



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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Nineteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
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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  
Sammy Collura ..... Permanent Deacon  
Julie Ginther Cilano ..... Christian Formation  
Carolyn Dupuy ..... Bookkeeper  
Pat Durbin ..... Parish Secretary  
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 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.

*"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants." - Lk 12:37-38*

Dear Parishioners,

Here is an overview of our income and expenses for the 2012-2013 fiscal year which just ended on June 30:

#### INCOME

Sunday Offertory	\$555,750
Building Fund Collection	\$253,250
Sacramental Offerings	\$ 12,000
Religious Education	\$ 18,050
Other Earnings	<u>\$ 39,100</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$878,150</b>

#### EXPENSES

Clergy & Lay Salaries	\$260,550
Loan Payments	\$252,350
Parish Share	\$ 82,400
Insurance	\$ 36,650
Utilities & Telephone	\$ 34,000
Office Expenses	\$ 23,600
Religious Education	\$ 34,100
Liturgical Supplies	\$ 31,650
Musicians	\$ 27,450
Repairs & Replacements	\$ 32,900
Lawn & Cleaning Services	\$ 16,100
Rectory Expenses	\$ 7,400
Other	<u>\$ 8,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$847,150</b>

On the income side, our Sunday collections surpassed our budget projections by \$25,000, so thank you very much for your faithfulness to Sunday Mass and your generous commitment to financial stewardship. The Building Fund collections were also outstanding and were applied to the repayment of our loan for the restoration of the church.

On the expense side, you can see that the largest categories by far are salaries and loan payments. We projected a very modest increase in salaries for this new 2013-2014 fiscal year, and decreased our budget for loan payments to \$153,450 since the five-year campaign pledge period ended on December 31, 2012. I ask that you please continue your support of the monthly Building Fund collection on a voluntary basis so that we can continue to service our debt. Our debt stands at \$1,275,000 and we can retire it in approximately 8.5 years as long as we continue to meet the minimum monthly payment.

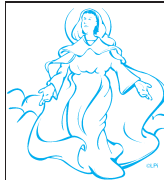
The "Parish Share" category represents the portion of our income that we send to the Diocese to help pay for our diocesan offices and ministries. Each church parish contributes between 10% and 20% of their income with the poorest parishes assessed 10% and the richest parishes assessed 20%. St. John the Baptist was in the 15% category last year which translated to \$82,400 as shown above.

Our increased collections have pushed us into the 17% bracket for this new fiscal year, which means we have to somehow find the funds to contribute \$127,100 as our parish share over the next 12 months. It will not be easy, but as the last verse of today's Gospel reminds us, "much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." (Luke 12:48). We are asked to share more since we received more.

This Thursday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a holyday of obligation. We will celebrate our regular 8:00 a.m. Mass Thursday morning and then a second Mass at 6:00 p.m. in honor of the feast day. If your schedule does not allow you to attend either of those, then please check with one of our neighboring parishes to see if there is a Mass that will fit your needs. Holydays sometimes involve sacrifice on our part but we know that such sacrifices also bring benefits to our lives.

Be assured of my prayers and best wishes to all of our students and teachers at the start of this new school year. Registration for religion classes is now open during the week and will also be offered after all of our Masses next weekend, August 17-18.

In Christ,  
Father Matt



#### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, August 15

Masses—8:00 am & 6:00 pm

**VIGIL MASSES: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14**

**Holy Family, Port Allen (6:00 pm)**

**St. John's, Plaquemine (6:00 pm)**



**CHRISTIAN FORMATION  
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

Come over to the office during business hours to sign up or we will have registration available after all Masses on August 17th & 18th.

**WE NEED YOU!**

**Catechists, Aides and Helpers are needed for the Christian Formation Program.**

**Come share your gifts with the young church.  
Contact the Christian Formation Office  
(749-3387) to learn more.**

**Catechists really needed for Children's Church  
(especially during 11:00 am Mass.)  
Please call 749-3387 if you can help!**

## Confirmation Retreat



Last weekend 25 youth attended the St. John the Baptist Confirmation Retreat at Rosaryville Retreat Center. These young people experienced a transformation of heart as they focused on the following quote from Pope Benedict: "The World offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness." Thank you to all who were praying for us over the weekend. Please continue to pray for our Candidates as they embark on their journey toward Confirmation.

### MP3 EVENT

**High School MP3 Event: Music, Prayer, Praise, Play!**

**Featuring: Live Music, Inflatable Games, Pizza, Guest Speaker, Adoration & Confession**

**Cost: \$10**

**Location: Catholic Life Center**

**Date: Saturday, August 17th (5—10 pm)**

**Contact Julie for more info: (225) 749-3387  
(Youth in Christian Formation Classes: This counts as a diocesan event!)**

### A VOCATION VIEW

If you realized that God was knocking at your door would you answer? If God might be calling you to a life of service in the Church please call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).

## R.C.I.A. Open House

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA, begins with an Open House on Wednesday, September 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory. The RCIA process is for non-Catholics who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and also for Catholics who were baptized, but did not complete their other sacraments of initiation. If you or someone you know is interested in learning about the Catholic faith or possibly joining the Church, then please come to the Open House on September 4th or call the office for more information.



### FIRST EVER PARISH POT LUCK

**August 22 (6:30 pm) in the Activity Center  
Meal Theme: Mexican Food**

**All Parishioners & Friends are welcome!**

**Please call the Christian Formation Office  
(749-3387) to let us know what food item you will bring. Bring a dish to serve 10-15 people.**

### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

August 4, 2013

#### REGULAR:

246 Identified- - - - - \$8,304.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 507.00

**TOTAL- - - - - \$8,811.00**

Catholic Community Services—\$885.00

### Readings for the Week of August 11, 2013

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40  
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27  
Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20  
Thursday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/  
1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28  
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56  
Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12  
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15  
Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/  
Lk 12:49-53

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2012-2013**

Donna Badon  
Maria Bertrand  
Chris Buckle  
Deacon Sammy Collura  
Jerry Deshotel  
Stacy Gauthreaux  
David Landry  
Jules Lefeaux  
Mark Loreno  
Fr. Matt Lorrain  
Andrea Smicker  
Toni Tolar  
David Toups



***THANKS!***

*A huge THANKS to everyone who came out to remove the kneelers and reinstall them for refinishing the floors in church. Thanks also to everyone who came back and cleaned everything up! It really looks nice again.*

*A special THANKS also goes out to the group who cleaned up the mausoleum! GREAT JOB!*



**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY RADIO**  
**NIGHT AT DRUSILLA SEAFOOD**  
**RESTAURANT**

Wednesday, August 21, 2013 (5—10 pm)

10% of the cost of your meal will be donated to continuing Catholic Community Radio in the greater Baton Rouge area. Please call 923-0896 to reserve a table for your family & friends!

**W.B.R. MUSEUM**

♦ **Workshop “Geocaching” - August 24**  
**(10:30—11:30 am)**

Learn how to search for hidden pockets of finds using GPS devices and smart phones. Educator Memory Seymour will teach participants methods and strategies. This workshop is for all ages. Documentary at noon. Free.

♦ **Workshop “Caring for Your Family’s Treasures” August 28 (10:30 am—Noon)**

Local experts will present advice on the care and maintenance of family treasures, from properly storing everyday items to the preservation of more fragile items. Information will be provided with hands-on examples related to caring for textiles, silver, furniture, books and documents, arts and photos. Learn how to care for photographs, collectibles, papers and clothing. Free.