

*September 11, 2016  
24th 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

"Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

- Lk 15:6c-7

Dear Parishioners,

Work has begun in the back portion of the cemetery to remove the old asphalt drive in preparation for its realignment and expansion. The project will take a little time to complete since the contractor has to first place the limestone base and then repeatedly compact it over time before adding the asphalt. The end result will be a more functional cemetery drive with designated parking.

The project also includes the pouring of two concrete tent pads in front of the old and new mausoleums so that we can gather for the graveside prayers on a safe and level surface. We will also pour a new concrete sidewalk to help define the new Angel Garden section for infant burials. Then, once the weather turns cooler this fall, we will plant some medium size trees to add additional beauty to our cemetery.

Next Sunday, September 18, is designated as Catechetical Sunday in Catholic parishes and schools throughout the United States. The theme this year is "Prayer: The Faith Prayed." All of our parish catechists will be invited forward during Mass to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each of us plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

In just two weeks we will celebrate a "Blue Mass" to honor all law enforcement personnel at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 25, 2016. The date was chosen for its proximity to September 29, the Feast Day of St. Michael the Archangel, the patron saint of police. Many thanks to the K.C.'s for sponsoring the Mass and the cub scouts for providing the color guard. All are invited to attend.

This year's *Feast on the Levee* is Sunday, October 30, so please mark your calendars. A book of raffle tickets was recently mailed to all of our families and I ask that you please help to insure the continued success of our fair by either selling or purchasing the entire book. For those who can afford a little more, we also have the large raffle tickets available for \$100 each. They have already been mailed to everyone who purchased a ticket in the past, and extras are also available in the

parish office if you or someone you know would like to buy one this year.

Serving as a warmup event for the *Feast* is our annual *Cards, Etc. Party* scheduled for Monday, 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. Chairpersons for the *Card Party* are the sister and brother duo of Terry Guidry and Larry Durbin. Chairperson for this year's *Feast on the Levee* is Mimi Clouatre. I thank them, their assistants, and all of you for all that you do to sustain our parish community.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual *Ava and Jacob Saucier Memorial Scholarship Benefit Jambalaya* is this Sunday, September 11, from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Holy Family Parish Hall in Port Allen. The dinners are \$8 each and the proceeds are used to provide tuition scholarships to Holy Family School.

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.

LIVING FAITH BOOKLETS  
FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER  
ARE IN  
PICK UP YOUR COPY AT THE PARISH OFFICE

### BAPTISM



BAPTISMAL SEMINAR  
Wednesday, September 14, 2016  
6:00 pm—Classroom #5  
This class is mandatory  
for parents  
in preparation for the baptism of  
your child.  
Please call the Parish Office  
(749-2189) to register!

# Knights of Columbus



## Saturday, September 17

Pro-Life Rosary—4:00 pm in Church

## Wednesday, September 21

Monthly Meeting—Activity Center  
Officers' - 6:00 pm; Regular—7:15 pm



## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL CAMPAIGN

40 Days for Life is a worldwide pro-life campaign that consists of prayer and fasting and peaceful vigil for an end to abortion. A peaceful and prayerful vigil will be held outside of Delta abortion facility located at 756 Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm on each of the 40 days. Please make a pilgrimage of prayer to save lives. For more information about how you, your organization or church community can participate visit the website at: [www.40DaysForLifeBR.com](http://www.40DaysForLifeBR.com) or contact Danielle Van Haute at 225-242-0164.



## LIFE FEST AND ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MASS

October 1, 2016

The 2nd Annual Diocesan Life Fest will be held on October 1, 2016 in the Tracy Center Ballroom! The theme for this year is "Called to Compassion: Living Mercy". The keynote presenter will be Fr. Andrew Merrick, Director of vocations for the Diocese of Baton Rouge and Spiritual Director for the March for Life Pilgrimage. Breakout session topics include: Mercy at the End of Life, Prison Ministry, Artificial Reproductive Technologies & Infertility, and Living Out Every Day Mercy. This FREE event will also feature Adoration, Kids Track for ages 5-11, music by Greg & Lizzy, various exhibitors and the Annual Respect Life Mass at 4pm. Registration information will be available soon.

*"The greatest destroyer of peace today is ABORTION...because it is war against the child."*  
- Mother Teresa of Calcutta

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COLLECTION

This collection will be taken up next week. Please place your special envelope in the regular collection. Contributions will be retained in our parish.



**7th Annual Ava & Jacob Saucier Memorial Scholarship Benefit Jambalaya Dinners—\$8 each Today (10:30 am—1:00 pm) Holy Family Parish Hall Port Allen**

## A VOCATION VIEW

God is the Father with open arms. Who will preach this Good News of reconciliation? Consider service as a priest or deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, [mdupre@diobr.org](mailto:mdupre@diobr.org), or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).



*If you are so blessed to still have your grandparents, give them a call or visit today. They would love to hear from you!*

## BIBLE STUDY

### St. John the Evangelist—Plaquemine

Fall Bible Study begins Thursday, September 15 from 1:30 pm—3:00 pm and 6:30 pm—8:00 pm & Monday, September 19 from 6:30 pm—8:00 pm in their Parish Hall. The Bible Study will end on November 17 and November 21 respectively.

In "The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy," you will discover who the prophets were, what their message was, and why they are important to us. You will see how God is constantly calling you to a deeper relationship with Him and discover the areas in your life that prevent you from drawing closer to God. You will also see how the prophets' powerful words speak to us today and discover the ways you are called to be the voice of God to others...and much more!

Please call Donna Carville at 225.687.2402 to order your Study Guide.

## **Be Merciful**

*Be mindful of your behavior online. Is that post designed to improve your image...and leave others feeling bad? Are you hammering people in order to serve your anger and humiliate others?*

## Readings for the Week of September 11, 2016

Sunday:	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/ 1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10
Monday:	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1-5/ Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/ Jn 3:13-17
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 28/ Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Friday:	1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1, 6-8, 15/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10-14/ Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday:	Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/ Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2015-2016**

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**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"The Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.'" Jesus knew these self-righteous religious leaders were complaining. And he knew they needed to learn a lesson. So, in addition to giving a lived example of welcoming the company of "tax collectors and sinners," Jesus also directly taught the skeptics about the importance of welcoming those who have been lost. Today's Gospel gives a powerhouse lineup of three parables that all teach a similar message: rejoice over the lost sheep, rejoice over the lost coin, and rejoice over the return of the lost son.

The theme can be summarized in the simple directive: rejoice don't reject. When someone who isn't part of the "fold" appears in church, this is cause for rejoicing! It should not be cause for gossip, sideways glances, or nervous whispers about what to do or say. Rather a genuine smile and word of welcome would be in order at the very least, and a heartfelt invitation to join the community would be totally appropriate.

Too often we become complacent about our Christian company. We get used to seeing the same people every Sunday and forget about the "lost" men and women who are outside the bounds of our comfort zone. Jesus gives us the image of an active shepherd who goes "after the lost one until he finds it," and a diligent widow who will "sweep the house, searching carefully" until she finds her coin. He tells us of a father who "ran to his son, embraced and kissed him," in spite of the separation they had faced. We too are called to take initiative in seeking out those who are lost, and to rejoice heartily when they finally do come back home.