



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
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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  
Sammy Collura ..... Permanent Deacon  
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  
Richard Rabalais ..... Maintenance

## 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

*Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." - Jn 6:10, 12*

Dear Parishioners,

I am officiating at the wedding of my niece at St. Francis of Assisi Church in New Orleans this weekend, so Father David Allen and Father Reuben Dykes have kindly agreed to celebrate our Masses here. Holy Family has a missionary priest visiting their parish this weekend so that allowed them to help us out. The mission appeal in our parish is scheduled for later this summer at all of our Masses on August 22-23.

Please pray for our 11<sup>th</sup> Graders who will be on their Confirmation Retreat this Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at Rosaryville Retreat House. I will accompany them on their retreat in order to celebrate the sacraments and support them in their preparation. As you know, a retreat is a special time of communion with God and the deepening of one's faith through the mediation of the retreat director and the positive example of one's peers.

We normally read from St. Mark's Gospel during this "Cycle B" liturgical year, but the Gospel for this Sunday as well as the next four Sundays is taken from Chapter 6 of St. John's Gospel. Chapter 6 opens with John's account of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, a miracle found in all four Gospels. This provides an introduction and opportunity for Jesus to further his disciples' faith by introducing them to the "Bread of Life."

The first Passover meal was celebrated on the eve of the Israelites' departure from slavery in Egypt. It included unleavened bread as a symbol of their flight and as a reminder to leave the leaven of Egypt behind. Later, God would provide manna as food to sustain them during their difficult time in the desert. Now God's gift is brought to completion in Jesus as he offers his own body for our salvation. "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever."

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick three weeks from now on Saturday, August 15, 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.

Our R.C.I.A. process for people interested in joining the Catholic Church starts back up in about one month. We have an Open House planned for Wednesday, August 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory, so please invite your relatives, friends, or neighbors who may have expressed an interest in learning more about the Catholic faith or who wish to join the Church. Refreshments will be served along with information on the classes.

This Friday evening and Saturday morning, July 31 and August 1, is the monthly all-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament led by our Catholic Daughters. The twelve hour period begins at 8:00 p.m. Friday evening and ends with 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday morning. A schedule is available in the back of church if you would like to sign-up for an hour of prayer and adoration in the presence of our Lord.

In Christ,  
Father Matt



*"I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for His Sheep." (John 10:11)*

Get to know the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for us.

He waits for our visit in Eucharistic Adoration. All night Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, July 31st at 8pm thru Saturday, August 1 at 8am.

Signup sheets are in the foyer of Church. For more info, contact Julie @749-8260 or Mary @3 24-5289.



*Wishing a  
Very Happy Birthday to  
MRS. HAZEL ROY on  
her 100TH BIRTHDAY  
Monday, July 27th!*



## R.C.I.A.

### (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Have you or someone you know expressed an interest in becoming 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.

**Open House is Wednesday, August 26, 2015.**

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



# Save the Date!

**CARDS, ETC. - OCTOBER 12, 2015**

**10:00 am—3:00 pm**

**SJB Activity Center**

This year, all proceeds from Cards Etc. will benefit St. John the Baptist Parish Building Fund

Make plans **NOW** to sign your group up to play.

\$25 Donation Includes Spaghetti & Meatballs Lunch

For info or to register, call:

Terry Guidry (749-0514 or 413-5418)

or Larry Durbin (749-2551 or 921-9700)



## BAPTISM

The following children were baptized here this past weekend. We send congratulations to them and their families: Caleb Joseph David, son of Joseph "Buddie" & Anna-Nicole David; Michael Joseph Roubique, Jr., son of Michael & Rebecca Roubique; and Emma Catherine Smith, daughter of Tyler Smith & Taylor Matherne.



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

### PRAYERS & SYMPATHY to:

*L.J. Boniol & family upon the death  
of his mother, Marjorie Boniol.*

### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

July 19, 2015

#### REGULAR:

218 Identified- - - - - \$ 9,990.83

Loose Collection- - - - - 806.00

**TOTAL- - - - - 10,796.83**

## A VOCATION VIEW

In the Gospel many people hunger for a small amount of food. In our day there are too many people for the small number of priests, sisters, brothers and deacons. We too must trust in the Lord by praying for vocations and responding if we feel God is calling us to a church vocation. If so, call or email Father Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).



# Pray for Vocations

### ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Carolyn Bourgeois & her group for cleaning the church during the month of July. Cleaning for August will be done by Lucille Bouquet (687-6927) and Ella Dean Thibodeaux (749-5754). Please give them a call to offer your help.

### BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

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

*The committee wishes to thank the family  
& friends of Al Soulier for the recent donations.*

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### Sunday, August 2

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

**Monthly Meeting for K.C. & CDA Members**

**Wednesday, August 19**

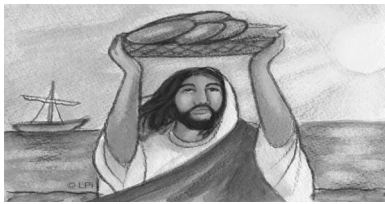
**6:30 pm—Activity Center**

### Readings for the Week of July 26, 2015

Sunday:	2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
Monday:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/ M5 13:54-58
Saturday:	Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday:	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/ Jn 6:24-35

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2014-2015**

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**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick." Jesus was attracting attention because of the miracles he had been working. Word spread, and people wanted to see it for themselves. In today's Gospel, a huge crowd--five thousand men--gathered to see if Jesus was really a miracle worker. And he didn't let them down. This time, instead of performing a miraculous healing for someone who was sick, Jesus performed a miracle that helped everyone who was there. He fed them all, out of the tiniest bit of food: five barley loaves and two fish. And with twelve baskets of leftovers to boot!

In case any of them had been in doubt before, this sign made it clear. Jesus was the Messiah. The people said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Each person in attendance had a personal experience of the power and providence of the Lord that day when they ate their fill. Jesus not only met their needs, but he went above and beyond this by multiplying the loaves and fishes in such abundance. It was as if he was saying, "I want you to have what you need and more. And I have the power to provide it for you."

This miracle-working, food-producing, need-meeting Jesus is the same Jesus that we believe in. This is the same man that we call our savior. This is the Lord we pray to and the One to whom we entrust our lives. This ancient Gospel story is not irrelevant to our lives; it is also part of our story, here, today. Jesus can also provide for us. He has the power, and the desire, to give us all that we need and even more. He wants to feed us, too, with a satisfied and abundant life, a life of lasting fulfillment.