



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 am) or by appointment

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.

Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:30–4:30
Office closed for lunch 12:30–1:30

September 16, 2012



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We all learned in elementary school that a noun is anything that names a person, place, object, thing, or action. Running is a noun when it describes the activity of sprinters at this past summer's Olympics. Apple is a noun; so is Washington, whether you mean George or DC (or for that matter state, a street in many towns, or a dollar bill). They are all Washingtons. Most of the time, we learn the word for the item after we understand what it is. As children we learn that one round, red fruit is called an apple, while another one is called a tomato. There is at least one occasion in which the name comes first: the naming of a child. We give a name—often a name that has special meaning—without really knowing if this child will truly grow into the meaning of that name.

In the Gospel today Jesus is being named. His disciples recount the different names that people think apply to him. Some think he's John the Baptist because he takes on the Pharisees like John used to do. Others think he may be Elijah because he stands up for the poor against the powerful as that prophet did. Still others think that he's one of the other prophets from the past, speaking the word of God as they did. Peter names him the Christ, the anointed of God. It's a title that comes after the fact, put down when the Gospel was written thirty years after the death and resurrection of Jesus.

We can't wait until our sons and daughters are full grown before we decide on a name for them. We call them from birth by whatever name we choose for them. But through formation in the faith we strive to help them see that there is a name that they carry and one that they must live up to by virtue of their baptism. That name is "Christian."

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At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." - Mk 8:33-34

Dear Parishioners,

The Catholic Church in Louisiana is very blessed to have two seminaries located within the boundaries of our state. *St. Joseph Seminary College* is operated by the Benedictine monks of St. Joseph Abbey and is located in St. Benedict, Louisiana near Covington. The seminary and abbey are often identified by the nickname "*St. Ben's*." Young men who aspire to follow Christ in the priesthood attend St. Ben's to further discern God's call and to work on their undergraduate college degree in philosophy or religious studies.

The second seminary is *Notre Dame Seminary and Graduate School of Theology* located in New Orleans. Once a student has completed his undergraduate degree at St. Ben's or elsewhere, he then qualifies to enroll at Notre Dame to begin graduate studies in theology while further developing his spiritual life and vocational call. Both seminaries are currently doing very well and boast enrollments of around 90—100 students.

There are many other outstanding seminaries located around the United States and of course in Rome where a young man might go to study for the priesthood. The curriculum is determined by the Bishops' Conference of each country and approved by the Vatican, so the coursework is very similar at each institution. However the advantage for us in having the option of a local seminary is that our seminarians are close enough to attend diocesan events such as youth conferences, retreats, and parish celebrations. It is also easier for the seminarians and priests to get to know one another so that we can build fraternity and unity within our presbyterate.

Operating small free-standing seminaries is very expensive and the cost is about \$30,000 per year per student, so I wanted to make you aware of some ways that you can help to support them. St. Ben's sponsors an annual fundraiser in Baton Rouge entitled "*Deo Gratias*," which is Latin for "Thanks be to God." The date for this year's event is Sunday, October 7, at the Catholic Life Center, beginning with vespers at 5:30 p.m. and followed by a buffet supper and a performance by the Schola. Tickets are \$75.00 and may be purchased online at saintjosephabbey.com or by calling Sharon at 985-867-2234. We have also invited one of the monks to visit our parish and take up a second collection at all of our Masses the weekend of November 3-4, 2012.

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For those who do not mind a little drive, Notre Dame Seminary has its annual Gala on Saturday, October 20, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the seminary located at 2901 S. Carrollton Avenue in New Orleans. They have wonderful food provided by New Orleans chefs as well as a fantastic silent auction. Tickets are \$100.00 and may be purchased online at www.ndsgala.org or by calling 504-866-7426, ext. 3740. Due to my previous assignment as Vocation Director and my ongoing love for the priesthood, I plan to attend both the Deo Gratias and the Gala.

Finally, please remember that the Diocese has numerous Seminary Scholarship Funds, also known as seminary burses, which help the diocese to pay the tuition, room, and board for all of our seminarians. A great way of honoring a deceased relative or priest is by opening a seminary scholarship fund in his or her memory. Contributions to the funds are published in the Catholic Commentator several times each year and a complete list of funds is available on the diocesan website at http://diobr.org/images/stories/seminaryscholarshiptotals_201112.pdf. Please call the Office of Vocations for more information at 336-8778, and please continue your good prayers for vocations.

In Christ,
Father Matt



Please join us in celebrating our catechists for the upcoming year at Masses this weekend.

**WE STILL NEED CATECHISTS FOR
1st, 2nd & 3rd Grades on Tuesday Afternoons
PLEASE CALL IF YOU CAN HELP!**

JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY KICK-OFF

5th—8th Grade

Sunday, September 30 (4—6 pm) Activity Center
SPACEWALK OBSTACLE COURSE, GAMES PIZZA!
Parents are welcome!

YOUTH MINISTRY KICKOFF

9th—12th Grade

Sunday, September 30 (6:30—8:30 pm)
Activity Center
SPACEWALK OBSTACLE COURSE, GAME, PIZZA!
Parents are welcome!

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PRESENTS,

A Year of Faith Event:

Adult Evenings of Faith:

“Rediscovering Our Catholic Faith”

Presented by Jason Romero and Katie Austin of Source & Summit Ministry

Thursday, October 11 (6:00—8:00 pm) Activity Center
Wine & Cheese Reception

Babysitting Available (Please RSVP to the Christian Formation Office with the number of children.)



WE'RE NOT KIDDING!!!!

We really need you for this year's Feast on the Levee

Sunday, October 28, 2012

It's getting close—what will you do?

Scot & Pamela Rhodes are the chaircouple for the Feast. Please call them at 749-1915 or email scotrhdodes@cox.net or pamelabrhdodes@cox.net. As everyone knows, this is a HUGE EVENT and a great FUND-RAISER. It takes the whole community to make it work. GIVE THEM A CALL.

SILENT AUCTION/PARADE OF PRIZES: Contact person is Mary Kay Alford, mkalford2@cox.net, 749-6014, cell 362-8790. BRING IN DONATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

NEEDED: Volunteers for all booths, Cooks, Donations, Ideas. (Students—Get your Service Hours!)

ATTENTION ALL COOKS: Please call Melissa & David at 687-3776 to let them know what you will be cooking.

Draw up a design for the t-shirt. Either email it to Scot & Pamela or drop off at the church office.

If you would like to continue the job you had last year, please let us know...we really appreciate your hard work and dedication in making this a successful event for our church and community!

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

September 9 2012

REGULAR:

253 Identified- - - - - \$ 7,978.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 918.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$ 8,896.00

Catholic University- - - - - \$ 326.00

A VOCATION VIEW

We cannot increase vocations to the priesthood or religious by advertising that it will be an easy life. But then, no life worth living is an easy life. Jesus said, “If you wish to come after me you must deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow in My steps.” Pray for the gift of being able to accept a church vocation if that is what you feel God is calling you towards. Then call or email Father Matt Dupre’ at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.



HUGE GARAGE SALE

Saturday, October 6th

WE STILL NEED ITEMS.

CALL JUDY AT 749-3265

IF YOU HAVE ITEMS TO DONATE.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Now is the time to consider attending the 2013 Louisiana Youth Pilgrimage to the **March for Life** in Washington DC on January 21—January 26. This pilgrimage is meant to help young people become leaders in the effort to transform our society into a civilization of love and a culture of life. This is a life-changing spiritual and educational experience. Last January, over 350 youth and adults from the Diocese of Baton Rouge participated in this inspirational trip and marched on Capital Hill for the dignity of **LIFE** with over 350,000 people from across the United States. **YOU** can be a part of this pilgrimage in January. Cost is \$500 per person, but fundraising opportunities and other financial assistance will be available. For more information, please call Mary Benoit at 324-5289 or go to www.youthmarchforlife.com.



The Go-Pro for Life Group will be hosting a car wash to benefit members of the group who will be attending the March for Life in Washington, DC in January. The group will be at the Brusly Town Hall from 9:00 am until noon on Saturday, September 29th.. They will wash cars, trucks and vehicles of all sizes. Your support will be appreciated.

Readings for the Week of September 16, 2012

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31---13:13/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16---4:3/
Mk 9:30-37

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2012-2013

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Congratulations

The following children were baptized here last weekend. We send our congratulations to them and their families: Peyton Elizabeth Boudreaux, daughter of Steven & Bambi Boudreaux; Gavin K. Crowder, son of Mary Crowder Olano; John Wallace Gaudet, son of Wallace & Sherry Gaudet; Ella Louise Mire, daughter of Travis & Casie Mire; Jacob Lee Ourso, son of Deric & Ellie Ourso; Mia Ann Ramagos, daughter of David Ramagos & Jessica Duggan; Brendan Ezra Slayton, son of Joshua & Michelle Slayton; Craig Allen "C.J." Stelly, Jr., son of Craig & LeAnn Stelly; and Victoria Ann Viguet, daughter of Thomas & Jenny Viguet.



Welcome into our faith community!



***Congratulations to
BRETT & ALYSSA CHATELAIN
who celebrated the sacrament of
Matrimony here last week. Best
wishes on your life together!***

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Mickey & Sabrina Delapasse and family upon the death of their son, Dustin Delapasse and to the family of Mr. Bob Celestin upon his recent death.. Please keep them in your prayers.



THANK YOU!

The family of Liz Morel would like to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, cards, food, etc. these past few weeks. Very special thanks are extended to the Bereavement Committee for taking such a huge burden from them at a most difficult time.



**LIVING FAITH BOOKLETS FOR
OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND
DECEMBER ARE IN. YOU MAY PICK UP
YOUR COPY AT THE PARISH OFFICE.**