



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
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 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

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. - Mt 16:19-20

Dear Parishioners,

Our R.C.I.A. process for people interested in joining the Catholic Church has an Open House this Tuesday, August 26, 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 in possibly joining the Church. Refreshments will be served along with information on the weekly classes set to start next week.

The informational meeting on the trip I am leading to Italy and France next April will be at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. this Wednesday, August 27, in the Parish Activity Center. Our first Parish Pot Luck Dinner of the school year will be the following night on Thursday, August 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. The theme for the dinner is Mexican food so bring a dish and your appetite. The monthly dinners are a lot of fun and a good way to celebrate our oneness as a community of faith.

The long wait is finally over for football fans. LSU plays Wisconsin at 8:00 p.m. next Saturday night in the Advocate Texas Kickoff Game in Houston, Texas. I have a wedding in Baton Rouge next Saturday which will prevent me from attending the game in person but I will certainly be watching it on television. This is almost a home game for LSU fans and whipping the University of Wisconsin would be a great way to start our season. Southern University plays ULL the same night at 6:00 p.m. in Lafayette so it will be a great night for Louisiana football.

The New Orleans Saints play their fourth and final preseason game this Thursday night in preparation for the start of their regular season on Sunday, September 7, against the Atlanta Falcons. Archie Manning has said that this may be the best Saints football he has ever seen so let's hope they avoid injuries and play up to expectations. Great talent has to be shaped by great coaching and a willingness to play together as a team. The final ingredient is great fan support which we are blessed to witness in south Louisiana.

We had a great turnout for the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick last Saturday after the Vigil Mass. Father David Allen from Holy Family Church

in Port Allen 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. (However this month the Cathedral is celebrating it a week early on August 24 due to a Mission Appeal.)

Congratulations to Lauren Morales who was confirmed here last Sunday at our 11:00 Mass. Lauren was scheduled to be confirmed by Bishop Muench last Pentecost at the Cathedral but had to postpone due to a minor accident. The Bishop did not want Lauren to wait another year for her confirmation so he delegated me to confirm her last Sunday. May the Holy Spirit strengthen her and our entire parish community as we seek to grow closer to Christ.

In Christ,
Father Matt



Interested in being more engaged in the parish? Come get involved with passing on the Catholic Faith to our young people! They need role models like YOU! Contact the Christian Formation Office for more info.

CATECHISTS NEEDED!!!

MONDAY:

- ◇ One Kindergarten Class
- ◇ One 6th Grade Class

TUESDAY:

- ◇ One 3rd Grade Class
- ◇ One 4th Grade Class

ALL CATECHISTS MEETING:

Monday, August 25th at 6 pm in the Activity Center
Dinner will be served, so please RSVP by
Monday, August 18th



**PARISH-WIDE
POT LUCK SUPPER!**
Thursday, August 28th at 6:30 pm
In the Activity Center
THEME: MEXICAN FOOD



ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW
SOMEONE WHO...

- ◊ Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- ◊ Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For more information please contact the parish office at 749-2189.



R.C.I.A. OPEN HOUSE
Tuesday, August 26, 2014—6:30 pm
Parish Rectory
PLEASE JOIN US!!!

K.C. CALENDAR WINNERS—JULY

Donald David, Nikki Pastorek, Hirschey Family, David J. Brackin, Cindy Marquette, Steve & Katie Landry, Linda Wray, Herbert J Aucoin, Samantha Villar, Farrah Benedetto, Tommy Theriot, Christina Doiron, Giana Cordell, Kevin & Adele Comeaux, Patrick Stirling, David Daigle, Lesa & Fred Sanchez, Elbon Vidrine, Ralph & Dawn Rivet, Chester J. Pipsair, Mary Hebert, Jennifer Piendel, Yvonne Breaux, Ronnie & Babs Babin, Roy T. Mouch, Kristy Morel, Catheine W.Chustz Lloyd Bouchereau, Ellen Falgoust, Peggy Woods,

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

August 17, 2014

REGULAR:

236 Identified- - - - - \$8,142.83

Loose Collection- - - - - 609.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$8,751.83

Feast of the Assumption—\$1,464.00

Building Fund Donations for July—\$14,209.66

A VOCATION VIEW

Peter received his special call when He acknowledged Jesus as Messiah. We who receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior also receive a special call, especially if we are called to the priesthood or religious life. If you think you have this call, Call Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org.



***Prayers & Sympathy** are extended to Judy Thousand & family upon the death of her husband, Willie and to Roger Daggett & family upon the death of his father, Charles Daggett. Please keep them in your prayers.*

Eucharistic Adoration

"I Am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for His Sheep." (John 10:11)

Get to know the Good Shepherd Who laid down His life for us. He waits for our visit in Eucharistic Adoration. Please consider signing up for an hour of Adoration one time or every month. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of the Church for Friday, September 5th, 8:00 pm thru Saturday, September 6th, 8:00 am.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Seven Month Developing Baby

Your spiritually adopted baby is in the home stretch! He now weighs about three pounds and can use four of his senses—seeing hearing, tasting and touching. His eyelids can now open and close and can look around and respond to light. He also has a grip that is strong enough to support his body weight with one hand. Your baby's mother appreciates the prayers you have said for her and her baby. Please keep praying!!!



BAPTISMAL SEMINAR

Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2014

6:00 pm—Classroom #5

Mandatory for Baptism

Baptisms will be celebrated on

Sunday, September 21st after 11:00 am Mass

Readings for the Week of August 24, 2014

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mk 6:17-29

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2014-2015

Donna Badon
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Jules Lefeaux
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Fr. Matt Lorrain
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"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." The name Peter is significant. It comes from a word that means "rock." When Jesus gives this new name to Simon, he is identifying this chosen apostle as a foundation upon which his church will stand. This verse, along with the constant practice of church tradition ever since that moment, explains the office of the papacy. The pope, even to this day, is a direct successor of Saint Peter. An unbroken historical line traces right back to Christ himself, when he gave "the keys to the kingdom of heaven" to Peter.

In establishing Peter as the first pope, Jesus was putting a structure in place that has proved to be a brilliant one. Because it is built on a firm foundation, the Catholic Church has been able to persevere for millennia through schisms, wars, scandals, and the persistent presence of sin in its all-too-human members. The church has maintained consistency and unity in her teaching thanks to the headship of the pope. It really is remarkable that an institution so old can still be so vital in this day and age. Thus far, the prophetic utterance of Christ remains true, "the gates of the nether-world shall not prevail against it."

Jesus must have been thinking of us, of all future Christians, when he established the papacy. Just as Jesus instructed Peter after the Resurrection to "Feed my lambs...feed my sheep," (Jn 21:15, 17), so too our Holy Father continues the mission to care for us like a good shepherd. We may be thousands of miles from him, but his prayers and his leadership serve our local Catholic community nonetheless. The pope's care for us will always be a reminder of the loving concern of Christ for his church.