



# 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

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  
Larry Durbin..... Maintenance Supervisor

## 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

*"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:26b-28*

Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to announce that the long wait is almost over for football fans. Our Brusly Panthers play in the Plaquemine Jamboree this Friday and then have their first regular season game the following week against neighboring Port Allen High. I believe they finished with a very good record of 8-4 last year and I have no doubt they will be competitive again this year under the leadership of new head coach Hoff Schooler.

It's also only two weeks until LSU plays BYU in the Texas AdvoCare Kickoff Game at NRG Stadium in Houston. I have had this game on my calendar for close to a year now and plan to be among the Tiger faithful making the pilgrimage to attend the game. I believe this is the first ever meeting of the two teams so it should be a good matchup and a good first test for Coach O and the team.

The Saints are stumbling their way through the preseason schedule, as is their custom, and have now reached the halfway mark. To be honest, I find the preseason games to be excruciating. Two games should be plenty to finalize a roster and shake the rust off the veterans, but the owners obviously like the money generated by a four-game preseason. So we will have to wait another two weeks to finally see what kind of team the Saints will put on the field this year.

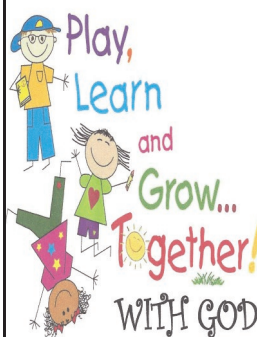
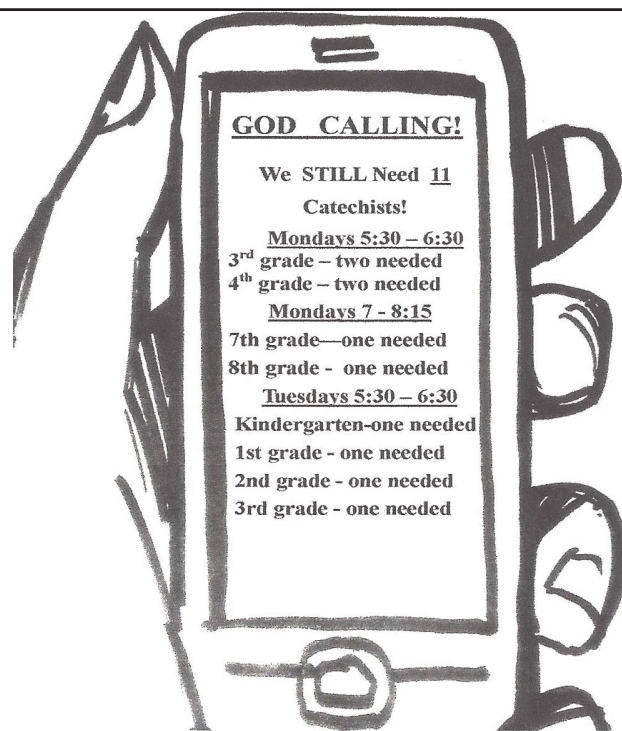
I enjoy team sports for the values that they teach and the sense of community that they create. Individual goals are secondary to team goals. The athletes have to care about their teammates and be willing to sacrifice for the good of the team. They have to trust their coaches and one another if they are to be successful. The fans and alumni feel a sense of ownership and receive a great deal of enjoyment from the team's accomplishments, and likewise help to carry the burden of disappointing losses.

The RCIA process for people interested in joining the Catholic Church has an Open House this Wednesday, August 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory, so please invite any interested parties to attend. We will provide an overview of the process and try to answer any questions before enjoying some light refreshments. Please pray for our inquirers and the RCIA team who will guide them on their journey of faith.

We had a nice turnout for the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on the Saturday before last. Father Paul Counce from St. Joseph Cathedral was kind enough to join us so that no one had to wait very long to be anointed. I normally schedule the Anointing of the Sick twice each year in February and August, but it is also celebrated monthly at St. John Church in Plaquemine and at St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge. St. John celebrates it on the first Tuesday of the month after their 6:00 p.m. Mass, and the Cathedral celebrates it on the last Sunday of the month after their 12:00 noon Mass.

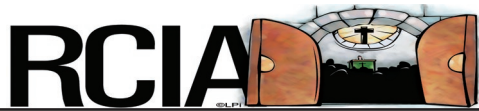
Have a good week!

In Christ,  
Father Matt



**AS WE BEGIN  
CHRISTIAN  
FORMATION CLASSES  
MONDAY, AUG. 21 and  
TUESDAY, AUG. 22  
K—10th GRADE**





## WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CHURCH?

In response to those who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith and receiving the sacraments, we are having an **Open House on Wednesday, August 23 at 6:30 pm in the Rectory.**

This meeting is especially for—

- ⇒ Someone who wants to become Catholic and has never been baptized.
- ⇒ Someone baptized into another faith and now wants to become Catholic.
- ⇒ Someone baptized Catholic wanting to receive Eucharist and Confirmation.

This meeting is a great time to come, listen, ask questions. If you feel better bringing someone with you, please do so. We are happy to welcome them, too. There are no obligations for attending. If you come and then decide this is not right for you, that's fine. We welcome you anyway.



**CARDS, ETC.**  
**Monday, October 9, 2017**  
**10am to 3pm**  
**\$JB Activity Center**

Registration Forms have been mailed to everyone who has attended our Cards, Etc. event in the past.

If you would like to participate this year, please call Terry Guidry (H) 225.749.0514; (Cell) 225.413.5418 or Larry Durbin (H) 225.749.2551; (Cell) 225.921.9700.

Call now to register your group to play Bridge, Bouree, Poker, Canasta, Pokeno, Hand & Foot, Sequence or any board game.

Donation to register is \$25/person and includes a Spaghetti & Meatballs lunch. There will also be a cash bar as well as a 50/50 Raffle and Football Boards. You can either register as a group or an individual. Please tell Larry or Terry if you don't have a group or need someone to complete a group.

All proceeds will benefit St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.



*Prayers & Sympathy are extended to Peanut LeRay and family upon the death of his brother, L.J. "Butch" LeRay. Please keep them in your prayers.*

## STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

August 13, 2017

REGI;AR:

208 Identified- - - - - \$7,891.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 868.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$8,759.00

## A VOCATION VIEW

Let us pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life as a Church—not only for our diocese, but also for the Church throughout the world. If God is calling you, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, [amerrick@diobr.org](mailto:amerrick@diobr.org).



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW  
 BURNING IN MEMORY OF  
 CAROLYN MILAZZO**

## RETRouvaille

*Is your marriage going down the right road...or is it a little off-track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.*

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. They can help get your relationship back on track. For more info about an upcoming weekend contact Randall and Robin Bellard at 225-800-3151 or visit their website: [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com).

**(Next Retrouvaille weekend is September 8-10, 2017)**

## You are Invited—

Sister Angela Ashbey, Sisters of the Living Word, will celebrate her Golden Jubilee (50 years) and her 60 years as a Sister on Saturday, August 26th at 5:00 pm at Visitation Church, 2500 Ames Blvd., Marrero, LA.

She has fond memories of her time here at St. John the Baptist and wants to be sure that everyone knows they are invited and she hopes to see you there!

## Readings for the Week of August 20, 2017

Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/ Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/ Mt 15:21-28
Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44/ Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-14/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-7/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/J Jn 1:45-51
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-10/ Mt 2:34-40
Saturday:	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-5/ Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday:	Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8/Rom 11:33-36/ Mt 16:13-20

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**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." This woman was an outsider. She was a Canaanite, not an Israelite, and as such she would have been considered ritually unclean. But she approached Jesus nonetheless and asked for his help. And Jesus used this opportunity to teach his disciples an important lesson.

In the verses directly before today's passage, Jesus had told Peter that what defiles a person comes from the heart, not from ignoring external purity practices. Then, Jesus traveled with his disciples from Galilee to the region of Tyre and Sidon where they were much more likely to encounter someone considered to be unclean.

At first it appeared that Jesus wasn't going to acknowledge the woman who begged for help. His comment, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs," was a common comparison between Jews (the children) and Canaanites (the dogs). But, in fact, Jesus said this only to go right ahead and break this social code! He showed by his actions that it did not matter whether someone was Jewish or not, what mattered was the faith in a person's heart. And this woman proved to Jesus and the doubting disciples that she had great faith. How many others would have even approached Jesus to ask for his help? How many others would have persevered when he appeared unresponsive? By pausing in his response, and first mentioning the standard reply, Jesus gave this woman the opportunity to demonstrate her great faith. And then, he answered her request and praised her extraordinary faith. What a lesson for his prejudiced disciples! And what a lesson for us, both to persevere in faith, and never to judge others on mere appearances.