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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
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

And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" - Lk 17:15-18

Dear Parishioners,

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, chairman of the *Committee on Pro-Life Activities* for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, offers the following reflections for this year's Respect Life Month:

"The theme of the 2016-17 Respect Life Program is 'Moved by Mercy.' When we let our hearts be moved by God's mercy, it shapes everything. As Pope Francis said, 'We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us' (Misericordiae Vultus)."

"God has made each of us in his own image and likeness. He desires to be united with us forever in a loving relationship. God loves us, treats us with respect, and asks us to do the same with others. Every person is sacred and must be treated with the dignity they deserve. No one should ever be treated callously or carelessly—everyone should be cherished and protected!"

"From each tiny child waiting to be born, to individuals nearing death, all are precious and deserve our care and protection. Women and men suffering after abortion, individuals tempted to end their lives, couples longing to conceive a child, people pushed to the margins of society by a 'throwaway culture,' expectant mothers facing challenging pregnancies, and every other person—each 'has a place in God's heart from all eternity' (Amoris Laetitia 168)."

One of the ways that we show mercy to others is by offering assistance to the poor of our area. As a parish family we help with electric bills, rent, water, and food. Some of the applicants are disabled, some have lost their jobs, and others are caring for children and grandchildren. We know we cannot provide for all of their needs but at least we can relieve some small measure of worry and hardship. Families suffering from chronic situations are asked to wait at least six months between requests for financial assistance.

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.

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.

In Christ,
Father Matt

We Still Need 1 Childrens' Church Catechist
11:00 am Sundays Call Karen or June at
749-3387 if you can help.

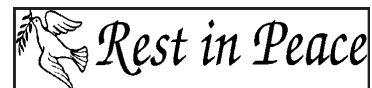


COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY

No Classes on
Monday, October 10th &
Tuesday, October 11th
Due to Columbus Day
Holiday on Monday

New Mass Schedule at Holy Family

For those who sometimes attend Mass
at Holy Family in Port Allen,
the following is their new Mass schedule:
Saturdays—4:00 pm
Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 am



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to

Carroll Bourgeois & family upon the death of his brother Harold Bourgeois and to Dallas Weems & family upon the death of his sister and niece Donna & Carli Jo LeBlanc. Please keep them in your prayers.



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.**

T-SHIRTS: will be on sale starting October 15th.

Anyone who wants to 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.



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

**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.



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PLAQUEMINE, LA GIFT SHOP CLOSING

All items in the Gift Shop will be placed in St. John's Parish Hall and marked on sale the weekend of October 22nd and 23rd. (Masses are at 4pm, 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am). Some items are statues, rosaries, rosary cases, prayer cards, medals and chains. All will be discounted.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

October 2, 2016

Regular:

283 Identified- - - - - \$17,110.50
Loose Collection- - - - - 872.40
TOTAL- - - - - \$17,982.90

A VOCATION VIEW

How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? In gratitude, ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow him as a priest, sister, brother or deacon? If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

Knights of Columbus

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Saturday, October 15, 2016—4:00 pm in Church

The K.C.'s will be recruiting new members at all Masses next weekend (October 15/16). Please take a moment to consider joining this group of men who do so much for our church community!

Please Join Us!

TOWN OF ADDIS LIVE AT FIVE ON THE WESTSIDE

Railroad Museum & Park
5:00—8:00 pm

BATTLE FOR THE PADDLE

October 21—Jambalaya Cook-Off
November 4—Pastalaya Cook-Off

FALL LINE-UP

October 21—The Chris LeBlanc Band
November 4—The Gillis Silo
November 18—Penalty Box & Lighting of Christmas Lights

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Has your child experienced a loss of a parent due to death, divorce or separation of a parent? This is a weekend for healing and moving through the grieving process. Young People's Beginning Experience will take place on October 21—23, 2016 at Rosaryville Retreat Center located at 39003 Rosaryville Rd., Ponchatoula, LA. The cost is \$165 and covers 2 nights lodging/food. For ages: 12-17. For more information, contact: Rose Brocato at figladybrocato@gmail.com or call (504) 920-0770.

Readings for the Week of October 9, 2016

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/
Lk 17:11-19
Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31--5:1/Ps 113:1-7/
Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48/
Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1-6/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-7/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-8/2 Tm 3:14--4:2/
Lk 18:1-8

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine?" Jesus had worked a miracle of healing for ten people afflicted with leprosy. They had cried out for him to have pity on them, and he did. But only one member of this group took the time to return to Jesus, fall at his feet, and thank him. Why?

Perhaps some were so busy rejoicing that they forgot to give thanks. Perhaps others thought they deserved to be healed and thus did not think in terms of gratitude for the miracle. Maybe some in the group weren't sure that the healing was going to last. Or, possibly, some of them were just selfish and lazy. Whatever the case, Jesus affirms the one man who does the right thing: "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." Jesus thus establishes this Samaritan man as our example. We too are to glorify "God in a loud voice" for all that he has done for us.

So, what exactly has God done for us? What are the miracles in our lives that we have failed to notice, to believe, or to appreciate? Undoubtedly the answers will be different for everyone, with one main exception: we are all called to give thanks for the gift of life, of course. This is the first miracle God worked on our behalf! Bringing us into existence to live and love is a gift we might tend to take for granted. But surely, we can be thankful for more.

We would all do well to reflect on the multitude of God's gifts in our lives. Sometimes we have to pause long enough to think and recognize those things we should be grateful for. But a little effort in this regard is well worth it to avoid being like the ungrateful lepers. Instead, may we be the ones who give thanks where thanks is due.