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Third 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  
Pedro Garcia ..... 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 the Parish Office

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free." - Lk 4:18"

Dear Parishioners,

We are blessed to have excellent public schools in our parish which serve the vast majority of our parishioners. Our families are also fortunate to have the availability of two Catholic schools nearby. Holy Family School in Port Allen has its Open House this Thursday, January 31, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., and St. John Interparochial School in Plaquemine has its Open House also on Thursday beginning at 5:00 p.m. in St. Clement Chapel.

Our monthly 12 hour period of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament begins at 8:00 p.m. this Friday, February 1, and ends with 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, February 2. All are invited to sign-up for an hour of prayer and adoration during the night or early morning. You are free to sit or kneel in silent prayer, or pray the rosary, or engage in spiritual reading and meditation while in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Next Sunday, February 3, is kind of crowded this year since it is Boy Scout Sunday and Super Bowl Sunday in addition to being the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Super Bowl Sunday is one of many Sundays when I am especially glad to be assigned to a parish that does not have a Sunday evening Mass. I have no doubt that a Sunday evening Mass would again be popular here, but I enjoy being able to relax on Sunday evenings with friends and other priests after celebrating the three morning Masses with all of you.

In keeping with the feast of *Our Lady of Lourdes* and the 27<sup>th</sup> *World Day of the Sick*, we will offer the **Anointing of the Sick** on Saturday, February 9, 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 again use the Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos relic and crucifix to implore the intercession of Blessed Seelos during our anointing service.


Our Mother's Day Out program is now preparing for the fall 2019 session. Mother's Day Out is part time child care that encourages learning and social skills in

children. It will operate from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and is available for 1, 2, and 3 year olds. Registration for parishioners will take place on Sunday, February 24, after the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses. For more information, please contact Katie Roettger at [MDOSTJohn@gmail.com](mailto:MDOSTJohn@gmail.com).

In closing, the beginning of a new calendar year is an excellent time to recommit ourselves to supporting our Church through Stewardship of Finance. It is often said that we reveal our priorities through the content of our daily planners and checkbooks. In essence, we indicate what is important by the ways we invest our time and money. Please join me in revisiting our individual practices of giving to our Sunday collection, Building Fund, and other special appeals to insure that they are reflective of our income and gratitude to God for His many blessings.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

## Christian Formation Info

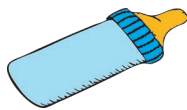


**MASS FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION  
STUDENTS K-8  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH  
DROP OFF IN ACTIVITY CENTER 5:15  
PICK UP IN CHURCH AT 6:30.  
THERE WILL BE NO CLASS  
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH  
OR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH  
DUE TO MASS ON TUESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 5TH**



**THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 7TH**

**FIRST EUCHARIST MEETING  
6:30 P.M. CHURCH  
ALL 2nd GRADE YOUTH  
AND PARENTS ATTEND**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

Did you bring your Baby Bottle back? The Campaign for the Family Life Foundation Problem Pregnancy Center is still ongoing. Bring your Baby Bottle back to church next Sunday or drop it off at the Church Office. If you haven't had a chance to fill your bottle, please return it anyway so it can be used again next year.



**A VOCATION VIEW**

Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. If God is calling you, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.338.8778, framerrick@gmail.com or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).



January 27  
To February 2

**Holy Family School**

Cordially Invites You to

Attend Their

Annual Open House

Thursday, January 31, 2019

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

School Library

Visit us at

[WWW.HOLYFAMILYSCHOOL.COM](http://WWW.HOLYFAMILYSCHOOL.COM)

**LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP**

25th, 50th, 60th and Over  
Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, February 10—2pm

St. George Church—Baton Rouge, LA

Liturgy celebrated by

Bishop Michael Duca.

Call the Parish Office before January 30th if you are celebrating one of these anniversaries and would

like to attend.

Family Members are also invited!

# Organizations

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Sunday, February 3**

Communion Service for K.C. Members and their families at 7:00 am Mass.

Coffee & Donuts will be served immediately after 7:00 am Mass in the Activity Center.

**BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Thanks to Ruth Landry for chairing the committee during the month of January. Chaircouple for February is Bill & Gerri Schneider ((749-3508). Please give them a call with any concerns.

**ALTAR SOCIETY**

Thanks to Mary Delapasse & her group for cleaning the church during the month of January. Cleaning for February will be done by Carolyn Bourgeois (776-3325) and her group. Please give her a call if you wish to help.

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

**January 20, 2019**

REGULAR:

194 Identified- - - - -\$8,064.00

Loose Collection- - - - 934.00

TOTAL- - - - -\$8,998.00



**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY** are extended to

Morris Berthelot and family upon the death of his sister, Jeanette B. Millet and to Steve Mura & family upon the death of his mother, Rosemary Cazelot Mura. Please keep them in your prayers.

**TAX FORMS ARE READY!  
YOU CAN PICK UP A COPY OF YOUR  
STATEMENT AT THE PARISH OFFICE.**

**Readings for the week of January 27, 2019**

- Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf Jn 6:63c]/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
- Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/ Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/ Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 19 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40 or Luke 2:22-32
- Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018**

John Begue  
Bob Bewick  
Jamie Bourg  
Chris Buckle  
Christie Chapman  
Jules Lefeaux, Vice-Chairman  
Mark Loreno, Chairman  
Fr. Matt Lorrain  
Mary Claire Meyer, Secretary  
Jason Murphey  
Joey Normand  
Derek Scott  
Andrea Smicker



**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up." Did you grow up in a small town? Whenever you see stories of tight-knit communities, a common refrain is that everybody knows everybody and that's very difficult to change. If you leave and return, people expect you to be and act a certain way, and it's strange for them if you do not. In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus was already moving "in the power of the Spirit and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He...was praised by all." His ministry has begun! News of his growing popularity must have preceded him to Nazareth.

Upon his arrival, he "went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day." For the first few moments, he is what they expect - their hometown boy returning to pay his respects. As was common of men at the time, he takes a turn reading a passage of Sacred Scripture. It is a bold passage, one he selects intentionally. "He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." After reading about holy anointings, liberation for the poor and prisoners, and physical healings, Jesus does the unthinkable. "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

We are all called to imitate Christ wherever we are. This might mean doing the unexpected! All too often we're content with the daily status quo, and so are the people around us. When we take a stand for Christian values, change our lifestyle to reflect the Gospel, and work for justice in society, we may make others uncomfortable. But Jesus doesn't call us to the same life we lived yesterday or the year before that. He is calling all of us - each and every one of us - to deeper conversion of heart. No matter what other people expect, will you love in the Spirit of the Lord today?