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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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
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

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"--which translated means Teacher--"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

Dear Parishioners,

The Mass readings for this weekend and next describe the call of Samuel and Jonah in the Old Testament, as well as that of the first followers of Jesus in the New Testament. They encourage us to reflect on our own call to follow Christ and serve him faithfully both at home and in the world. They also remind us to pray and work for more vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated religious life. As the Bible relates, God often uses human instruments to deliver his message and invitation. We have to give voice to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and encourage our young people to be open to a religious call.

Our 11th graders celebrate their Confirmation this Thursday, January 18, at 7:00 p.m. They will now be fully initiated members of the Catholic Church and ready to serve as godparents and sponsors at baptisms and confirmations. I pray that God will continue to bless and guide their journey of faith as they finish their high school studies. I also offer thanks to their sponsors and our Confirmation team members for their great work.

Monday, January 22, is designated as a "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children" for all dioceses in the United States. It is the 45th anniversary of the *Roe vs. Wade* Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion. The national "March for Life" will take place in Washington, DC on Friday, January 19, and all Catholics are encouraged to spend some time in prayer and fasting for the protection of unborn children. The "Louisiana Life March" will be held next Saturday, January 20, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the State Capitol. Participants will march to the Riverfront where there will be speeches and prayers for the sanctity of life.

The month of January is an appropriate time for Catholics to review their financial offering to the Church. Now that I have switched to the automatic bank draft method for giving, it is easy to give the same amount year after year regardless of changes to my income or my capacity to support the Church I love. I plan to increase my giving in gratitude for God's blessings, and I hope you will do the same. A small increase from many members adds up to a beautiful gift for the Church. Thank you in advance for your generous support of our Church.

The men of our parish are invited to attend the second annual Catholic Men's Conference to be held on Saturday, February 17, 2018, at St. George Church in Baton Rouge, beginning at 6:30 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. Our parishioners who attended last year spoke very positively about the conference and I have no doubt that this year's gathering will also be profitable. Speakers include bestselling authors and biblical scholars Dr. Scott Hahn and Father Mitch Pacwa, SJ, along with Catholic speaker and apologist Mr. Matt Fradd. For more information and to register, please visit <http://www.catholicmenbr.com/>.

The New Orleans Saints pulled off a great win over the Carolina Panthers last Sunday afternoon and now face the Minnesota Vikings at 3:40 p.m. today, the 14th of January. We have to play the Vikings in their home stadium, which won't be easy, but I still like our chances. The Saints are much improved in all three phases of the game and better able to match up against a talented opponent. The greatest rookie class in the history of the franchise has reinvigorated our team and her devoted fans. Let's hope they win today and reach the conference championship round.

In Christ,
Father Matt



CONFIRMATION WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH AT 7:00 P.M.
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE ACTIVITY
CENTER. THANKS TO ALL OF THE
PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE BEEN PRAYING
FOR OUR YOUNG ADULTS ON THIS FAITH
JOURNEY. THANKS TO THE CONFIRMATION
TEAM FOR BEING WITNESSES TO OUR
FAITH AND TO THE CANDIDATES'
OPENNESS TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

4th Grade Catechist to complete this school year!
11:00 am Children's church beginning March 2018
Call Karen or June at 749-3387.

NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 15th or
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16th DUE TO
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY



"I have a dream..."
Monday
January 15, 2018

THERE WILL BE A SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION SESSION FOR ALL SECOND GRADERS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 22nd OR TUESDAY, JANUARY 23rd AT THEIR REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASS TIMES. STUDENTS IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WILL CHOOSE TO COME ON ONE OF THESE DAYS. FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT FOR ALL SECOND GRADERS AND THEIR PARENTS WILL BE ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH FROM 9 A.M.—12 P.M. IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER. PLEASE COMPLETE CHAPTERS 5 AND 6 IN THEIR RECONCILIATION BOOKS AND BRING THEM TO THE RETREAT. FIRST RECONCILIATION WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31st 6:00 P.M. IN CHURCH



PRO-LIFE MARCH

LOUISIANA LIFE MARCH SOUTH 2018

State Capitol to Downtown Riverfront Levee Green

Saturday, January 20, 2018 (10am—Noon)

2018 Theme: "Every Life Deserves a Lifetime"

The Louisiana Life March South will return to downtown Baton Rouge in 2018, but due to construction in the area, the route will be reversed. It will begin in the grassy area outside the State Capitol near Spanish Town Road & N. 4th Street. Proceeding south on N. 4th St., west on North Boulevard and south on River Road to the Levee Green near the U.S.S. Kidd. A formal program will be held at the Levee Stage, beginning approx. 11 am.

Congratulations!

BAPTIZED

The following children were recently baptized here: Greyson James Hendrick, son of James & Chelsea Hendrick; Maximilian Joseph Gaudet, son of Jake & Danielle Gaudet; Marin Elizabeth Bourgeois, daughter of Cory & Mandie Bourgeois and Landry Kate Plache, daughter of Clay & Hagen Plache.

WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!

JUST MARRIED

Kurt Michael McCune & Jade Elizabeth Prejean
BEST WISHES!!



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY to the family of Mrs. Merle Borruano upon her recent death and to Mark Fabre & family upon the death of his father, James Curtis Fabre. Please keep them in your prayers.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

January 7, 2018

REGULAR:

305 Identified- - - - - \$15,866.50

Loose Collection- - - - - 745.75

TOTAL- - - - - \$16,612.25

A VOCATION VIEW

A good vocation prayer to say every day—from the time we are young until we are in our golden years—is found in today's first scripture reading: "Speak LORD, for your servant is listening." Just try it with sincerity, starting today, and if you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



Call Carolyn at the Parish Office (749-2189) for a report on your 2017 contributions for tax purposes.

Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, January 17, 2018—Activity Center

Officers' Meeting—6:00 pm

Regular Meeting—7:15 pm

Saturday, January 20, 2018—4:00 pm in Church

Pro-Life Rosary

ATTENTION: ALL CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Next Meeting—Wednesday, January 17th. Dinner with the KC's at 6:30 pm and meeting immediately following at 7pm. If you are a Catholic woman, 18 years or older and are interested in joining a charitable organization, meet new people and fellowship, we invite you to be our guest to come and see what we are all about.



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FUNDRAISER

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 21, 2018

6:00 am—11:00 am

St. John the Baptist Activity Center

Dine-In or Carry-Out \$5/person

Readings for the Week of January 14, 2018

Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1]/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 [5b]/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

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Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

"He first found his own brother Simon and told him, 'We have found the Messiah.'" After spending the day in the company of Christ, Andrew took action. He shared the good news! Instead of keeping his newfound friendship with Jesus all to himself, Andrew invited his brother into the fold. Andrew found Simon and "brought him to Jesus." This was no small matter because Simon would become Peter, the first pope! How important it is to bring others along with us to meet Christ!

Yet, how often do we reach out with the kind of confidence that Andrew had? Are we ready and willing to share our faith with our family and friends? Do we consider our relationship with Jesus a gift to be shared, or a fact to be safely hidden away in our personal prayer corner?

Part of our call as Christians is to evangelize others, to share with them the good news of salvation. Loving Jesus and following his moral commands is essential, of course, but it is not the end of the story. The Gospel message is meant for all people, and we are meant to be its messengers. Sometimes this requires us to step out of our comfort zone. It may mean speaking up when we'd rather be silent. It may mean inviting someone to Mass when they might say no. But it might also mean a conversion for someone we care about. It might mean a new minister for the Church. Ultimately, it might mean another saint in heaven.

None of that is up to us, however. What we can control is only whether we share our faith joyfully and extend the invitation to others to experience the peace that comes from knowing Christ.