



*September 22, 2013
Twenty-fifth 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

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.

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:10-11

Dear Parishioners,

"40 Days for Life" is an interdenominational pro-life campaign focused on prayer & fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach. This will be the third year that the Baton Rouge religious community has participated in this national and international effort. This year's campaign runs from September 25 to November 3 which overlaps with our own Catholic Church's "Respect Life Month" observance in October.

The first and most important way to participate in this campaign is to devote daily time in prayer for an end to abortion. Second, you may wish to sign-up to participate in an hour of peaceful witness outside of the Delta Clinic on Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge. St. John the Baptist Parish has adopted Sunday, September 29, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. as our day to pray outside of the clinic, so try to help us fill those hours if you are able. Call Mary Benoit or Julie Millard to sign-up for an hour, or just come whenever you are able.

For another prayer and adoration opportunity closer to home, the Catholic Daughters are sponsoring an all-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our church on Friday, October 4, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending just prior to our 8:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass. Those wishing to sign-up for an hour of prayer can do so after Mass this weekend and next.

Please continue your good efforts to learn our new chant setting for the sung parts of the Mass. The musical notes for the Gloria, Holy, Holy, Memorial Acclamation, and Lamb of God are found in the missalette and will soon become second nature. The secret to chant is repetitive practice until the music becomes so familiar that we are able to match our voices together in sung liturgical prayer. We may not be able to equal the beauty of a monastic community but we can come pretty close if we persevere through these initial weeks of training.

I will be at Holy Family School in Port Allen this Thursday morning, September 26, to celebrate the 8:00 a.m. school Mass with the students and faculty. You are of course welcome to join me if you are free. In most cases like this, Father David Allen will take

my place here and celebrate our morning Mass while I celebrate his school Mass, but he is out of town this week. Father Matthew Bonk, CSSR, from St. Gerard Parish will fill in instead and celebrate our Mass on Thursday morning. I hope to celebrate a school Mass at St. John in Plaquemine sometime soon also.

Father Charles Chukwuani stayed with us for a couple of months after first arriving in Baton Rouge to begin his ministry as chaplain for both locations of the Baton Rouge General Medical Center. He celebrates his 25th anniversary of priestly ordination next Saturday, September 28, at a special 4:00 p.m. Mass at the mid-city hospital chapel on Florida Boulevard. All are invited to attend the Mass and reception, or if not to remember him in prayer and thanksgiving for 25 years of priestly service to God and His Church.

In Christ,
Father Matt

Religious Education

**CATECHISTS ARE STILL NEEDED
FOR 4th GRADE ON MONDAY EVENINGS
AND 6th GRADE ON MONDAY NIGHTS.**

**Catechists really needed for Children's
Church (especially during 11:00 am Mass.)
Please call 749-3387 if you can help!**

Youth Retreat

**DIOCESAN JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT
Open to all current 6th—8th Graders
September 27—29—Cost \$150
Camp Abbey, Covington, LA
Call Julie (749-3387) to register!**





FEAST ON THE LEVEE

Sunday, October 27, 2013

Be sure to call Pamela & Scot

at 749-1915 or email

scotrhodes@cox.net or pamelabrhodes@cox.net
to let them know what you want to do!

WE NEED YOU!

Cooks, Booth Workers, Children's Games

You are needed in any capacity you wish to serve.

Help us to make this the BEST FEAST EVER

You should receive your raffle tickets soon.

Please try to sell all of them as soon as possible!



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to
Chris LeBlanc & Claudia Landry and families upon the death of their mother, Bessie LeBlanc and to Warren Brou and family upon the death of his mother, Jane Benson Brou. Please keep them in your prayers.

CARDS, ETC.



Entries are coming in and everyone looking forward to a great party! If you don't have a group to play with please contact Gale at 749-3769 or 413-5809 and she will try to place you with a group that is missing players. We hope no one will have to miss out on this great time. Be sure to invite your friends!!

Registration Forms are available at the Church Office.

Congratulations to Kayla Prejean & Michael Vincent who were married here last weekend.



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



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF EZORA LANDRY

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

September 15, 2013

204 Identified- - - - - \$6,414.33

Loose Collection- - - - - 682.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$7,096.33

A VOCATION VIEW

We cannot serve two masters. Which one are you willing to follow? Could it be you are being called to serve the Master as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org.

LISTEN & CALL IN!

1-855-341-5199

Radio Thon
1380am

3 days of voices you know from Baton Rouge and the surrounding areas. Listen in for your favorite priests!

OCT 1, 2 & 3

KEEP WPYR ON AIR!

FATHER SEELOS MEMORIAL MASS

Sunday, October 6, 2013 (1:00 pm)

St. Mary's Assumption church

New Orleans, LA

Most Reverend Gregory Aymond,
 Archbishop of New Orleans—Celebrant & Homilist

Confessions before Mass

Veneration of the Relic Missionary Crucifix of Bl. Seelos will begin at 11:45 am

REDEMPTORIST HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, October 10th beginning at 1:00 pm

In the Student Center until 7:00 p.m.

Grades 7—12

For ore information call (225) 357-0936 or visit the website: www.rhsbr.org.

ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Girls in grades 6—8 and their parents

Thursday, Oct. 17th any time between 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Admissions information will be available for 8th grade students.

Visit www.sjabr.org to learn more about St. Joseph's Academy.

Readings for the Week of September 22, 2013

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9

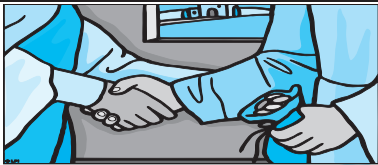
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/
 Lk 16:19-31

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Brad and Joanna met in graduate school and married shortly after they each completed their degree work. As a young married couple they are deeply in love with each other and really work hard at being unified in their household as they raise their two young children. In so many ways they act as one. But every fall there is one thing that comes along that divides this couple: college football! You see, Joanna graduated from Ohio State, while Brad finished his undergraduate work at the University of Wisconsin. Most of the time, the weekend college football events are not that divisive. They can even root for each other's alma maters depending on who the opponent is. But when their schools play each other the division is intense. Their home life may be united in many things, but when it comes to their old school teams the rivalry wins out.

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus points out to his disciples that a person can really only devote himself to one master. Serving God and serving money are very hard to hold in balance. The dishonest steward in the Gospel parable could not hold to his ethical duty to his employer. Instead he used his position to feather his own nest, something that even his former employer gave him credit for.

The loyalties that Brad and Joanna have toward their individual teams are commendable. They each maintain a strong devotion to their collegiate experience. But they also recognize that there is a greater master to serve in their lives: their marital union. As intense as game day may be, they realize that in the end, it is just a game, while their marriage and their family life is not. They have recognized a greater good even as they enjoy the game that divides them each fall. Our own lives can be exactly like that. We can come to an accommodation with every other thing as long as we recognize that God is the master of all.