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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

When the Sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - **Mk 6:2**

Dear Parishioners,

Exactly six months after Bishop Muench reached the age of retirement and offered his letter of resignation, Pope Francis surprised us by appointing Bishop Michael Duca of the Diocese of Shreveport as the 6th Bishop of Baton Rouge. We give thanks to God for our new shepherd who is scheduled to be installed as our bishop at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 24, 2018.

Bishop Duca is a native of Dallas, Texas and recently celebrated his 40th anniversary as a priest, and 10th anniversary as a bishop. He has previously served as Campus Minister at Southern Methodist University, Vocation Director for the Diocese of Dallas, and Rector of Holy Trinity Seminary in Dallas. He sounds perfectly suited to help us in the area of priestly vocations which is a great need in our diocese.

We recently mailed the 2018 edition of the small *St. John the Baptist Guide Book and Telephone Directory* to every registered family in our parish. Please call the parish office if you did not receive one so we can correct your mailing address on our computer. Extra copies are available in the church office for new parishioners and others who did not receive one.

We update and mail out a new directory each year so please let us know if your address or telephone number changes. I also encourage anyone who has not yet registered to fill out a census card so that we can add your contact information to our records. The cost of the new annual directory as well as our weekly bulletin is paid for by the local businesses who advertise in them so please try to support their businesses.

Our 11th graders and their parents have a meeting this Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in preparation for next Saturday's Confirmation Retreat. I will attend the retreat with our candidates in order to celebrate Mass and offer my support as they prepare for this important sacrament. In just two short years most of them will be leaving home to continue their education in college, the military, or some other vocation. A well-developed prayer life, a mature faith, and a strong sense of community will serve them well as they finish high school and prepare for the next

phase of their lives. Father John Koehler will celebrate the Vigil Mass here next Saturday in my absence.

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 from St. John the Baptist and Holy Family Parishes who give so generously of their time to make VBS a success.

The Baptismal Seminar scheduled for Wednesday evening, July 11, at 6:00 p.m., will be held in the Parish Activity Center instead of classroom 5 due to Vacation Bible School.

In Christ,
Father Matt



CONFIRMATION MEETING

ABOUT ANGOLA RETREAT
PARENTS AND CANDIDATES
6:00 PM ACTIVITY CENTER
THURSDAY, JULY 12TH





Catechists Needed for 2018-2019
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 VOCATION VIEW

Are there people you know who you would like to encourage to think about a religious vocation? What would people think if you became a priest, brother or sister? If you feel God calling you to religious life, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, frandrewmerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS
NOW BURNING IN MEMORY
OF RICHARD LANDRY**

FEAST ON THE LEVEE

Sunday, October 28, 2018

Plans are underway for this year's Feast! What will you do? Will you cook? Man a booth? Kids Games? Set up? Take Down?

Ms. Natalie Palermo has graciously volunteered to chair this year and we would like to hear from you so that we can pass it on to her!

Please give us a call at (225) 749-2189- It's never too early to begin planning!

ATTENTION: MARRIED COUPLES

Join married couples from across the Diocese for the third annual Supper & Substance event which will include dinner, dancing, a live band, wine, beer and an inspirational presentation on marriage. This year's event will be held on Saturday, August 4th at St. John the Evangelist Church in Prairieville beginning at 6:30 pm. Jean and Janice Charbonnet will provide the substance with a message entitled, "Giving God Permission." The cost for the evening is \$75 per couple. Register online at www.mfldiobr.org. The deadline for registration is Monday, July 23rd. For additional information or to contribute as a sponsor, contact brfroeha@gmail.com. **Don't miss out on this great date night!**

*Sponsored by the Office of Marriage & Family Life
Diocese of Baton Rouge*

BAPTISM



A BAPTISMAL CLASS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 11 AT 6:00 PM IN THE PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER.

IT IS MANDATORY THAT PARENTS ATTEND A CLASS BEFORE BAPTISM.

New Mausoleum

Where will your final resting place be? Thinking about your own funeral leaves most people feeling a little uneasy, but more adults are finding that preplanning a funeral or at least your final resting place offers great emotional and even financial security for them and their families. With preplanning, families find comfort in knowing that the funeral reflects what their loved one wanted and the exact spot where they wanted to be buried. It also gives them peace of mind to not have to make important decisions at a stressful time. There will soon be a new mausoleum constructed at St. John the Baptist Cemetery. Representatives have already begun contacting parishioners to answer questions.

Spaces are reserved on a first come, first served basis. The number of crypts selected before construction will determine the size of the mausoleum. Either mail in the postage paid reply card from the brochure mailed to your home, or call (225) 663-8576.



Readings for the Week of July 8, 2018

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/
2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6
7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-
10 [9a]/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
[4b]/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16
[4b]/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and
17 [17b]/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/
Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/
Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If you have been closely following the Sunday readings, today's Gospel could sound a bit like a broken record. Four weeks ago, the Gospel told of Jesus visiting his home of Nazareth and being poorly received by his family members. Jesus had attracted a large crowd as he preached, and his concerned relatives came to bring him home. Jesus, they thought, was out of his league.

Today Jesus takes things further. He returns to Nazareth. Rather than preaching from his house, he enters the synagogue. He speaks eloquently. The listeners acknowledge that "wisdom has been given him" and recognize the "mighty deeds wrought by his hands," but it is too much for them to bear. "Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?" The listeners know his whole clan, his male and female relatives. Jesus as carpenter was acceptable. Even Jesus as fringe preacher was interesting enough to draw a crowd. But Jesus as authoritative teacher is too much. "They took offense at him."

As Christians, we have known the truth of Jesus' identity since we were first introduced to him. He is fully human and fully divine. He is the second person of the Trinity. It could be easy to look down on these 1st century listeners for their lack of faith. But where do we expect to learn our own lessons? The more we age, the easier it is to believe we understand the world and how it works. We have experience with people, with the Church, with politics, and with the affairs of daily living. We have developed criteria for first impressions. We categorize. Today we remember that the Christian life requires humility. Jesus' listeners have an expectation of how things should be, and their lack of faith causes doubt in others. "He was not able to perform any mighty deeds there." Do your assumptions limit your perspective? Who can you learn from that you did not expect?