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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
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ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

• catholic church •



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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

"This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." - Mk 4:26, 28-29

Dear Parishioners,

Our inventory of unsold mausoleum crypts has reached a level where it is time for us to begin planning for another set of buildings. The new crypts will be located just behind our most recent mausoleums, but oriented at a 90° angle to them. The new construction will consist of two parallel buildings connected by a raised canopy. The exact size of the mausoleums will be determined by the sales representatives visiting our area.

Since we do not own a casket lift, we decided to limit the new mausoleum units to three rows in height. This way the pallbearers will be able to place the caskets in the crypts without the assistance of scaffolding. The new orientation of the buildings will be visually pleasing while also allowing for landscaping. Flyers have been mailed to the homes of all registered parishioners and extra materials are available in the rear of church if you would like to be contacted by one of the sales representatives.

Our training session for new altar servers is this Wednesday, June 20, at 5:00 p.m. Boys and girls entering the 5th grade and above are eligible to become altar servers so please speak to your child about serving. I am also planning to dedicate one 5th Grade Christian Formation class this fall to altar server training so that every 5th grader can receive hands-on experience of this important ministry.

Registration continues for this year's Vacation Bible School to be held July 9-13, 2018. Forms are available in the back of church as well as on our parish website, and the deadline to register without incurring a late fee is June 29 so don't delay. VBS is open to children in grades K through 5th so sign up your kids for a week of fun, faith-filled activities. We need teachers and aides as well as participants and the forms for adult and youth volunteers are also located on our website. VBS is a joint effort of Holy Family and St. John the Baptist Parishes.

Our annual Ministry Appreciation Dinner is next Saturday, June 23, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the parish activity center. The dinner is our way of thanking all of you who contribute to the vitality of our parish

through serving in one of our various ministries. Please RSVP to the parish office so we will know how much food to prepare. Our dinner falls on the eve of the solemnity of the *Nativity of St. John the Baptist*, our patronal feast day.

I believe that there are only three feasts in celebration of a person's birth on the Church's liturgical calendar: those of Mary, Jesus, and our own John the Baptist. St. Luke tell us that Elizabeth was six months into her pregnancy when the annunciation to Mary took place, so John's feast day is celebrated six months before Christmas. St. John the Baptist is the patron saint of monks, French Canada, Jordan, Puerto Rico, and its capital city San Juan.

Happy Father's Day to all of the fathers in our community!

In Christ,
Father Matt

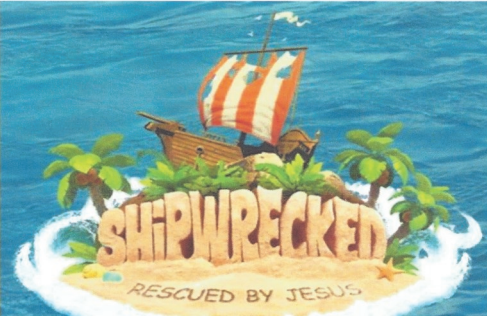


Catechists Needed for 2018-2019
Please Pray About Becoming A Catechist
THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU. YOUR ENTHUSIASM.
YOUR CREATIVITY AND THE JOY THAT IS SO
CHARACTERISTIC OF YOU.

POPE FRANCIS

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

Join us for
VBS 2018
July 9th - 13th



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Any boy or girl who has completed the 4th grade and/or adults are eligible to serve! Please call the parish office (749-2189) if you are willing to serve.

A TRAINING SESSION HAS BEEN SET FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20th AT 5:00 PM IN THE CHURCH.

New Mausoleum

We are pleased to announce that arrangements have been completed with *American Cemetery Consultants LLC* to build a beautiful new *Mausoleum in St. John the Baptist Cemetery*.

Sales Representatives of *American Cemetery Consultants* will be contacting families in the area over the next few weeks to answer questions about the mausoleum and determine who is interested. The number of crypts selected before construction will determine the size of the mausoleum. Spaces are reserved on a first come basis, therefore, anyone seeking information should either mail in the postage paid reply card from the brochures that are in the church lobby, or from those that will be mailed to your home or call (225) 663-8576.

AUGUST BARBAY

We note the completion of our present church building one hundred and eleven years ago this June, following the destruction of the previous church by a fire in February of 1907. At the time, the parish needed a new building that was larger, affordable and expediently constructed. These were likely the primary factors in the selection of a wood frame building instead of a masonry building.

Plans were let for bids shortly after the fire. Plaquemine contractor, August Barbay, submitted the only bid and was awarded the job for a cost of \$9,500.00. In 1903 Barbay had previously completed the wood frame Victorian styled rectory, formerly located at the present site of St. Francis Hall. The new church was substantially complete within four months, but the interior was finished at a later date.

Also known as Augustus, Barbay was noted by the Louisiana Planter and Sugar Manufacturer in 1898, as being "a prominent builder of Plaquemine" and "a young mechanic of wonderful genius and energy." In addition to his contracting business, he was involved in the sugar industry, holding a patent for a sugar cane transfer apparatus, as well as farming rice in Point Coupee Parish.

Other notable projects Barbay constructed include White Castle High School (1907), the Netter building in Donaldsonville (1911), the Elk's Lodge in Morgan City (1914), the Grand Theater in Plaquemine (1915) and Plaquemine High School (1915).

August married Constance Anaise Doiron, of West Baton Rouge in 1893. He passed away in 1938 at age 66. Some of his descendants continued in the construction industry and have spread from Plaquemine across the Baton Rouge metro area. One descendant, his great granddaughter Mrs. Roxanne Loreno, is a member of our church parish.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

June 10, 2018

REGULAR:

167 Identified- -----\$5,810.00

Loose- ----- 734.00

TOTAL- ----- \$6,544.00

Pray for Vocations

A VOCATION VIEW

The reign of God is being planned now. How is it taking root in you? Trust that you can make a difference by nurturing God's life in you (Mark 4:26-34). If you feel God is calling you to a vocation, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.



SATURDAY, JUNE 23rd
MINISTRY APPRECIATION DINNER
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 4:30pm MASS.
BE SURE TO CALL THE PARISH
OFFICE (749-2189) TO RSVP.



Catholic Daughters

Next meeting is this Wednesday, June 20th. Dinner with the KC's at 6:30pm and meeting following. Newly Elected Officers for 2018-2020 are: Opie Vidrine—Regent, Mary Benoit—Vice Regent, Hunter Benoit—Recording Secretary, Julie Millard—Financial Secretary and Karen Cordell—Treasurer.

If you are a Catholic woman, 18 years or older and are interested in joining a charitable organization, meet new people and fellowship, please be our guest to come and see what we are all about.



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Brian Denham and family upon the death of his sister, Cindy Denham and to Opie Vidrine & family upon the death of her sister, Dean Garner. Please keep them in your prayers.

Readings for the Week of June 17, 2018

Sunday:	Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
Monday:	1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7 [2b]/ Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16 [3a]/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24 [25]/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 [12a]/ Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13- 14, 17-18 [13]/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday:	2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33 34 [29a]/Mt 6:24-34
Next Sunday:	Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Day:	Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/ Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018

Donna Badon
John Begue
Bob Bewick
Maria Bertrand
Jamie Bourg
Chris Buckle
Jules Lefeaux
Mark Loreno, Vice-Chairman
Fr. Matt Lorrain
Mary Claire Meyer, Secretary
Jason Murphey
Andrea Smicker
Toni Tolar, Chairman



11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"This is how it is with the kingdom of God." What is a kingdom? Is it the brick and mortar that build up the castle? Is it the expanse of land a king can reasonably defend? Our notions of kingdoms may be romanticized in the modern era, but for the Israelites, a kingdom held deep historical meaning. Thousands of years before the birth of Christ, the Israelites had asked God for a king. After the reigns of David and Solomon, the united kingdom dissolved into factions, and the land was conquered by the Assyrians, Babylonians, and, finally, Romans. For the Israelites, a kingdom was something to build, both structurally and civilly. While this had ended in ruin for their ancestors, many of Jesus' contemporaries longed for the restoration of an earthly kingdom.

Jesus' words in today's Gospel are a radical departure from this perspective. He compares the Kingdom of God to a field, but it appears that the farmer has little to do with its progress. "The seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord, the land yields fruit." Jesus introduces his followers to a new sort of kingdom, a kingdom where God provides the growth.

There is work to be done, of course. "When the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." But for the Kingdom of God to flourish, there are certain things that are outside of our control. We sow seeds of kindness, justice, and integrity? and then we must be patient. As shoots of faith appear, we nurture the growth with encouragement. As Christians, our task is not to build the Kingdom of God under our power alone, but to trust in the life-giving movement of God.