



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Parish Staff

Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain, *Pastor*
Sammy Collura, *Permanent Deacon*
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Carolyn Dupuy, *Bookkeeper*
Pat Durbin, *Parish Secretary*
Karen Lemoine, *Christian Formation*
Larry Durbin, *Maintenance Supervisor*
Richard Rabalais, *Maintenance*
Celeste Veillon, *Music Director*

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 am) or by appointment

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.

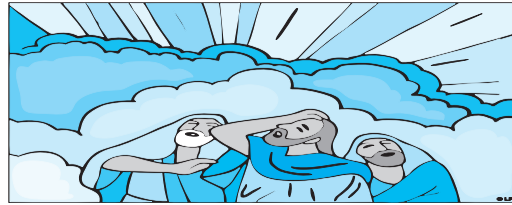
Prayer Line

Call Judy Thousand (749-9257) or the Parish office.

Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:30–4:30
Office closed for lunch 12:30–1:30

February 24, 2013



2nd Sunday of Lent

Many of us have buried relatives or friends who have had an impact on our lives. Standing there in the funeral home or meditating at their grave, we can recall what they meant to us, how their words or actions touched us in some way, how what they did gave some shape to the person we are today. Often, it is only years later that we recognize in ourselves some of their own character.

Every year on the Second Sunday of Lent, we hear a version of the story of the transfiguration of Jesus. Matthew, Mark, and Luke each describe the experience in a rather similar fashion. But Luke adds something that the others leave out. As Jesus converses with Moses and Elijah who have appeared alongside him on the mountain, Luke says that they "spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem." This is pure Lucan theology. Luke constructs his Gospel in such a way that Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem where he will accomplish the fulfillment of his Father's will through his death and resurrection. In doing so, he ushers in the era of the church on which the Holy Spirit is poured out, as a prelude to the triumph of the kingdom of God. For Luke, the exodus of Jesus in Jerusalem is his passover from death to life in the glory of the Resurrection. The Transfiguration is a glimpse of that glory.

In a way, at the top of that mountain, Peter, James, and John were already witnessing what could be the impact of this man in their lives. He was going to change everything. As he has done with us! During Lent we take some time to reflect on what the life and teaching of Jesus means to us. We don't stand at his grave, but at an empty tomb, and recall that the One who passed over from death to life holds that promise for us as well.

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. - Lk 9:29-31

Dear Parishioners,

Please mark your calendars for our two-night Lenten Mission to be preached by Father Michael Alello on Sunday, March 3, and Monday, March 4, 2013. Father Alello, ordained in 2009, is one of the outstanding young priests of our diocese and currently serves as pastor of St. Philomena Parish in Labadieville.

A parish mission or retreat is a grace-filled time of prayer and encouragement, when we come together at church for further study and reflection on the gift and challenge of faith. There is often music to help center our hearts, and then an expanded version of a Sunday homily so that the retreat director is able to illustrate some of the dynamics of living the Gospel according to the insights of our Catholic faith.

Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has stressed the need for a new evangelization of people like us who are already Catholic but perhaps not living the lives we should be. Lent is an appropriate time to examine our lives and recommit ourselves to greater intimacy with the Lord in preparation for Easter. Father Alello will serve as the igniter to start the fire of God's love burning within our hearts again.

We were all shocked to hear of Pope Benedict XVI's decision to resign from the papacy effective 1:00 p.m. Central Time this coming Thursday, February 28, 2013. We were shocked but later edified as we reflected upon the wisdom and humility evident behind such a courageous decision. For a secular analogy, it kind of reminds me of George Washington's decision to resign as commander-in-chief at the end of the Revolutionary War, and his later decision to not seek a third term as president of the United States. Both decisions point to the greatness of his character and I think we are witnessing something similar in the Holy Father's resignation.

Our first pope, St. Peter, was the most human of all popes, someone completely unconcerned with public perception. He did not have a fully developed institution to cover some of his faults and imperfections, but like all popes he preached the Gospel and worked to safeguard and strengthen the community of believers.

In the end he asked to be crucified upside down in recognition of his unworthiness to share the exact form of our Savior's death.

Modern day popes are equally human but are somewhat protected by all of the rituals, traditions, and structures that have developed over time and with our growth in numbers. Serving as the universal shepherd of the Church is a great honor but also a great burden since so much of the Pope's time is controlled by the outside forces of circumstance and necessity. Pope Benedict could have stayed on as a figure head but his heart told him that our Church needed a shepherd who could actively protect us from error and lead us to heaven. Please pray for our Holy Father during this time of transition, and for the Holy Spirit to guide the College of Cardinals when they meet to choose the next successor of Peter.

In Christ,
Father Matt



FRIDAY SERVICES

Adoration—2:30 pm
Confessions—5:00—5:30 pm
Benediction—5:40 pm
Mass—6:00 pm
Way of the Cross—6:30 pm



*The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
will be recited during Lent every
Thursday immediately following
8:00 am Mass.*

Religious Education


NEEDED:

4th Grade Catechist—Mondays (5:30—6:30 pm)
Please call the office at 749-3387 if you can help!


Adult Confirmation 2013 (over age 18).

To participate please contact the Christian Formation Office before April 16th. Sessions begin in April.

Youth Ministry



Abbey Youth Festival: Sign up now!
 A one-day festival that includes music, great speakers, fun games, and incredible prayer experiences!
 Open to High School Youth
 Saturday, March 9th
 Cost \$35
 St. Joseph Seminary College, Covington, LA
 Contact Julie to attend! 225-749-3387



Time to clean out closets!!!
 The Youth Ministry will now be collecting items for resale at the Spring Garage Sale. To drop off items please contact the Christian Formation Office at 749-3387. Proceeds benefit Youth Ministry and the Parish Building Fund. The Garage Sale is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, April 13th in the Parish Activity Center.

**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU
 LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES**

Penance Services will be held on Wednesdays, February 27 and March 6, 13 & 20 during Lent at the following churches and times:

- ◆ St. John the Evangelist in Plaquemine (6:00—7:30 pm)
- ◆ St. Mary's in New Roads (6:00—7:30 pm)
- ◆ Holy Family in Port Allen (6:00—7:00 pm)

Everyone is invited. This is a perfect opportunity for reconciliation during the Lenten Season.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

January Building Fund—\$18,533.79

February 10, 2013
 214 Identified- - - - -\$6,754.00
 Loose Collection- - - 488.71
 TOTAL- - - - -\$7,242.71

Church in Central & Eastern Europe—\$553.00

February 18, 2013
 255 Identified- - - - -\$7,856.33
 Loose Collection- - - 1,059.00
 TOTAL- - - - \$8,915.3

Black & Indian Missions—\$427.00

A VOCATION VIEW

Peter, John and James had a mountaintop-experience with Jesus by witnessing His Transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop-experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. If you are willing, and think God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.



*THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW
 BURNING IN MEMORY OF
 JOHNNIE MAE FONTENOT*

Thanks!

Sam Sarradet & family wish to thank everyone for their continued prayers, calls and concerns during her recent illness. She says that the love of this community makes it easier to go through such trying times.
THANKS!



**RELAY FOR LIFE CANCER SURVIVOR
 PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Saturday, March 16—8:30 AM
 St. John the Baptist Activity Center
 Sponsored by St. John the Baptist Catholic church and the Knights of Columbus

For reservations for you and your spouse or caregiver, please call the Church Office at 749-2189 or Elaine Pearce at 413-7102.



Readings for the Week of February 24, 2013

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17--4:1 or 3:20--4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/
 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/
 Lk 13:1-9

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH CUNCIL MEMBERS 2012-2013

Donna Badon
Maria Bertrand
Jamie Chustz, Vice-chairman
Deacon Sammy Collura
David Couvillon
Jerry Deshotel
Stacy Gauthreaux
Fr. Matt Lorrain
Wendy Parrish
Katie Roettger
Toni Tolar
David Toups, Chairman
John Windham, Secretary
Gerard "Jerry" Zimmerman

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Patricia Lefeaux and her group for cleaning the church during the month of February. Cleaning for March will be Cindi Breaux (749-3842) and her group. Please give her a call to offer your help.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Bill & Geri Schneider for chairing the committee for February. Chaircouple for March will be Scrap & Ella Dean Thibodeaux (937-1998). Please give them a call with any concerns.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, March 3rd

- ⇒ **Communion Service** for K.C. Members and their families at 7:30 am Mass.
- ⇒ **Coffee and donuts** will be served in the Activity Center immediately following Mass

January Calendar Winners

Gordon & Faye Smith, Murphy Gautreau Sr., Wanda Sieta, Juliana Shelnut, Marty Michel, Lori Scott, Winnie Daigle, Derek Darensbourg, Ed Falgoust, Jerry Dellucci, Cherie Schlatre Larry Schlatre, Carolyn Lane, Chris D. LeBlanc, Roxanne Richard, Roger & Theresa Travasos, Terry Naquin, Jeremy Mullen, Carol Kelly, Bob Walsh, Pamela Rhodes, Whitney & John Falcon, Mark Bernard, KC Council #5352, Michael Sulcer, Jr., Christine Ramirez, Virginia Richard, Donna Olinde, Margo Rivet, Cindy Crochet, Ryan Hue