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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
Larry Durbin..... Maintenance Supervisor

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

"Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." - Mt 13:49-51

Dear Parishioners,

Father Oliver Smalls is scheduled to visit our parish next weekend, July 29-30, to make an appeal on behalf of the *Diocese of Belize City-Belmopan* which comprises the entire Central American country of Belize. Belize is situated just below the Yucatan peninsula and shares a border with Mexico on the north and Guatemala on the west. It was formerly known as British Honduras and its citizens continue to speak both Spanish and English. It has a Catholic population of about 162,000 as compared with 225,000 here in our Diocese of Baton Rouge.

Father Smalls' visit is coordinated by our Diocesan Propagation of the Faith Office and provides an opportunity for us to support the pastoral ministry and missionary activity of the Church. We will have a second collection at each of our Masses that weekend to benefit the *Diocese of Belize City-Belmopan* and all of their priests and parishioners. As always, please make your checks out to *St. John the Baptist Church* so we can count and deposit the collection, and then forward the proceeds to our Propagation of the Faith Office, who will then forward the money to the *Diocese of Belize City-Belmopan*.

The Mission Appeal will also allow me to sneak away for a few days of vacation from Monday, July 24, through Friday, August 4. I will be traveling with Father Paul Counce to a small town just outside of Asheville, NC to enjoy some of the beautiful scenery of Blue Ridge Mountains. We have both seen the Biltmore Estate but there are plenty of other attractions in the area to keep us occupied. Seminarian Danny Roussel will be here to assist Father Smalls in my absence.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in two weeks on Saturday, August 5, 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.

A good number of the men of our parish attended a retreat at Manresa Retreat House earlier this month. Many of them have made it a practice or tradition to return to Manresa on the same weekend each year in order to give needed time and attention to their spiritual lives. For others this was their first experience of a silent, preached retreat in the Jesuit tradition. Everyone that I spoke to said that it was an excellent retreat this year.

This coming week is seminarian Danny Roussel's last week serving in our parish. He will then enjoy a few days of vacation before returning to Notre Dame Seminary to continue his formation for the priesthood. We thank him for his ministry in our parish this summer and pledge to keep him in our prayers as he pursues his vocation. We also hope to see him in October at our *Feast on the Levee*.

In Christ,
Father Matt

Calling ALL catechists!!

If you are currently a catechist and plan on continuing in this wonderful ministry please contact June or Karen at 749-3387. 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. 17th at 6:30 P.M. in the Activity Center.



(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Have you or someone you know expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic?

RCIA offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic faith. Weekly sessions focus on the teachings of the church, faith experiences, understanding scripture and preparing you to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation at Eastertime.

Please call the Parish Office at 749-2189 to receive more information on RCIA.

**OPEN HOUSE IS WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 23, 2017**

THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THIS ANOTHER AWESOME VBS
CREATED BY GOD / BUILT FOR A PURPOSE



Altar Servers

We are in need of Altar Servers for weekend Masses. If you have completed 4th Grade and are interested in serving in this ministry, please give us a call at (225) 749-2189. We are planning a Practice Session soon!



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS
NOW BURNING IN
LOVING MEMORY OF
BUCK ALLEMAN

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

July 16, 2017

REGULAR:

213 Identified- - - - - \$9,055.83

Loose Collection- - - - - 901.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$9,956.83



A VOCATION VIEW

Paul assures us that the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. Ask the Holy Spirit, then, what you are to do with your life. Is it possible you are being called to the priesthood or religious life? If so, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org.



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

Are extended to Donald DeLatin & family upon the death of his mother, Elaine DeLatin and to Maria Toups & family upon the death of her mother, Evella Pollage. Please keep them in your prayers.

Be Merciful

If you didn't mean to be a pain in the neck to someone, admit that you were and ask the person to forgive you.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Attention: Married Couples: Your auto needs a tune-up every once in a while for it to run properly. When was the last time your relationship had a tune-up? Do it today and re-discover that couple who romanced one another during your courtship and the early years of your marriage. Learn a new way to re-discover by using a unique communication technique. Sign up today for a World wide Marriage Encounter Weekend. It will be one of the most important and significant decisions you make. LAMS-wwme.org or call Jack & Angel LaBate at (470) 297-8560 or jackandangel@bellsouth.net. The next Weekend is October 20-22, 2017 at Bishop Robert Tracy Center in Baton Rouge.

Readings for the Week of July 23, 2017

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10,
15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43
or 13:24-30

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-6/Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-28/
Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52-56/
Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77,
127-130/Rom 8:28-30/
Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." This beautiful image gives us a glimpse into heaven. The saints who reside there radiate a brightness, a warmth that resembles the sun itself. Gathered around the throne of God, they share in the luminous presence of the King of Kings, the true Son of the Father.

Perhaps there really is something spiritual about the nearly universal craving to enjoy a tropical vacation, the trend to escape to warmer climates for the winter, or the move towards permanent residence in sunny climates. The continual presence of sunshine, the enjoyable experience of one warm day after another may be in fact like a little taste of heaven. In the Gospel, Jesus himself describes eternal bliss using the imagery of sunshine.

But heat has its downside too. When it's too intense, it can actually be deadly. Think forest fire. Think desert. Think "the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth." These are not images of the four-star vacations that we want to last for eternity. No. Here Jesus is referring to the hellish habitat of "all who cause others to sin and all evildoers." That's not a trip we want to take. As uncomfortable as it may be, we need to examine ourselves to be sure we're not on board a train that's going in the wrong direction. We need to identify and acknowledge any patterns of sin that may have crept into our lives, and seek God's forgiveness. That will get us back on the right track, enabling us to be counted among "the children of the kingdom."

Let's aim for a journey to that kingdom, the one true trip to paradise that lasts for all eternity.