



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 23, 2012



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Certain selections in the Sunday funnies will occasionally show a harried mom racing around the house to complete the cleaning, laundry, dishes, and cooking. *Hi and Lois* is one such example. So is *Hagar the Horrible*. *Helga*, *Hagar's* wife, is usually portrayed with an apron girding her waist, while she holds a cooking spoon or broom for sweeping. *Helga* is industrious, while *Hagar*, her husband, is off on adventures (from which he usually returns empty-handed) or hanging out with his crew. This caricature of married life resonates with so many people, not because it is an accurate portrayal, but rather because there is just enough verisimilitude to give the plot some credence. *Helga* is stuck waiting on *Hagar* hand and foot, while he is lord of the manor.

This Sunday-comics understanding of serving is not what Jesus is describing to his disciples in the Gospel today. As the Gospel story for today shows, there is a connection between the death of Jesus and being of service to others. A true servant is filled with devotion, as Jesus himself was. He gave everything, including his life, not because we deserve it, but because he loved us so completely.

And that's where the Sunday-comic caricature gets it wrong. Being a servant is not about oppression or domination, but about love. In marriage, that love is mutual. It is a two-way street, not one spouse only serving the other, but both spouses loving and caring completely for one another. In a couple that exhibits this kind of love, you'll sometimes hear one or the other of the spouses say, "I don't deserve her (or him)." And he or she would be absolutely right! None of us deserves the love that is expressed. But because we are devoted to each other our service to one another is the sign of our love.

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"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:35b-37a

Dear Parishioners,

Wednesday, September 26, marks the beginning of this year's **40 DAYS FOR LIFE** campaign, an ecumenical, faith-based effort sponsored locally by our diocesan Marriage and Family Life Office. Catholics and all people of faith are invited to join in prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. If so moved, you are also invited to join others in peaceful witness outside of the Delta Clinic abortion facility in Baton Rouge between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily during the campaign.

For Catholics, the first Sunday of October (October 7 this year) is also designated as Respect Life Sunday. It is a day to focus on the dignity of human life and to rededicate ourselves to prayer and advocacy for the protection of life from conception through natural death. While we have made progress in certain areas we nonetheless recognize that *Roe v. Wade* is still the law of the land, and human dignity is undermined in numerous other ways in our materialistic culture. Now is not the time to become complacent or discouraged, or to give up our prayer and advocacy on behalf of life.

Just after his election in 2005, Pope Benedict XVI was speaking to German pilgrims in Rome and said: "The ways of the Lord are not easy, but we were not created for an easy life, but for great things, for goodness." What a beautiful reminder for all of us, no matter our age, that we were created for greatness and goodness. Our response to evil and human suffering, especially in our local community, is often the context in which we live out this sacred call. These last few years it has been very inspiring to see so many of our Catholic youth accompanied by many of our seminarians and newly ordained priests, make the bus trip to Washington, DC to participate in the *March for Life* held every January.

The Diocese of Baton Rouge youth pilgrimage to the *March for Life* was first organized about five years ago through the initiative of Mr. Peter Fletcher, assistant principal at St. Michael the Archangel High School. More than 500 high school students now participate in the pilgrimage each year and many have commented on the powerful effect it has had in the growth of their faith. In many cases it has also provided an opportunity for the youth to reflect on their vocation and even to consider serving God as a priest, brother, or sister.

Speaking of youth, Julie Cilano and a group of parishioners have planned an afternoon and evening of fun and games for the youth of our parish on Sunday, September 30, 2012. The junior high gathering (5th—8th grades) is from 4:00—6:00 p.m., and the high school gathering (9th—12th grades) is from 6:30—8:30 p.m. Activities include an inflatable obstacle course, games, and pizza, so please encourage your kids to attend. Julie has also set up a St. John the Baptist Brusly Youth Ministry facebook page so you may wish to visit it and click "like" to keep up with future events.

I will be on vacation this week from September 24—28 so please take care of things while I am away. See you at Mass next weekend.

In Christ,
Father Matt



STILL NEEDED
Children's Church Catechist Aides
11:00 am Masses
Call Christian Formation Office
(225) 749-3387

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.)

Feast on the Levee ***October 28, 2012***

CALLING ALL COOKS

Some of our veteran cooks have retired and won't be with us this year. Please grab your family & friends and come out and cook! Call David & Melissa at 687-3776. We need your help!

SILENT AUCTION/PARADE OF PRIZES

Please call Mary Kay Alford at 749-6014 or 362-8790 or email mkalford2@cox.net to donate prizes or work the Auction or Parade of Prizes. You can start bringing donations in now to the Parish Office.

FUN RUN—8:00 am

5K RUN—8:45 am

REGISTRATION: 7:30 am

Call Mike & Jamie Chustz at 749-1978.

CAKE BAKE-OFF

Bring cakes by 10:00 am

Judging at 10:30 am/Awards at 12:30 pm

Cakes auctioned after awards.

Please contact our Fair Chaircouple (Scot & Pamela Rhodes) at 749-1915 or scotrhodes@cox.net or pamelarhodes@cox.net to volunteer for anything you want to do. **WE NEED YOU.** Youth—A great chance to gain Service Hours.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, Oct 27—4:30 pm

Sunday, Oct. 28—7:30 & 10:00 am



HUGE GARAGE SALE
Saturday, October 6th
WE STILL NEED ITEMS.
CALL JUDY AT 749-3265
IF YOU HAVE ITEMS TO DONATE.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

September 16 2012

REGULAR:

225 Identified- - - - - \$6,846.33

Loose Collection- - - - - 681.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$7,527.33

Religious Education- - - - - \$ 861.00

A V OCATION VIEW

God chooses from among the royal priesthood of the faithful a few to serve Him in a special way and to serve their brothers and sisters. This life is the ministry of a priest, religious sister or brother, or deacon. If you feel God is calling you to one such vocation, call or email Father Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

Congratulations



The following children were baptized here last weekend: Carson Joseph Dupont, son of Brad & Mary Ellen Dupont; LilyAnn Elizabeth McKinney, daughter of Steve & Carrie McKinney; and Miklynn Marie Fenton, daughter of Mike & Toni Fenton. Congratulations to them and their families. Welcome into our faith community!

Go-Pro for Life

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS **ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL**

All Catholics over the age of 7 and suffering from illness, facing surgery or enfeebled by old age are invited to attend the Anointing of the Sick at St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge . It will be held on Sunday, September 30, 2012 after 12:00 noon Mass.

Readings for the Week of September 23, 2012

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16---4:3/
Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/
Jn 1:47-51

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43,
45, 47-48

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED:

The Catholic Sisters of New Orleans

This film about Catholic Sisters rising from ruins of Katrina will air on WBRZ-TV at 10 am this Sunday, September 23rd. This poignant film tells the stories of how six congregations of religious women faced the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina and the giant obstacles to rebuilding and continuing their ministries. Set up your DVRs if needed, but don't miss this compelling, inspirational film. For more information, call (513) 347-1122.

***"CAN WE BE CATHOLIC
AND BE A PATRIOT?"***

Ask U.S. Congressman Jeff Fortenberry, Nebraska's 1st District, Catholic High and LSU Graduate. Congressman Fortenberry introduced the Renewable Fuels for America's Future Act of 2010 and supports patient-centered health care reform.

He is an economist and publishing executive.

Sunday, September 23, 2012

Our Lady of Mercy Activity Center

Baton Rouge, LA

3:00—6:00 pm



***ADORATION OF THE
MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT***

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in our parish has been ongoing for twenty-six (26) years; we started this beautiful devotion on September 5, 1986.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance each Friday morning following the 8:00 am Mass until 11:30 am. All parishioners and visitors are invited to come pray with us during these hours.

Many thanks to those who regularly come to spend an hour with our Lord and to all who make this devotion so successful

On September 28th the Mass Intention will be for the living and deceased Eucharistic Adorers.

GOD BLESS YOU!