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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

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are--the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

Dear Parishioners,

Our second graders celebrate their First Reconciliation this Wednesday, January 31, at 6:00 p.m. Please pray for them and their parents that this might be a special moment of grace for their families. Fathers David Allen, Greg Daigle, and Todd Lloyd will be here to assist with our celebration of this beautiful sacrament.

Our monthly 12 hour period of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament begins at 8:00 p.m. this Friday, February 2, and ends with 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, February 3. 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.

Our Mother's Day Out program is now preparing for the fall 2018 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 today, Sunday, January 28, after the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses. For more information, please contact Katie Roettger at MDOSTJohn@gmail.com.

Our Parish Pastoral Council is once again sponsoring a raffle for Valentine's Day. First prize will be a gift basket containing champagne, chocolate, and a gift card for dinner at a fine restaurant. Second and third prizes include a dozen roses and a bottle or two of wine. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be available for purchase at all Masses starting this weekend, January 27 & 28. The drawing will be held on Sunday, February 11, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

In keeping with the feast of *Our Lady of Lourdes* and the 26th *World Day of the Sick*, we will offer the **Anointing of the Sick** on Saturday, February 10, 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 crucifix to implore the

intercession of Blessed Seelos during our anointing service.

Don't forget 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. 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/>.

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, February 1, from 8:00 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.

In Christ,
Father Matt

CHRISTIAN FORMATION UPDATE

FIRST RECONCILIATION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31st
6:00 P.M. IN CHURCH



9th Grade Retreat Date Change!!

The 9th grade retreat will be on Sunday, February 25th starting with Mass at 11:00. After Mass we will proceed to the Activity Center for lunch and retreat.

PLEASE CHANGE THIS ON YOUR CALENDARS

ALSO NOTE THAT 9TH GRADE WILL RESUME CLASS ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH.

Attention Volunteers

CATECHIST NEEDED

**11:00 am Children's church beginning March 2018
Call Karen or June at 749-3387.**



Congratulations to the following young adults who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation here last week!

Daniel Babin	Jayneeb Hebert
Madelyn Barbier	Luke Henry
Savannah Bezet	Francesca Hunt
Michael Bonadona	Matthew Jones
Gabrielle Boudreaux	Rachelle LeJeune
Brooke Bourgoyne	Sydney Luke
Lacey Budd	Camryn Marcum
Graham Campbell	Braxton Michel
Mary Cathryn Comeaux	Aubry Moore
Kristen Conner	Maria Osorio
Madison Daigle	Taylor Picard
Michelle Denova	Bryanne Pierce
Sebastian Dexter	Gavin Purdom
Anne-Marie Dizor	Ty Sellers
Caleb Dunn	Ethan Shows
Devin Eschette	Zachary Sibille
Katie Frens	Hayden Toups
Caroline Gassie	Hailie Tuminello
Clay Gauthreaux	Baylee Weems
Rebecca Guedry	Saylor Young

Organizations

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, February 4, 2018

- ⇒ Communion Service for K.C. Members and their families at 7:30 am Mass
- ⇒ Coffee & Donuts will be served after 7:30 am Mass (Activity Center)

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to everyone for cleaning the church during the month of December! Cleaning for the month of February will be done by Josie Delaune (749-5026). Please give her a call to lend a hand.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Ruth Landry for chairing the committee during the month of January. Chaircouple for February will be Bill & Geri Schneider (749-3508). Give them a call with any concerns.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

January 21, 2018

REGULAR:

179 Identified- - - - -	\$5,872.00
Loose Collection- - - - -	1,059.00
TOTAL- - - - -	\$ 6,931.00



A VOCATION VIEW

If you are willing to respond to a religious vocation, do not be afraid that you will not know what to do or what to say. The LORD promised that He will put His words into your mouth, but you must be open to His speaking to and through you. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.878, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.



2018-2019 REGISTRATION

Parishioner Registration—January 28, 2018
Immediately following 9:00 & 11:00 Masses
Program will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
(9:00 am—1:00 pm)
Registration Forms are available on our Facebook Page and through email
mdo.stjohn@gmail.com

Be Sure to Call!!

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday, February 25, 2018 (2:00 pm)

2018—25th, 50th, 65th and Over

St. Aloysius Catholic Church

2025 Stuart Ave., Baton Rouge, LA

Reception to follow in St. Aloysius Gym

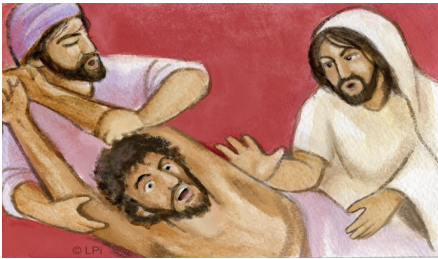
Call the Parish Office (749-2189) to register before Friday, February 9, 2018

Readings for the Week of January 28, 2018

Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9, [8]/ 1Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/ Ps86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/ Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd [12b]/Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/ Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/ 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018

Donna Badon
John Begue
Bob Bewick
Maria Bertrand
Jamie Bourg
Chris Buckle
Jules Lefeaux
Mark Loreno, Vice-Chairman
Fr. Matt Lorrain
Mary Claire Meyer, Secretary
Jason Murphey
Andrea Smicker
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"The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." Those gathered in the synagogue where Jesus taught had never heard anything like this before. They were used to the preaching of the well-educated scribes, but Jesus possessed something that those men lacked: authority. Instead of merely interpreting the laws of the prophets, Jesus presented a new vision, indeed, he shared the good news of the Gospel with his listeners.

We do not have the opportunity to stand in the presence of Jesus in the same way that those first-century Jews did, but nonetheless we can also stand in awe of his authority. His teachings are available to us through the sacred Scriptures that the Church has preserved and through the sacred tradition that the Church carries on. And in a special way, Christ's authority continues to inspire and guide us through the ministries of the papacy, episcopacy, and priesthood that Jesus established on our behalf while he was yet on earth.

As Catholics, we have a special share in the astonishing authority of Jesus through the hierarchy of the Church. Although this structure is often misunderstood or misinterpreted, it is actually an authority rooted in service and modeled after Christ who told his apostles, "The greatest among you must be your servant" (Mt 23:11).

This humble exercise of authority is contrary to the worldly search for power. And whenever we find ourselves in a position of authority, we too should strive to lead and direct others in the true spirit of Christian love and service. Chances are, if we truly imitate Christ in this way, people will be astonished at what they see.