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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
Donna Badon..... Christian Formation
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin..... Parish Secretary
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Celeste Veillon Music Director
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

"A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight."

Lk 10:30b-31, 33

Dear Parishioners,

This week celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the amazing Apollo 11 mission to the moon. The Saturn V rocket carrying the crew and modules of Apollo 11 lifted off from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida on July 16, 1969, and reached lunar orbit on July 19.

Astronaut Michael Collins remained aboard the command module Columbia, while astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin descended to the moon's surface aboard the lunar module Eagle. On July 20, Armstrong stepped foot on the moon and uttered his famous words "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."

Pope Paul VI, now a saint, sent the following message to the astronauts: "Honor, greetings, and blessings to you, conquerors of the moon, pale lamp of our nights and our dreams! Bring to her, with your living presence, the voice of the spirit, a hymn to God, our Creator and our Father. We are close to you, with our good wishes and with our prayers. Together with the whole Catholic Church, Pope Paul VI salutes you."

Armstrong and Aldrin would spend two and a half hours exploring the surface, and a total of 22 hours on the moon, before blasting off in the ascent stage of Eagle to rendezvous with Collins and the orbiting Columbia. They left behind an American flag, a medallion honoring the Apollo 1 crew, and a plaque on one of Eagle's legs with the inscription "Here men from the planet Earth first set foot upon the moon. July 1969 A.D. We came in peace for all mankind."

The crew left lunar orbit on July 22 and splashed down in the waters off Hawaii on July 24. Months later, as part of their goodwill tour to 24 countries, the astronauts and their wives received an audience with Pope Paul VI at the Vatican. The Holy Father presented them with gifts symbolic of the Magi, noting that the Wise Men were also guided on their journey by the stars.

The mission to the moon was an amazing achievement given the technology of the time. One article noted that the Apollo spacecraft was guided by the smallest, fastest computer in existence at the time, yet

the astronauts also used paper charts and a sextant to take sightings and cross check their computer's navigation.

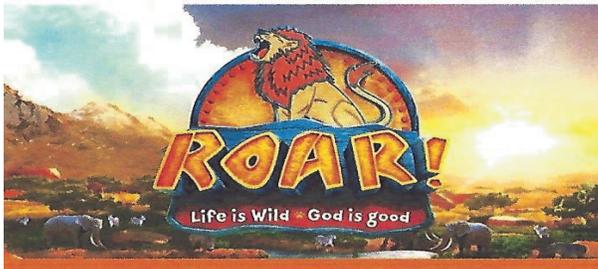
Please remember that Vacation Bible School is this week from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday, in the activity center and classrooms. Please watch out for the children and be extra careful in the parking lot during drop off and pick up. I know the kids will have a great time getting together with their friends and classmates for a fun week of activities. Thank you to all of our volunteers who give so generously of their time to make VBS a success.

In Christ,
Father Matt

**Catechists Needed
for 2019-2020
Please Pray About Becoming
A Catechist**

**THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU.
YOUR ENTHUSIASM.
YOUR CREATIVITY AND
THE JOY THAT IS SO
CHARACTERISTIC OF YOU.**

POPE FRANCIS

A photograph of Pope Francis in white vestments, smiling and holding a white dove in his right hand. The background shows a building with a dome, likely St. Peter's Basilica.A colorful illustration for a Vacation Bible School (VBS) event. It features a lion in a blue archway with the word "ROAR!" in large, bold, yellow letters. Below the archway, it says "Life is Wild - God is good". The background shows a savanna landscape with a sunset, a zebra, and a lion.

RECTORIES: PART ONE

For the better part of its documented history, St. John the Baptist has furnished a home for its resident pastors—a rectory, also known as a presbytery.

During the early 19th century, a visiting priest from St. Joseph Church in Baton Rouge would say Mass in the community. Jean Baptiste Hebert, who opened his home for this purpose, may have also offered it as lodging if needed. In 1832 Hebert sold to the congregation land for the erection of a chapel. Included was a structure which was put to use as the priest's house—the first parish-owned rectory.

The congregation purchased a tract of land from Ambroise Blanchard in February 1838, our present parish property, and simultaneously sold the 1832 property while reserving the right to use the buildings for six months. Nearly four years passed before a rectory could be built. In December 1841, a contract for \$450.00 was awarded for construction of a 21 ft. wide by 30 ft. deep four room building. It was delivered complete with the exception of a chimney in March 1842. It likely excluded a substantial kitchen or any kitchen at all as in a letter in 1846, Bishop Blanc directed the church wardens to add a two room kitchen to the priest's house.

A new rectory was purchased from Frederick Sarradet for \$1,500 in 1872. Thanks to the research provided by Mrs. Lucy Landry, it is known that the dwelling which was the subject of the sale is the Hebert House, now located on East Main Street. Originally built on a lot in front of our present property, the house was relocated to Main Street due to river encroachment. The congregation sold the land and house to Jacques Caire in 1876. The previous rectory may have been reinstated as the pastor's home afterward.

At The Advertisers

LOOK Supporting Our Church Bulletin

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

June 30, 2019

185 Identified- - - - - \$8,629.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 778.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$9,407.00

Peter's Pence- - - - - \$809.00

July 7, 2019

255 Identified- - - - - \$16,042.50

Loose Collection- - - - - 756.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$16,798.50



A VOCATION VIEW

It's a simple concept: love God with your whole being and put that love into practice. How is God calling you to love? Have you considered the way of loving called "priesthood" or "religious life"? If God may be selecting you for the special life of priest or religious, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

SECOND ANNUAL WBR ACADIAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2019

2:00 pm—6:00 pm

**Our Ancestors in Photos
and the
West Baton Rouge Museum
invite you to celebrate our
unique Acadian heritage!**

Free Jambalaya

Cajun Music

Cajun Dancers

Door Prizes

Guest Speakers

Heirloom Display

Crafts Table for Kids

On-Site Genealogy Search

Ancestor Photo Display

French Table

Community Socializing

Playground for Kids

**Resources for Self-Guided
Graveyard Tour**

Tintamarre

Canary Islanders Table

This event takes place at
St. John the Baptist Catholic
Church Activity Center
402 South Kirkland Drive
(River Road)
Broussard, Louisiana

For more information call
Billy Hebert, Chairman
225-200-5950

Readings for the week of July 14, 2019

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34,
36, 37 [cf. 33] or PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9a]/
Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/
Mt 10:34--11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34
[cf 33]/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/
Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27
[8a]/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10--12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18
[13]/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12,
13-15/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/
Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday, Jesus reminds us that "the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." As Catholic disciples, we are the laborers that the Master is sending. All around us are opportunities to share the love and mercy of Jesus Christ - our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, even our faith communities! Lest we feel unequipped for the task, Jesus gives us some advice.

"Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals." We might not have a theology degree or training in public speaking, but that doesn't mean we can't share the Gospel. The power of God is at work in simplicity. The disciples went forth with nothing as a reminder to trust in the Providence of God. Say a little prayer that God will speak through you and has a need for your gifts, just as you are.

"Do not move about from one house to another." So much of the life of Jesus was about relationships. He modeled this attitude by journeying with his disciples. Here he makes the same recommendation to them, to remain with the same family for their entire stay in the town. Break bread with others. Invite them to coffee or a game night in your home. Sharing your faith isn't just about saying the right thing, but loving well over time.

"The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off." Sometimes we want to help someone, but for whatever reason, they don't receive it well. Sometimes people aren't interested in our efforts to invite them deeper into faith. When rejection happens, don't carry it with you. Don't let it over-burden your heart. Rejoice that you share in the mission of Christ, and keep on loving the next person he places in your path!