the fourth bishop of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. I don't know what the seating capacity of St. Francis de Sales Cathedral is but I am sure it will be packed with priests, religious, and laity from all over south Louisiana. The main celebrants for the Mass are Most Rev. Gregory Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans and Most Rev. Carlo Vigano, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States. Bishop Fabre succeeds Bishop Sam Jacobs who turned 75 earlier this year which is the normal age of retirement for bishops.

Next Sunday, November 3, marks the end of the *40 Days for Life* campaign, so please offer some prayers this week for an end to abortion. You might also mark your calendars for this year's "Louisiana Life March" to be held on Saturday, January 18, 2014, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m., beginning on North Boulevard in downtown Baton Rouge. Nine of our youth and several adult leaders will also be traveling to Washington, DC that same day to participate in the national "March

for Life." "From womb to tomb, we stand for life."

Next weekend is an open date for the L.S.U. football team so get ready to feel a little disoriented. The off week is actually good since it gives us extra time to recover and prepare for another epic contest with Alabama the following week. Next Sunday, November 3, is also the day when Daylight Saving Time ends and we return to Standard Time. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed next Saturday night and enjoy an extra hour of sleep.

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the success of this year's "Cards Etc. Party" which was held last Monday. Special thanks to Gale Thibodeaux for chairing the event and for all who worked alongside her to guarantee its success. We had a record number of players which translates to record blessings for our Church!

In Christ,
Father Matt

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN (RCIC)

The Christian Formation Office is looking for a Teacher for the RCIC Program. This program helps youth with no prior Christian Formation receive sacramental preparation. Ages vary from 3rd to 8th graders; class size is about six youth. Schedule is very flexible. Please let us know if you are interested!
(225) 749-3387.



MARCH FOR LIFE

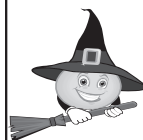
High School Students—Join us for the
Pro-Life Washington DC Pilgrimage

January 18—23, 2014

Cost—\$500

\$100 Deposit Due October 16, 2013

www.youthmarchforlife.org



REMINDER—HAUNTED HOUSE CANCELLED!

Have A safe & Happy Halloween!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, November 3 (7:30 am Mass)

- ⇒ Monthly Communion Service for KC Members & their families
- ⇒ Coffee & Donuts will be served immediately following Mass.
- ⇒ September Calendar Winners: Alcide Delapasse, Dylan & Kayla Tempanaro, Julianna Distefano, Dolores Pruitt, Gaetano Passantino, Brent Rachal, Adam Hymel, Shane Travasos, Becky Sue Bickham, Elizabeth Daigle, Virginia Distefano, Justin & Haley George, DeEtte Hunt, Laura Thibodeaux, James Vidrine, Jordan Ducote, Pam Mechana, Dolores Laurent, Joycelyn Lamothe, Stacey Frens, Courtney Burrus, Jerry Druilhet, Janene Ducote, C.J. Berthelot, Tammy Touns, Velma Gaudet, Aimee McKenzie, Sue Richard, Lisa Beatty, Basin River Electrical

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Jocelyn Gauthreaux and her group for cleaning the church during the month of October. Cleaning for November will be done by Mary Anita Tullier (749-3459). Please give her a call to lend a hand.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Gerald & Sandra Fitzgerald for chairing the committee for October. Chaircouple for November will be Harold & Beverly Babin. Please call them at 749-2027 with any concerns.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank You for Supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal

Please accept the heartfelt gratitude of Bishop Robert W. Muench, the significant ministries the BAA helps fund, and the thousands of people whose lives you have enriched through your generosity. Your gifts honor Christ and offer hope and help to those most in need.

When generous families and caring individuals honor Christ and give to support the BAA, others benefit. Perhaps your contribution will save the life of an unborn child through Catholic Charities Sanctuary for Life. Your gift may ensure homebound parishioners enjoy the Mass through Catholic Life TV. If you have not done so already, please join with your fellow parishioners and give to support the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please Give to the Lord for All His Goodness to You.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

October 13, 2013

235 Identified- - - - - \$8,813.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 751.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$9,564.00

September Building Fund Collection—\$15,6811

October 20, 2013

191 Identified- - - - - \$6,042.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 649.21

TOTAL- - - - - \$6,691.21

World Mission Collection—\$603.00

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. Matt Dupre' at 225-336-8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

Come & See Weekend

November 8—10, 2013

St. Joseph Spirituality College
Covington, LA

Young men 16 years of age and older who are interested in the priesthood and would like to find out more about seminary life are invited! Hosted by the seminarians—No charge—Register a week prior to the event. Call the Vocations Office at 225-336-8778 to register.

TALKING WITH CHILDREN ABOUT ADOPTION

A Seminar for Parents

Talking with your children about adoption can be difficult. Join Catholic Charities' adoption specialists/social workers on Thursday, November 7th from 6-8pm to learn how you can answer some common questions and gather the tools and understanding to have family conversations about adoption. \$35 per person or \$50 per couple. Call Patrick at 225-336-8708 with questions or to register.



SACRED HEART OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
2250 Main St., Baton Rouge

Special Novena to Our Savior's Sacred Heart

Every First Friday from now to June 2014

Mass at noon followed by novena and Benediction

Confessions will precede Mass at 11:00 am

Everyone is invited!



CONGRATULATIONS to the following children and their families: Peyton Alan Irwin, son of Heath & Chassidy Irwin; Caroline Leigh Meyer, daughter of Justin & Mary Meyer; and Avery Clare Parsons, daughter of Scott & Heather Parsons. These children were all baptized here last week. Welcome to our faith community.

Readings for the Week of October 27, 2013

- Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/
Lk 18:9-14
- Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
- Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35
- Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
- Saturday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/
Jn 6:37-40
- Next Sunday: Wis 11:22--12:2/2 Thes 1:11--2:2/
Lk 19:1-10

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2012-2013

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Many people will be celebrating Halloween this week, often with costumes, parties, and trick-or-treating. This holy evening the night before All Saints' Day is a time to cast out evil and to frighten away the darkness. The light of the jack-o'-lanterns with their scary faces is meant to intimidate the evil that lurks around in the night as we march into the day celebrating the saints triumphant. While some people may get caught up in the exuberance of a holiday, reveling without a thought to the holy day that follows, Halloween is by virtue of its very name, a sacred night. The saints whom we honor are people who threw aside darkness so that they could live as sons and daughters of light, who never pretended to be anything other than children of God.

The parable that Jesus tells in the Gospel today presents us with two men, a Pharisee and a tax collector. The Pharisee is so convinced of his own righteousness that he doesn't hesitate to tell God how good a man he thinks himself to be. In the meantime, it is the tax collector who is aware of his own need for God's mercy because of his recognition of his own faults before God. Jesus points out that the man who acknowledged his sinfulness was the man who went home justified.

They didn't celebrate Halloween in the days of the Pharisee and the tax collector. But the Pharisee seemed ready to dress himself up in all kinds of virtue in an attempt to show his supposed righteousness. We may dress up on Halloween in some outlandish costume just for fun. But in our lives each day we really need to put on Christ. Like the saints, we wear our dignity as sons and daughters of God, acknowledging our faults, seeking God's help, and abandoning any evil that lures us away from holiness. Then we'll have a real Hallowed Evening!