



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of Divine Mercy
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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
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin..... Parish Secretary
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Karen Lemoine Christian Formation
Celeste Veillon Music Director
Wayne Delapasse..... Maintenance
Katie Roettger..... Mothers’s Day Out

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

Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:26b-27

Dear Parishioners,

By now you have probably heard the good news that Father Matt Dupré has completed his health leave and has returned to the Diocese. He is now visiting family and friends and packing his belongings in preparation for a move to his new residence at Holy Family Parish in Port Allen. He is scheduled to arrive at Holy Family on May 1.

Father David Allen will continue as pastor of Holy Family while Father Matt Dupré will be classified as a priest in residence. This will allow Father Matt to continue to exercise his priestly ministry in the Diocese without the stress of pastoring a large parish. We look forward to having him as our neighbor and seeing him at various sacramental celebrations.

The announcement some weeks ago that I was appointed to serve as Diocesan Director of Seminarians has led to a little confusion over whether I would be staying in Brusly. The Director of Seminarians is a part-time job which does not affect my appointment as your pastor. I hope to remain pastor of St. John the Baptist for a few more years, subject to the Bishop's approval.

Each year the Church offers assistance to those members who were born and raised Catholic but who somehow missed the opportunity to be confirmed. In some cases school or work schedules interfered with sacramental preparation, or their family moved to a new town, or they did not feel ready to celebrate the sacrament with their classmates in the 11th grade. No matter the reason, we invite and encourage all of our unconfirmed adults, young or old, to complete their sacraments this spring.

The process is very simple. We offer a short course on the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults aged 18 or older beginning next week. The course is comprised of four sessions to be held on the evenings of April 19, 26, May 3, & 10. Those completing the short course will be confirmed by Bishop Muench on May 20, Pentecost Sunday, at St. Joseph Cathedral. Please call the parish office for more information or to register.

I have signed up to lead a group vacation entitled "Romantic Danube" aboard a Viking River Cruise ship. We start in Budapest, Hungary and end in Nuremberg, Germany with stops in Vienna, Krems, Passau, and Regensburg. We then leave the cruise ship and conclude our vacation with three nights in Prague, Czech Republic. The trip is scheduled for June 14-23, 2019 which is about 14 months away. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend a meeting next Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at Pearson's Travel on Jefferson Hwy in Baton Rouge.

Our Catholic Daughters are holding their annual Jambalaya dinner fundraiser on Sunday, April 29, so please support them and their good work by purchasing a dinner or two. Jambalaya tickets are available from CDA members and will also be sold after all weekend Masses prior to the fundraiser.

In Christ,
Father Matt

Christian Formation Info

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES RESUME

MONDAY, APRIL 9TH AND TUESDAY, APRIL 10TH.

LAST CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

MONDAY, APRIL 16TH AND TUESDAY, APRIL 17TH

MANY THANKS TO ALL OF OUR DEDICATED CATECHISTS WHO MADE THIS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR OUR YOUTH HERE AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

SATURDAY, APRIL 21ST 9-12 IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER

FIRST COMMUNION

SUNDAY, APRIL 22ND 2:00 P.M. IN CHURCH

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN ACTIVITY CENTER





Plans are being made for classes to prepare any adults who for some reason are not yet confirmed. The actual Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018.

Anyone wishing to be confirmed must attend the classes which will be held on Thursdays, April 19th and 26th and May 3rd and 10th.

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE



WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!!
 Our Feast on the Levee is scheduled for October 28th this year! Time's getting closer for booking bands, ordering raffle tickets, planning set-up, and general food booths, cooks & workers. We need a chairperson or couple to get it going. Please call the office (749-2189) to help!

CREIGHTON FERTILITY CARE SERVICES INTRODUCTORY SESSION

Thursday, April 19, 2018—6:30 pm

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church-Activity Center

To register: email katieroettger.crms@gmail.com

If you are struggling with infertility, looking to avoid pregnancy in any way or want to monitor your health, this system is for you!



FILL A PRESCRIPTION FOR THE NEEDY!

Containers are on the shelf in the back of church. Take a bottle from the small container, place your donation in it and put the bottle in the large container.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

March 25, 2018

REGULAR:

195 Identified- - - - - \$6,449.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 686.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$7,135.00

April 1, 2018

REGULAR:

310 Identified- - - - - \$18,168.50

Loose Collection- - - - - 1,528.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$19,696.50

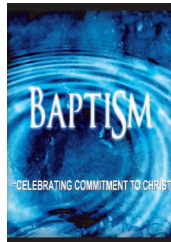
Holy Land Collection—\$914.00

Priests' Retirement—\$4,557.00



A VOCATION VIEW

Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest or as a religious. Call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framer-rick@gmail.com or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jason Poole who was baptized at the Easter Vigil this past Saturday and to Kyle Michael Robichaux, son of Roland & Tasha Robichaux who was baptized here on Easter Sunday! WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!

R.C.I.A.

The following people joined the Catholic Church through a Profession of Faith at the Easter Vigil: Jason Poole, Arron Jon Pierre, Zachary Taylor Roettger, Emily Marie Garcia Rubio & Aimee Nicole Moore Tircuit. Congratulations on your dedicated faith journey and welcome into the Catholic Faith Community!



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to the families of Rod Prejean, Frank Kleinpeter & Raymond Tullier upon their deaths and to Carla Bouquet & family upon the death of her mother, Melba Breaux. Please keep them in your prayers.

Readings for the Week of April 8, 2018

- Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
- Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/ Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/ Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/ Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/ Jn 6:16-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018

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2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday

Should we be a little easier on Thomas? The last few days have been a whirlwind. On Thursday, a Passover celebration went horribly awry as Jesus was betrayed and taken into custody for unstated crimes. Less than 24 hours later, the simple arrest has turned into a death sentence to be carried out that very afternoon. Most of the disciples fled, including Thomas. He would have heard of the events of Good Friday secondhand, in shock over the death of his Lord and Master. Then Sunday morning arrives with joy from a few disciples—Jesus is risen! But there is no persistent sight of him, only Mary Magdalene's quick moment in the garden and an empty tomb. Another day passes. The Apostles are gathered that Monday night, but Thomas is absent. He returns to a jubilant report of the risen Lord. Again, Thomas has seen nothing.

The experience must have been surreal. Did Jesus really appear raised from the dead? Did he really suffer and die? Has all of this been some strange hoax? Desperate for an answer, Thomas insists, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

After his resurrection, Jesus' body--mangled and bloody from the crucifixion--is restored. Did it need the scars? A perfected body would have taught us one lesson: everything is renewed as it once was, the past erased. Jesus chooses another lesson, however. He retains his scars that we might know him. In the whirlwind of our lives, we make our own mistakes, our own betrayals and compromises. In the resurrected Jesus, we see a God who does not forget his own sorrow. We are invited to meet him--wound for wound--and place our hand on his own nail-scarred palm, the eternal sign of his everlasting mercy.