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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

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:25-27

Dear Parishioners,

I am in Green Bay, Wisconsin this weekend attending the LSU–Wisconsin game at Lambeau Field. Please welcome back Father Jon Koehler who is saying Mass for us this weekend in my absence. I don't return until Tuesday afternoon so we will have a Communion Service in place of the 8:00 a.m. Mass this Tuesday morning, September 6.

This weekend is also significant in that Mother Teresa of Calcutta is being canonized at Mass today (Sunday, September 4) by Pope Francis in Rome. It is 19 years since her death in 1997 and 13 years since her beatification by St. John Paul II in 2003. Her feast day is September 5.

Mother Teresa once said, "Holiness is not the luxury of a few. It is everyone's duty: yours and mine." She first answered the call to holiness by joining the Sisters of Loreto, an order devoted to the education of girls. She made her first profession of vows in 1931 and took the religious name Teresa after St. Therese of Lisieux.

After teaching for 15 years, she then famously received her "call within a call" on September 10, 1946 while riding the train from Calcutta to Darjeeling for a retreat. She felt a desire deep in her heart to serve the poorest of the poor, those without home or family, those who felt abandoned and unloved. She was 36 years old. She met with the Archbishop of Calcutta to gain his approval and finally received permission to found the Missionaries of Charity on October 7, 1950.

Mother Teresa also said, "When a poor person dies of hunger, it has not happened because God did not take care of him or her. It has happened because neither you nor I wanted to give that person what he or she needed. We have refused to be instruments of love in the hands of God to give the poor a piece of bread, to offer them a dress with which to ward off the cold. It has happened because we did not recognize Christ when, once more, he appeared under the guise of pain, identified with a man numb from the cold, dying of hunger, when he came in a lonely human being, in a lost child in search of a home."

As I mentioned previously, we will honor all law enforcement personnel at a "Blue Mass" to be held here 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. The K.C.'s have graciously agreed to help sponsor the Mass and our cub scouts will provide the color guard. All are invited to attend.

The 7th Annual *Ava and Jacob Saucier Memorial Scholarship Benefit Jambalaya* will take place next 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.

The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 5, in recognition of Labor Day and to allow our hard-working staff a day of rest. I pray you also enjoy time with family and friends this Labor Day, and I also pray for those who are unemployed and in search of meaningful work.

In Christ,
Father Matt



Monday, September 5th
The Parish Office will
be closed for this
holiday.

NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH OR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER
6TH DUE TO LABOR DAY HOLIDAYS



PLEASE NOTE!!!
We still need 1 Catechist for Childrens' Church
Sundays at 11:00 am Mass



*The Sanctuary Candle is now
burning in memory of
Buck Tullier.*

Baptisms

*The following children were baptized here last week-
end and we send Congratulations to them and their
families:*

Hailey Grace Bayham, daughter of Davian & Alesha Bayham; Zachary Thomas Beard, son of Patrick & Holly Beard; Taylor Jude Hotard, son of Shelby & Richelle Hotard; Thomas Paul Rock, son of Brennan & Kacie Rock; Milah Lizabeth Sanchez, daughter of Morris Sanchez & Katelyn Beard; Andi Katherine Tassin, daughter of Brent & Samantha Tassin; and Tenly Jade Troxclair, daughter of Jarrod & Kayla Troxclair.

WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!

Be Merciful

*Create a short end-of-day ritual to ask for (and extend)
forgiveness with those you live with. "...do not let the
sun set on your anger" (Eph 4:26).*



PRAYER FOR FLOOD VICTIMS AS WELL AS ALL VICTIMS OF DISASTERS

*Good and loving God,
We know you did not cause this disaster,
but that your goodness is seen in the people
who respond to the needs that surface afterwards.
Be with all those who suffer because of natural or
man-made disasters.
Inspire all those around, and inspire me,
to respond with generosity to bring these
victims to healing,
and to productive lives once again.
We ask this in God's name.
AMEN*

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

August 28, 2016

REGULAR:

202 Identified- - - - - \$ 7,081.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 543.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$ 7,624.00

Flood Relief Collection—\$7,048.00



A VOCATION VIEW

Having a loose grasp on those things that rightly belong to God is required of every follower. The open hands you are left with will be filled to overflowing by God. Can you let go? If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

*Looking for a Way to Include God in
Your relationship?*

The Marriage Encounter weekend is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores and phones...and focus on each other (the way it all began). The weekend can help you find greater depth, growth and enrichment in your relationship. The next weekend is October 14—15, 2016 at the Bishop Robert E. Tracy Center in Baton Rouge. You can get more information or register online at LAMS-wwwme.org or by calling (470) 297-8560.



ROSARYVILLE SPIRIT LIFE CENTER
Ponchatoula, LA

Sister Rose Bowen, OP "Day of Prayer"
Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Looking for a Day of Prayer? We read and hear about the "Francis Effect" and its influence throughout the world. What do the teachings and even the style of this say about the God he proclaims and about what that means in everyday life? Begins at 9 am with coffee and fellowship The talks begin at 9:30 am with discussion and quiet time for reflection. Lunch will be served at noon. Cost: \$35.00. The Eucharist will be celebrated and will conclude at 2:30 pm.

RSVP @ 225-294-5039,

Readings for the Week of September 4, 2016

Sunday:	Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-6, 12-17/ Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-17/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6/ Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3-6, 12/L Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43- Lk 6:43-49
Next 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

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"Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." It's a modern misconception to think of Jesus as the ultimate nice guy who only said things that everybody loved to hear. Of course Jesus is the perfect model of charity and compassion, but he also gave some very challenging teachings. Today's Gospel is a case in point. Not many people are thrilled by Christ's lesson today that insists God MUST be first in our lives. Few are those who love to hear this instruction to renounce our beloved things as well as our beloved relationships. But Jesus does not mince words. We are to "hate" our "father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters," and even our own life.

It's important to understand that the use of the word "hate" here does not mean to despise anyone or treat them unkindly. It means rather to prefer something--or Someone--else, namely, God, to these important relationships. Taken in the context of the Gospel as a whole it is clear that Jesus is not advocating cruelty or animosity. On the contrary, just a few weeks ago we heard from Luke 10:27 as Jesus instructed us to love our neighbors as ourselves. However, in putting God first, inevitably something else must take second place. It is a kind of hatred of family, self, and "stuff" when we don't allow these things to become mini-gods in our lives. Instead, we keep God as God.

What does this mean for us? It means not allowing a family member to prevent us from practicing our faith to the fullest, and also not putting our trust in gadgets and gizmos. It means, instead, putting all our trust in God, whatever the cost may be.