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The Presentation of the Lord
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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 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.

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted--and you yourself a sword will pierce--so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." - Lk 2:34-35

Dear Parishioners,

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is celebrated annually on February 2, and since it falls on a Sunday this year the prayers and readings of the feast replace those of the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In recent years this feast day has also been suggested as an especially appropriate time to offer prayers for all of our sisters and brothers in consecrated religious life. Their vows unite them to the Lord in a special way and the witness of their lives encourages us to also live lives of generosity and love.

Tuesday, February 11, is the feast of *Our Lady of Lourdes* and the 22nd *World Day of the Sick*. In union with Pope Francis and strengthened by the prayers of Catholics throughout the world, we will offer the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** on the preceding **Saturday, February 8**, immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass. Please encourage those who are struggling with health problems to attend this Mass and Anointing of the Sick so that we can support them in prayer as they receive the special grace of this sacrament. We will also invoke the intercession of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos at this anointing service.

Sickness and injury are not the only times in life when we stand in special need of God's healing. The finality of divorce marking the end of one's marriage is another occasion when we need God's special help. Parishioners Kenny and Ann Cazes have recently completed the training to serve as advocates for those seeking an annulment. Kenny and Ann have themselves been through the process and know firsthand some of the concerns as well as the grace involved in petitioning the Church for an annulment. Feel free to speak with either of them or with me if you would like more information on the annulment process.

In many parishes, the pastor serves as the primary advocate for parishioners applying for an annulment. Unfortunately, I am not able to serve in this role since I serve as one of the "defenders of the bond" for our Diocese. Every tribunal has several priests appointed to safeguard the sanctity of marriage by insuring that we follow all of the procedures and do not mistakenly annul a good marriage. I serve as one of the priests for

our Diocese, so while I am still able to offer pastoral counseling and encouragement to those seeking annulments, I cannot serve as their advocate. I thank Kenny and Ann for sharing in this important ministry.

Please remember the Valentine's Day raffle being sponsored by our parish pastoral council. First prize will be a fabulous gift basket containing champagne, chocolate, and gift cards to Galatoire's, Santa Fe Cattle Co., and Benoit's. Second and third prizes are a dozen roses and a bottle of wine. Tickets are \$5.00 each and all proceeds go to support our Church. The drawing will be next Sunday, February 9, immediately following the 11:00 Mass.

Finally, please continue to pray for vocations and for the success of the "Come, Follow Me" vocation retreat being held next weekend, February 7-9, at the Bishop Tracy Center. And enjoy the Super Bowl!

In Christ,
Father Matt



NEEDED!!!
3rd Grade Catechist
Tuesday evenings for the rest
of this years' classes!
Please call Karen at 749-3387
if you can help. THANKS!

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

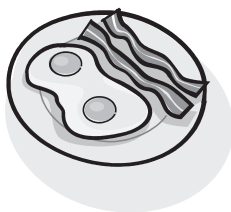
are extended to Tia Stein and her family upon the death of her grandmother, Olyn Matthews, to John Wascom & family upon the death of his wife, Beverly Wascom, and to Johanna Crawford and family upon the death of her father, Godfrey Naquin. Please keep them in your prayers.



COME OUT AND ENJOY
OUR VERY OWN
CELESTE ANGELLE VEILLON
In Concert February 14 & 15
At Theater Baton Rouge
\$30/ticket or \$50/couple
Featuring Andre' Chopay
Call (225) 924-6496 for tickets

Congratulations to the following young people who received the sacrament of Reconciliation here this week. Please keep them in your prayers as they journey towards the reception of the Eucharist for the first time!

Cale Alexander	Ryder Loupe
John Foster Benoit	John Maciasz
Avery Berthelot	Natalie Marchiafava
Nathan Berthelot	Lane Marino
Gianna Bono	Kelsie Martin
Brooklyn Bourque	Caroline Martinez
Noah Bourque	John Mulhearn
Kade Bourgoyne	Lane Palermo
Ellis Braud	Luke Patrick
Ryleigh Carline	Madison Prudhomme
MacKenzie Cavalier	Beau Rabalais
Ethan Crochet	Abigail Rizer
Hannah Crochet	Anna Claire Scott
Julian Devall	Brandt Settoon
Emma Fabre	Camille Shaffer
Lauren Flatau	Brody Slayton
Logan Harrell	Rylee Stein
Allie Hebert	Allie Theriot
Tanson Hebert	Drew Tullier
Shelby Johnson	Jude Verret
Destiny LeBlanc	Elaina Waguespack
Elie Wallace	



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
POT LUCK MEAL
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH
6:30 PM IN THE
ACTIVITY CENTER**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO
JEREMY & MARY FRANCES HORNER
WHO WERE MARRIED HERE LAST
WEEK**



STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

January 26, 2014
227 Identified- - - - - \$6,119.00
Loose- - - - - 921.00
TOTAL- - - - - \$7,040.00

Church in Latin America—\$454.00

A VOCATION VIEW

How blest with happiness are those who know they need God. Blest too are those who respond to God's invitation to announce His Good News as a priest, brother or sister. If you think God is calling you, call Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, or email him at mdupre@diobr.org.

ROSARYVILLE RETREAT

Sacred Connections: A Weekend Retreat for Couples
February 14—16, 2014

You are invited to spend Valentine's Day weekend with your sweetheart exploring and reflecting on your connections with God, one another and the world. Spend a weekend with the love of your life reflecting on the life and love you share and the holiness that sets it afire!

Anita Davidson, an Associate of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, is a wife, mother and stepmother. She works as coordinator of Corpus Christi Center of Peace, a new spirituality and community outreach center located in her parish's formerly vacant rectory. In addition she serves as a spiritual director, retreat leader and preacher.

\$320 per couple. Call (225) 294-5039 to register or for more information.

2014—25th & 50th

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, February 23, 2014 (3:00 pm)

Our Lady of Mercy Church

445 Marquette Ave., Baton Rouge

Bishop Robert W. Muench, Celebrant of Mass

Please call the Parish Office (749-2189) before

February 14th if you plan to attend.



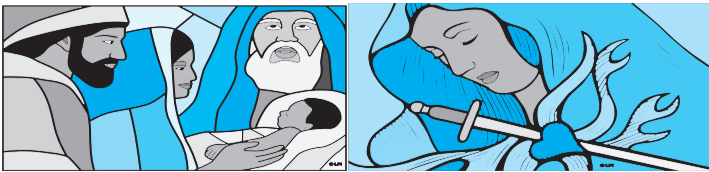
**COME ON PHIL
GIVE US A BREAK
WE COULD USE SOME
SUNSHINE!!!!**

Readings for the Week of February 2, 2014

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
or 2:22-32
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/
Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

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Presentation of the Lord

"The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him." Simeon surprised Mary and Joseph with his declaration that their baby was the long-awaited Messiah. They of course knew the truth about their son's identity and mission. But to hear someone else announce it was the amazing part. The Gospel tells us that the Holy Spirit was upon Simeon; thus he had a kind of divine revelation about the baby Jesus. God spoke through him to confirm the holy secret that Mary and Joseph already kept in their hearts. Anna too spoke about the child as "the redemption of Jerusalem," thus adding another mystical assurance that Jesus was in fact the Savior.

These events that took place during the Presentation in the Temple can remind us about the important role of the members of the believing community. Like Simeon and Anna, we are meant to encourage one another, and to announce the Gospel to others with courage and conviction. When we are rooted in prayer, and attuned to the Holy Spirit, we too can be effective instruments of God's power. Then, amazing things can happen! We become the channels through which God's truth is proclaimed, and through which his love and healing, comfort and compassion, are given to other people.

Indeed, when we are "righteous and devout" like Simeon, and dedicated to prayer like Anna, we prepare ourselves to become Christ's coworkers in the world.