



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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Twentieth 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

Very Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain ..... Pastor  
Sammy Collura ..... Permanent Deacon  
Carolyn Dupuy ..... Bookkeeper  
Pat Durbin ..... Parish Secretary  
June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
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 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

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk 12:50-52

Dear Parishioners,

Our Cemetery Committee met recently to review plans for extending the asphalt paving in the rear section of the cemetery. We recently developed the *Angel Garden* area as an option for parents who lose a baby or toddler, and now we wish to develop the next section for future ground burials once our present cemetery is full. So we are going to widen and straighten the road for easier access and parking. If all goes well we will re-pave the front stretch of road in the next year or two.

In addition to the paving we will install some underground pipe to improve the drainage in the cemetery. We will also plant a few medium size trees for shade and beautification purposes.

We also voted to raise the sale price of a standard cemetery ground plot from \$800 to \$1,000 effective January 1, 2017. This will help us to stay in line with other cemeteries while retaining the sacred nature of our cemetery. Also effective January 1 will be the requirement that a vault be used for all ground burials. Vaults are available in various price ranges and any of the options are approved for use.

As I am sure you are aware by now, our Christian Formation classes resume this month. Registration for all grades takes place this weekend, August 13-14, in the Christian Formation Office immediately following each of our Masses. Our Parent Meeting for all grades is scheduled for this Tuesday, August 16, at 6:30 p.m., and our Catechist Meeting is this Thursday, August 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. Religion classes for children in grades 1-10 are set to begin on Monday, August 22, or Tuesday, August 23.

Please remember that our R.C.I.A. process for people interested in joining the Catholic Church starts back up at the end of this month. We have an Open House planned for Wednesday, August 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory, so please invite your relatives, friends, or neighbors who may have expressed an interest in learning more about the Catholic faith or who wish to join the Church. Refreshments will be served as we distribute information on the upcoming classes.

The Baton Rouge Diocese Charis Retreat Team will

present a retreat for couples in their first few years of marriage on Saturday, August 27, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at St. George Activity Center. Entitled "Christ Alive in Our Marriage," the retreat will be led by Becky and Chris Eldridge and is intended for couples in their 20s and 30s. Our parishioners, Chris and Marcie Buckle, will also be one of the presenting couples for the retreat. The cost is \$40.00 and includes lunch. To register, please visit [charis.website](http://charis.website).

August 15 is the *Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary* and normally a holy day of obligation. However Catholics are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass this year since the holy day falls on a Monday. I would normally still celebrate a Mass on the Solemnity, but am not able to this year due to an out-of-town commitment. So we will not have a Mass on August 15. Please check with a neighboring parish if you wish to attend Mass on this day.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

**REGISTRATION**  
Christian Formation K-11th  
After all Masses  
August 13th and 14th  
Sacramental Prep also  
First Reconciliation and  
First Eucharist for students  
in public  
& Catholic Schools.

**PARENT MEETING**  
August 16—6:30 pm  
Activity Center

**Catechist Meeting**  
Thursday, Aug. 18th  
6:30 pm in the  
Activity Center

**CONTACT**  
JUNE OR KAREN  
748-3387



**GOD CALLING!**

**WE STILL NEED  
7 CATECHISTS**

**Mondays 5:30—6:30pm**  
 1st Grade—1 needed  
 2nd Grade—1 needed  
 3rd Grade—2 needed  
 4th Grade—2 needed

**Tuesdays 5:30—6:30 pm**  
 3rd Grade—1 needed



**(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

Have you or someone you know expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic?

RCIA offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic faith. Weekly sessions focus on the teachings of the church, faith experiences, understanding scripture and preparing you to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation at Eastertide.

Please call the Parish Office at 749-2189 to receive more information on RCIA.

**OPEN HOUSE IS WEDNESDAY,  
AUGUST 24, 2016.**

**WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM  
Lunchtime Lecture—August 24, 2016**

Bayou Pigeon, Louisiana and the Spirit of the Atchafalaya  
 Presenting historian & author, Cliff LeGrange says, “There is no better way to help preserve Atchafalaya heritage today than to look at the development of the Atchafalaya Basin’s folk life.” He will share century old photos, music and folk stories about the region where so many Louisianans can trace their family roots. Patricia Landry Settoon, Adam Landry and Calvin LeBlanc will co-present. The event is FREE and open to the public. Visitors are welcome to bring their bag lunches to the program.

Call (225) 336-2422, ext. 15 for more information.

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

**August 7, 2016**

REGULAR:

300 Identified- - - - - \$17,682.00

Loose Collection- - - 707.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$18,389.00



**A VOCATION VIEW**

Following Jesus sometimes means being rejected by others. Speak an encouraging word this week to someone you know who is trying to follow Jesus. Say a prayer for those who are discerning a call to priesthood or religious life. If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).



**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY**

*Please keep in your prayers: Julie Millard & family upon the death of her brother, Carl itzman and Donna Suire & family upon the death of her sister, Bea Blanchard Redd.*

***Knights of Columbus***

**MONTHLY MEETING**

Wednesday, August 17—Activity Center  
 6:00 pm—Officers’ Meeting  
 7:15 pm—Regular Meeting

**JULY CALENDAR WINNERS**

Dylan Stelly, Wanda Cambre, David Deculus, Bonnie & Jerry Betters, Cathy Ducote, Debra Eidson, Megan Robnett, Christie Markins, Kate Williams, John Breaux, Tommy LeBlanc, Charlotte Marshall, Susan Landry Jackson, Dane Barras, James Bertrand, Steve Lavergne, Marvin Lyons, ??? Blanchard, Patty Aucoin, Beau Bouvier, Phil Daigle, Rhonda Lampton, Jeff Wille, Nettie Michel, Everett Rabalais, Prentiss Passantino, Faye Bourgoyne, Rhonda Robillard, Bobby & Dale Mire, Craig Landry, Brent Rivet

***Baptisms***

*Ainsley Claire Rabalais, daughter of Blaine & Ashley Odom Rabalais was baptized here last weekend. Congratulations and welcome into our faith family!*

**Readings for the Week of August 14, 2016**

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2-4, 18/Heb 12:1-4/  
 Lk 12:49-53

Monday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/  
 Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/  
 1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10-12, 16/  
 1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35-36/  
 Mt 19/23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7a/Ps 85:9-14/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1-2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/  
 Lk 13:22-30

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2015-2016**

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**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." What a sad image Jesus paints in today's Gospel. Causing family strife--fathers against sons and mothers against daughters--is not the effect we like to imagine Jesus having on people. But as he says today, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." The fact is, and always has been, that not everyone chooses to follow Christ. This causes conflict.

Perhaps it is most tragic when this tension takes place within families. When certain members of the family desire to live a full Christian life, to follow the commandments and worship God as he asks, this can be irritating at best and infuriating at worst to other family members who want nothing to do with Jesus or his church. But faith must persist in spite of domestic turmoil. Following Jesus is the ultimate good; preserving peace is secondary. In a sense, today's Gospel gives faithful Christians permission to move forward in their faith even if it doesn't make everybody happy.

However, all of this needs to be understood in the light of Jesus' desire to bring peace. He often used the greeting, "Peace be with you," and clearly promised peace to his disciples. Today's Gospel should not be taken to mean that Jesus desires division. Rather, he is acknowledging the fact that division will inevitably result as people declare their differing allegiances. But thankfully, when we align ourselves with Christ, we are also uniting ourselves to the One who can restore peace even in the midst of conflict. So when we see turmoil arise, let's call upon the power of the true Prince of Peace.