



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

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. Mk 6:30-31b, 32

Dear Parishioners,

How times have changed regarding religious affiliation and the U.S. Supreme Court. Until the Reagan Administration, there was usually only one Catholic justice and never more than two serving on the Court at the same time. More often than not, Catholics tended to follow one another in their appointment to the "Catholic seat" on the Court. Edward Douglass White, from Louisiana, was one of those Catholics who served as associate justice from 1894 – 1910, and chief justice from 1910 – 1921.

The landscape began to shift in the 1980's when President Reagan appointed Antonin Scalia in 1986 and Anthony Kennedy in 1988 to join fellow Catholic William Brennan on the Court. Brennan retired in 1990 but then the first President Bush appointed Clarence Thomas, and President George W. Bush appointed both John Roberts and Samuel Alito to the Court. Finally, President Obama appointed Sonia Sotomayor to the Court in 2009, giving the Court six Catholic justices including the chief justice.

Neil Gorsuch was appointed in 2017 to fill the vacancy created by Antonin Scalia's death. Gorsuch was raised Catholic but now attends the Episcopal Church. However, at least one commentator reports that Gorsuch still identifies as Catholic. Our latest nominee, yet to be confirmed, is Brett Kavanaugh, who is visibly active in practicing his Catholic faith. So in many ways the "Catholic seat" has now become the "Catholic Court." The remaining three justices by the way are all Jewish.

Of course we Catholics are a very diverse group and do not always see eye to eye on political issues. One would hope that the justices share a love for our country and the greatest respect for the Constitution. And sometimes looking at issues from different angles and perspectives can result in a better ruling. We pray that their Catholic faith helps to guide their deliberations in their search for justice.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in two weeks on Saturday, August 4, immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass. Any person who is seriously ill because of sickness, old age, or injury may be anointed. The illness may be either physical or mental and can include addictions.

Anointing is also allowed prior to undergoing surgery. Please spread the word to your family and friends who may be in need of the healing graces provided through this special sacrament. And please pray for your fellow parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound, or struggling with cancer or some other serious illness.

I will be on vacation from Monday, July 23, through Wednesday, August 1. I am heading to Quebec City to soak up some of its fascinating history and culture. My French is very rusty but I intend to give it a try while I am there. Who knows, God is full of surprises and maybe I can retrieve more than I think. Or, maybe I will receive another needed dose of humility.

Father Jon Koehler will hear confessions and celebrate the 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass next Saturday, July 28, and Father Matt Dupré will celebrate the 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. Masses next Sunday, July 29. I thank both of them for helping out while I am away. We will have Communion Services in place of the weekday Masses while I am gone.

In Christ,
Father Matt

Organizations

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, August 5

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

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Patricia Lefaux and her group for cleaning the church during the month of June. Cleaning for August will be done by Lucille Bouquet (687-6927) and her group. Give her a call to offer your help.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Ruth Landry and her group for chairing the committee during the month of July. Chaircouple for August will be Bill & Geri Schneider (749-3508). Please call them with any concerns.



***THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW
BURNING IN MEMORY OF
LENNIE BERNARD***

Calling ALL catechists!!

If you are currently a catechist and HAVE NOT CONTACTED June or Karen ABOUT RETURNING FOR THE 2018-2019 YEAR PLEASE DO SO SOON SO WE CAN SEE HOW MANY CATECHISTS WE WILL NEED. If you think God may be calling you to be a catechist please contact us as well. There will be a Catechist Meeting on Thursday, Aug. 16th at 6:30 P.M. in the Activity Center. 749—3387



THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THIS ANOTHER AWESOME VBS SHIPWRECKED: RESCUED BY JESUS



NEW MAUSOLEUM UPDATE

The response to our American Cemetery Consultants is going well and they expect to be here approximately 1 more week. They wish to thank everyone they visited for your gracious hospitality!

If you are interested in purchasing a crypt and have not been contacted, the reason could be that we don't have accurate info for you in our records. If you have disconnected your land line and are now using only your cell phone, please call the parish office at 225.749.2189 or email pat@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com with your current information. Crypts will be reserved on a first-come—first served basis. Payment plans are available.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

July 15, 2018

REGULAR:

249 Identified- - - - - \$8,928.83
Loose Collection- - - - - 678.00
TOTAL- - - - - \$9,606.83

June Building Fund Collection—\$11,452.00



A VOCATION VIEW

When the apostles were trying to reflect on their ministry, Jesus asked them to “Come by yourselves to an out-of-the-way place.” Listening to God in quiet prayer is very important in vocation discernment. Listen to God’s voice in an out-of-the-way place. If you feel the call is genuine, call or email Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

Join Us!

WBR SENIOR SPIRIT AND OUR ANCESTORS IN PHOTOS INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM IN CELEBRATING OUR HERITAGE!

Saturday, July 28, 2018

4:00 pm—8:00 pm

Senior Center

235 Elaine Street, Brusly

Next to Alexander Park

Free Jambalaya

Cajun Music

Artifacts Display

On-Site Genealogy Search

Ancestor Photo Display

Community Socializing

Books for Sale

WBR Library will provide ancestry.com information and genealogy research tips.

For more information, contact

Billy Hebert, Chairman

225-200-5950

Readings for the Week of July 22, 2018

- Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/ Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
- Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a]/ Mt 12:46-50
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/Mt 20:20-28
- Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 [10a]/Mt 13:10-17
- Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf10d]/Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/ Mt 13:24-30
- Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018

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Jules Lefeaux
Mark Loreno
Fr. Matt Lorrain
Mary Claire Meyer
Jason Murphey
Joey Normand
Derek Scott
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"Now what?" It's a difficult thing to hear, isn't it? The train comes late, a child unexpectedly cries, and the latest public policy debate flares up in the news. Life throws us curveballs, and we have no choice but to adapt. Jesus and the Apostles find themselves in that exact situation in today's Gospel.

The Apostles have returned from their two-by-two missionary journey. As Jesus hears all of their stories, he knows they need time to recover and refresh. "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." Their wilderness retreat is short-lived, however, as eager crowds discover their location. Jesus is well aware of the needs of his disciples. Still, as he looks out at the crowd, "His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd." The rest break is over. "He began to teach them many things." For those of us who have experienced a taste of much-needed relaxation only to have it taken away abruptly, perhaps we surmise what the Apostles might have been feeling in that moment. But Jesus isn't being inconsiderate of the Apostles' needs. He offers them -- and us -- a lived lesson. St. John Paul II wrote, "The whole of Christ's life was a continual teaching: his silences, his miracles, his gestures, his prayer, his love for people, his special affection for the little and the poor, his acceptance of the total sacrifice on the Cross for the redemption of the world" (On Catechesis in Our Time, 9). In Jesus' choice to teach, we see all of these things: sacrificial love, concern for the marginalized, and priority of people's needs over personal preference. These aren't abstract ideals. They're lived realities as we strive to live and love like Jesus. When a new obstacle confronts you in your life, how do you respond?