



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

Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain Pastor
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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.

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." - Jn 10:27-30

Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to all of our second graders who celebrate their First Eucharist this weekend. The Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday, is an ideal time for our seven year olds to start receiving Christ in the Eucharist and thus nourish their growing intimacy with the Lord. Children are already attuned to spiritual realities and may even be more sensitive to God's loving presence than many adults. Our sharing in this sacred meal gradually helps all of us to open our eyes to God's presence within us and around us.

Thank you for your response to our Ministry Fair last weekend. Forms are still available if you were not able to sign-up last Sunday. The ministries are very similar to last year with a few minor adjustments. For example, I decided to raise the age requirement for altar servers to 10 years old and older (or 5th grade and higher). Even though our younger servers are very enthusiastic, they sometimes grow tired of serving after a few years, and my hope is that by starting later we might keep our servers even as they move into high school. So please talk to your upper elementary and middle school age children to see if they might be interested in serving.

We often seem to be short-handed in terms of liturgical ministers for the 11:00 Mass on Sundays. Our last Mass is often the best attended Mass but also the least predictable in terms of ministers. If your family regularly attends the 11:00 Mass please give some consideration to volunteering for one of the ministries such as Eucharistic minister, lector, usher, or server. It is a great opportunity for couples and families to serve together at the same Mass. Thanks to all of our current ministers who generously fill-in whenever you notice an absence.

Two weeks from now, on Sunday, May 5, we will honor all of our high school seniors at the 11:00 Mass and at lunch immediately following Mass in the parish activity center. Parents and siblings of seniors are also invited to join us for Mass and lunch. Graduation is a great accomplishment and milestone in the life of any person and we wish to add our congratulations to those already received from others. Please call the

Office of Christian Formation (749-3387) if you are able to attend so we can prepare the proper amount of food.

I will be on vacation this week, April 22-26, visiting the Smokey Mountains with Father David Allen. Please take care of the place and one another while I am gone, and I will see you next weekend. In my absence the 8:00 a.m. weekday Masses this week will be celebrated by Father Tony Russo (Tuesday and Thursday), Msgr. Gerald LeFebvre (Wednesday), and Father Matt Dupre (Friday). Please help me to thank them for celebrating the Eucharist for us.

In Christ,
Father Matt



First Communion

The following children will be receiving the Holy Eucharist for the first time this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

Emma Kate Acosta	Allie Gueho
Erin Albarez	Taylor Haydel
Brielle Allen	Ronnie Horn
Maggie Balcuns	Jaley Jester
Konnor Barbier	Natalie Kershaw
Benjamin Black	Lindsie Landry
Christian Black	Anna Kathryn LeBlanc
Melanie Bonadona	Chloe Lefeaux
Brooke Boudreaux	Reed Paul Loup
Amelia Bouvier	Mallory Louque
Alyson Cain	Aidan Marc um
Lexi Castle	Kolton McKell
Braden Cazes	Corinne Moreau
Halsey Coco	Alexis Reulet
Carson Crochet	Barry Sanchez, Jr.
Carter Freeman	Alyssa Slayton
Anthony Gaspard	Morgan Smith
Kyle Gassie	Mason Stanley
Maddison Gioele	Trace Stein
Keith Guedry, III	Tate Tullier
Tyler Workman	

Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.

BAPTISMS

We welcome the following babies into our faith community and send congratulations to them and their families: Raelynn Grace Kemp-Rutledge, daughter of Tyler Rutledge & Nicole Kemp; Alyce Catherine Vincent, daughter of Anatole & Brittany Vincent & Michaela Alyssa Gee, daughter of Michael & Stacy Gee. They were baptized here last weekend.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW
BURNING IN MEMORY OF
GES LEBLANC.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

are extended to Susan Schlecht & Mary Russell and their families upon the death of their mother, Doris Eiswirth. Please keep them in your prayers

Thank You!

Curtis Clouatre & family wish to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and concerns upon the death of his mother. Especially, thanks to the Bereavement for the generous hospitality shown them for the gathering after burial!

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank the family of Mary Clouatre Stewart for their recent donation.



Flowers were left in church after the wedding of Margaret Wilkinson & Paul Claxton in memory of her grandparents, Josie & Leo Blaize.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

One way the Catholic Home Missions Appeal works to support home mission dioceses in the United States is by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. Often home mission priests and lay ministers require special training to attend to the unique needs of their faith communities. Your support is needed. Please help strengthen the church at home by making a gift to next week's Appeal. Use your special envelope and place in the regular collection.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

April 14, 2013

Regular:

230 Identified- - - - - \$ 9,069.33

Loose Collection- - - - - 1,019.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$ 10,088.33

A VOCATION VIEW

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy spirit." Does a life of joy in knowing you are following the Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life inspire you? If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

April 21, 2013

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter or Good Shepherd Sunday is a special day for everyone in our parish. We celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We ask that all be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit as we carry on the mission of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Let us pray for one another that we may be strengthened in our Christian vocations as married and single people, priests, deacons, and religious. May our youth listen to God's call and be encouraged to respond generously.

PARENTING TEENS: BUILDING STRONG FUTURES

The Office of Marriage & Family Life is sponsoring a workshop for parents on April 27, 2013 entitled "Parenting Teens: Building Strong Futures". Topics for the day will include opening communication with teens, personality and parenting types, "landmines" including drugs, alcohol and pornography, moral decision making and authentic love, Catholic parental responsibilities and what to do next.

Linda Kracht, founder of Fortifying Families of Faith will be leading the workshop.

CELEBRATE THE HEALING SACRAMENTS OF PENANCE & ANOINTING SEELOS HEALING MASS

Sunday, April 28, 2013—1:00 pm

Homilist & Presider: Fr. John Kingsbury, C.Ss.R.
Redemptorist North American Conference Leader
Nation Seelos Shrine/St Mary's Assumption Church
919 Josephine St., New Orleans, LA
Call (504) 525-2495 for more information.

Readings for the Week of April 21, 2013

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/
Jn 10:27-30
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24--13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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4th Sunday of Easter

Studies done at the Université de Montréal in Canada in 2010 and at the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary, in 2012, show amazing correlations of voice processing and the understanding of maternal speech in infants. The Canadian study showed that newborns distinctly process their mother's voice differently from the voice of strangers. The Hungarian study provided evidence for understanding of a mother's speech in an infant even before vocabulary was being formed. Along with other investigations, researchers are uncovering information about the strong connection between mother and child, a bond that allows a child to recognize his or her mother long before the identification is made through words and concepts.

In the Gospel, Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice" (Jn 10:27). Medieval theologians and mystics like St. Anselm of Canterbury or Julian of Norwich would speak about the generative and nurturing qualities of Christ who brought forth life in his people through the power of his resurrection and keeps them close to himself as a mother cherishes her child. As the Gospel this weekend relates, the shepherd gives the sheep eternal life and no one can take them from the shepherd's hand.

The scientific studies on infants and mothers keep coming back to the close connection that exists between those who bear children and bring them forth into the world. In this Easter season, when we celebrate the new birth given to each of us through the waters of baptism, we recognize that we have been joined to Christ in a sacramental way. The font is both tomb and womb where we die to sin and are born anew in Christ. Because he brings us forth as newborn sons and daughters of God, it only makes sense that we would "hear his voice," because he has been speaking to us from the moment we were born in him. Christ nurtures us in our life of grace and helps us mature in him.