



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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Most Holy Trinity
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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
Pedro Garcia 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 the Parish Office

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you." - Jn 16:13-14

Dear Parishioners,

I am somewhere on the Danube River traveling through Austria this weekend so please welcome Father Jon Koehler and Father Bob Stine who have graciously agreed to celebrate the Masses for us. We will have Communion Services in place of the Masses on Tuesday through Friday of this week, and of course you also have the option of attending a weekday Mass in Baton Rouge or at one of our neighboring parishes.

Father Tom Carroll, Sch.P., is scheduled to visit our parish next weekend, June 22-23, to make an appeal on behalf of the *Piarist Fathers* whose primary mission is the education of youth. They operate a tuition-free school in a very poor region of Eastern Kentucky.

Father Carroll's 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 next weekend to benefit the *Piarist Fathers* and their schools. 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 *Piarist Fathers*.

The Confirmation Retreat for our 11th graders is at the end of this month on Thursday-Saturday, June 27-29, at Rosaryville Retreat Center near Ponchatoula. A two night retreat provides a wonderful experience for our candidates to grow closer to God in preparation for their final sacrament of initiation. The date for Confirmation is Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. so please keep them in your prayers during the next six months. I look forward to spending some time with them at their retreat.

We continue our search for a new custodian and maintenance director. The duties include cleaning the church, office, and classrooms; vacuuming and mopping floors; emptying the trashcans; cleaning the bathrooms and restocking supplies; setting up the activity center for events and cleaning afterward;

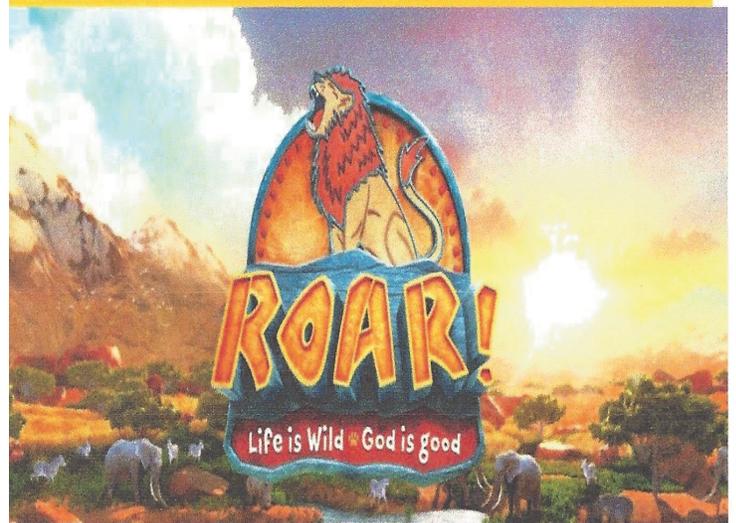
weeding the flower beds; and picking up paper on the church grounds. We are somewhat flexible with the days and times, but would prefer to have someone here four or five days per week from 7:00 or 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Interested persons should pick up an employment application from the church office.

We had another great turnout for our Ministry Appreciation Supper last Saturday. We continued our tradition of recognizing one parishioner for his or her example of service, and this year we honored Sue Lockhart for her dedicated service to our parish. Sue coordinates our Food Pantry and thus serves many of the disadvantaged families of our area. May God continue to bless her and all the many wonderful volunteers in our parish.

In Christ,
Father Matt

VBS 2019

Registration and Volunteer forms are
in the back of Church or online at
www.sjb-brusly.com



THE ADVENTURE BEGINS—JULY 15 - 19, 2019

**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



INFANT OF PRAGUE

One of the many devotions of our Catholic faith is to the Infant of Prague. It arose during the 16th and 17th centuries with the Discalced Carmelite Order restoring and honoring the statue after enemy troops sacked their church. In an apparition, the infant Christ was said to have enjoined the Carmelites to restore his damaged hands and feet and to place his image near the sacristy of the church. He promised blessing and aid if honored in this way. The devotion included dressing the statue in colored garments generally coordinated to the liturgical season or a specific celebration, praying a novena from December 16th to 24th and celebrating His feast on January 14th. His patronage includes children, family life, good finances, good health, peace and vocations.

Centuries later, the devotion lived on at St. John the Baptist. Resting on a shelf affixed to the column next to our ambo, was a twelve inch tall solid plaster statue of the Infant of Prague. It was painted in realistic colors with the infant dressed in a floral decorated white alb and an ermine and red cloak indicative of purity and moral innocence. A red crown embellished with silver glitter rested on the infant's head. The hands and neck were dressed with ruffs. The left hand held the globus cruciger "orb and cross", a symbol of authority, and the right hand was raised in blessing.

Mrs. Loyce Ramagos was given the statue by Fr. Lefebvre after it was removed from the church. She eventually gifted the statue to Mrs. Bobbie Bertrand. This information is written under the base of the statue so its provenance would not be lost. It remains in the possession of the Bertrand family among Mrs. Bobbie's collection of religious statues.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

June 9, 2019

REGULAR:

179 Identified- - - - - \$ 9,383.00

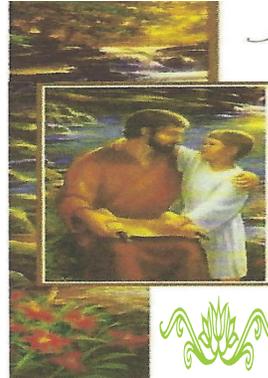
Loose Collection- - - - - 824.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$10,207.00



A VOCATION VIEW

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Listen to what Jesus says: "The Spirit of Truth will come to you." What is the 'truth' of your life? How can you best serve God? If you feel God may be calling you to this ministry, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



A Father's Day Blessing

*Blessed is the Father,
who lets the Lord
Be his guiding hand.
Whose faith brings his family
courage.
Whose wisdom comes from God,
And whose children still stand
And honor him!*

Marriage Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS TO
Hayden Ross & Elyn Marks O'Neal who were
married here last weekend,
and also to
Mike & Jodie David Borruano who celebrated
validation of their marriage here last weekend.
BEST WISHES TO ALL!



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to the family of Joseph Louis Cumbo, Sr. upon his recent death. Please keep them in your prayers.

Readings for the week of June 16, 2019	
Sunday:	Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/ Jn 16:12-15
Monday:	2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/ Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/ Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/ Mt 6:1-7, 16-18
Thursday:	2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/ Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/ Mt 6:19-23
Saturday:	2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/ Mt 6:24-34
Next Sunday:	Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/1 Cor 11:23-26/ Lk 9:11b-17

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The Most Holy Trinity

If God is one, how can He be three? The most intelligent theologians have racked their brains over the problem, and the most prayerful ones have surrendered to the mystery. How it can be, we can't explain. But what it means, we can join! Our God is an ever-unfolding relationship. Theologians speak of the immanent and economic Trinity. The Trinity is immanent in the sense that the Persons are close and entirely sufficient within Godself. In other words, God doesn't require us for God to exist. The word economic is rooted in the Greek word for management of a household or family. The Trinity is economic in the sense that God has invited us to be part of Him. He's growing the family! We see the dynamic here in today's Gospel.

Jesus says the Spirit "will take from what is mine and declare it to you" and that "everything that the Father has is mine." There is relationship here. Jesus speaks (and is) the word of the Father. The Holy Spirit speaks what He hears from the Son. The Father gives everything to the Son, and the Spirit speaks that inheritance over us. God invites us into the Trinitarian family!

The doctrine of the Trinity isn't something to brush off as overwhelming. After all, "the Spirit of truth... will guide you to all truth." This occurs most perfectly in the Church, who protects all that has been revealed by God in Scripture and gradually unpacked in tradition. We can trust the declarations of Her theologians and learn from the lives of Her saints. The Trinity may be a mystery, but, by the grace of God, we can have real truth about who God is and how we can love like Him.