



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
Wayne Delapasse..... Maintenance
Katie Roettger..... Mothers's Day Out

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

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

Dear Parishioners,

Louisiana Catholics love life and it is this very same love of life that leads us to embrace the prayer and self-examination of Lent. Someone not familiar with our Catholic culture might mistakenly see our penances and fasting as a restriction of human freedom, but we more often discover the opposite to be true. It is our unhealthy habits and attitudes which imprison us, not the traditions and disciplines of our faith. The special practices of Lent are intended to increase our self-awareness and help us to develop lifestyles which are more balanced and life-giving. Our goal is to arrive at Easter even better able to enjoy the blessings of friendship and community.

A bulletin insert published some years ago by *Our Sunday Visitor* offers some helpful ideas:

"This Lent, examine your patterns of consumption. ■ Fast from fast food—feast on healthful home-cooked meals. ■ Fast from computer & video games—feast on spiritual reading. ■ Fast from consumerism—feast on almsgiving. ■ Fast from criticism—feast on praise. ■ Fast from television—feast on quiet. ■ Fast from gossip—feast on goodwill. ■ Fast from rushing—feast on slowing down. ■ Fast from multitasking—feast on focusing. ■ Fast from cruelty—feast on kindness. ■ Fast from doubt—feast on faith. ■ Fast from cynicism—feast on hope."

This thoughtful meditation reminds us of just how important the season of Lent is for Catholics. The relative wealth and freedom of choices that most American Catholics enjoy can also get in the way of our ability to find true happiness in life. The spiritual joy which comes from volunteering and participating in charitable activities is lost to many Catholics who are caught up in a social cycle of spending and waste. We very much need the discipline of Lent to rediscover our baptismal lives of gratitude and togetherness.

Daily Mass during Lent remains at the normal time of 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, but moves to 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday. On the **Wednesdays of Lent**, confessions are at 5:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m. and then the Way of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. I will also hear confessions from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday as part of the "The Light is On for You" program.

As mentioned last week, we are excited to offer a three-night Lenten Mission led by Mrs. Becky Eldredge. The Mission will be held Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, March 4, 5, and 6, beginning at 7:00 p.m. each night. Becky is an Ignatian-trained spiritual director, retreat facilitator, and writer. She is married with three children and lives in her hometown of Baton Rouge.

The theme for this year's Mission is *"Hope for the Restless Heart."* Sunday night's gathering will help us to recognize God's voice as he speaks to us through our restlessness. Monday night's session will focus on prayer as a response to God's initiative. Lastly, Tuesday night's presentation will focus on the virtue of hope in the life of a disciple. Please join us.

In Christ,
Father Matt

Ninth Grade Retreat

Sunday, February 25th

All 9th graders attend 11:00 A.M.

Mass and sit in the front where
we have reserved seating.



After Mass we will report to the
Activity Center for lunch and then
have retreat with Kathleen Lee
until 5:00 P.M.



8TH GRADE STUDENTS

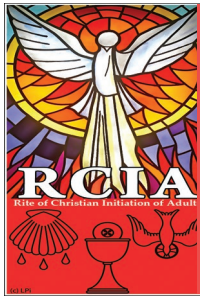
The 8th grade students ONLY will not have class on Monday, February 19th. They will come to class on Wednesday, February 21st from 6:30—7:30 p.m. to attend the Stations of the Cross and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will meet in the Activity Center at 6:15 to check roll and then proceed to church.



7TH GRADE STUDENTS

The 7th grade students ONLY will not have class on Monday, February 26th. They will come to class on Wednesday, February 28th from 6:30—7:30 p.m. to attend the Stations of the Cross and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will meet in the Activity Center at 6:15 to check roll and then proceed to church.





Please keep our RCIA Candidates in your prayers this weekend as they go to St. Joseph Cathedral for the Rite of Election. They are: Heather Daigle, Gloria Murphy, Arron Pierre, Jason Poole, Zachary Roettger, Emily Rubio, and Aimee Tircuit.



The following people were baptized here last weekend. We extend congratulation to them and their families. Jade Victoria and Kyle Joseph Dicapo, daughter and son of Jeffrey & Rachel Dicapo; Pedro Jaiden Garcia, son of Pedro & Delia Tijerina Garcia; Lance Robert Loupe, son of Tony & Madeline Loupe; Kaiser Gray Perrault, daughter of Ronald & Brandy Perrault; and Morgan Annabelle Pierre, daughter of Arron & Heather Pierre.

WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF MARSHALL VINCE.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Regular registration for St. John School for the 2018-2019 School year will ongoing through March 2. Current families will receive a link via email to register; a link to online registration form for new families will be posted to the website. Fees that are required to be paid to be considered registered include the registration fee (\$200 during regular registration, the building and maintenance fee (\$150 per family) and student insurance fees (amounts vary by grade level)



HOLY FAMILY ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR

Holy Family Catholic Church Parish will hold their St. Joseph's Altar on Saturday, March 17th after 4:00 pm Mass. All are welcome to come and give thanks to St. Joseph for answered prayers.



OPERATION RICE BOWL

This collection will be taken up beginning this week thru April 1st. Bowls have been sent home with the Christian Formation Students and

some have also been placed in the back of church. Please contribute to Rice Bowls during Lent and help to feed the hungry of the world!



A VOCATION VIEW

In today's Gospel, people have difficulty believing that Jesus can forgive sins. Through the sacrament of reconciliation we have a powerful sign of God's mercy, understanding, and forgiveness for those who are sorry for the sinfulness of their lives. A priest becomes God's minister to visibly assure those seeking forgiveness that God's mercy is theirs. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit, www.diorbr.org/vocations.



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to the family of Sue Jarreau upon her recent death. Please keep them in your prayers.

K.C. Members will be selling tickets for their Annual Meatball & Spaghetti Dinner next weekend, February 24 & 25 after all Masses, or you can buy your tickets from any K.C. Member. Please come out and support this great organization!

26th Annual MEATBALL & SPAGHETTI DINNER

Benefit

St. John the Baptist K.C. Council 10744



Sunday, March 4, 2018

Dine in or Take out

Church Activity Center

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM



Compliments of Business First Bank

No 0016

\$7.00 per plate

Readings for the Week of February 18, 2018

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]
1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
[Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19
[18b]/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/
Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/
Mt 16:13-19
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a,
7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/
Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15,
16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/
Mk 9:2-10



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Wednesdays, February 21 & 28 and
March 7, 14, and 21
Confessions: 5:30 pm
Mass: 6:00 pm
Way of the Cross: 6:30 pm
The Light is On For You: 6:30-7:30 pm

LENTEN MISSION

"Hope is for the Restless Heart"
Presenter: Becky Eldredge
Sunday, Monday & Tuesday
March 4, 5, and 6
7:00 pm Each Night

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST **PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018**

Donna Badon
John Begue
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Jules Lefeaux
Mark Loreno, Vice-Chairman
Fr. Matt Lorrain
Mary Claire Meyer, Secretary
Jason Murphey
Andrea Smicker
Toni Tolar, Chairman



**EVENT TO BE
HOSTED
March 9, 2018**

DENTISTRY FROM THE HEART

Smile. It's Free

This is the day Advantage Dental Care will give back to a community that has been so wonderful to them!

Choice of filling, extraction, or cleaning will be performed for those 18 years and older who can't get dental care elsewhere

ARRIVE EARLY

REGISTRATION STARTS AT 7:30 AM

For more information, please call (225) 346-1776

260 South Alexander Ave.

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**RELAY FOR LIFE
QUILT RAFFLE
To benefit the American
Cancer Society**

\$5.00/Ticket

**Tickets will be sold after all Masses
on February 17th & 18th**