



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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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

Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain Pastor
Sammy Collura Permanent Deacon
Julie Ginther Cilano Christian Formation
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin Parish Secretary
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 at weekend Masses. Parents should call the office early to enroll in our baptismal preparation program. Parents should be registered and actively practicing the 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.

Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said in reply, "The Christ of God." He rebuked them and directed them not to tell this to anyone. He said, "The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised." - Lk 9:20-22

Dear Parishioners,

We finally scheduled some dates to train our new liturgical ministers. Those interested in serving our parish as altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, or ushers may attend the training on either of the following two dates: Wednesday, June 26, or Tuesday, July 2. Altar server training (5th grade and up) is at 4:30 p.m., lector training is at 5:30 p.m., usher training is at 6:00 p.m., and Eucharistic Minister training is at 6:30 p.m. on each of the two aforementioned days. The same training will be offered on each date in order to give you an option of which to attend.

It is not necessary for current liturgical ministers to attend the training unless you are unsure of the procedures and wish to review them. The exception however is altar servers. We are going to start ringing a chime during the Eucharistic Prayer so everyone will need to attend to learn or relearn this practice of engaging our senses during the praying of the Mass. It is a very simple change so none of our servers need to be nervous about learning it.

Parish Council elections were held recently to replace outgoing members. Eight nominations were submitted to fill three vacancies. All of the nominees were outstanding candidates, and after prayer and discussion the three elected were Chris Buckle, Jules Lefeaux, and Andrea Smicker. Additionally, there were two vacancies to be filled by pastor's appointment, and I chose David Landry and Mark Loreno to fill those positions. Congratulations to our new members who will join the Parish Council once our meetings resume on September 11.

Monday, June 24, is the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, our parish feast day. It is sometimes called Midsummer Day because it occurs just three days after the summer solstice on June 21, the official beginning of summer for people who live up north. Our summer season begins a little earlier in south Louisiana but we are usually happy to exchange a longer summer for a shorter winter. The birth of St. John the Baptist is celebrated six months before the birth of Christ according to the chronology given in the Gospel of St. Luke. We do not have a Mass on our feast day this year but we did schedule our Ministry

Appreciation Dinner on the Saturday following the feast in recognition of our patron saint.

Our seminarian Patrick Landaiche has been busy this summer serving at Mass, helping with youth ministry, and painting some of the classrooms in the education building. He recently initiated a Rosary for Vocations on Monday mornings at 8:00 a.m. in the church. The rosary is a nice addition on Mondays since we don't have a morning Mass that day in recognition of my day off. As you know, the rosary is a wonderful prayer which lends itself to many purposes and occasions. Some of the Catholic students at L.S.U. meet outdoors on the parade grounds to pray a rosary for purity. I am hoping Patrick's Rosary for Vocations will help to encourage some religious vocations from our parish.

I will be out this Tuesday morning but will hopefully have a replacement for the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Have a good week!

In Christ,
Father Matt

**REAL
WORLD
SERVICE
IMMERSION
CAMP**

A 5-day experience of
learning and living the
principles of
Catholic Social Teaching
July 23-27
Cost: \$80
Open to current 9th-12th
graders
Housing Location:
St. Isidore, Baker LA
Contact: Julie Cilano
225-749-3387
Register by May 16!



Helpers Needed!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 8—12 (9am—12pm)
Grades K—5th
Registrations Open Now
Cost is \$25/child
Contact the Christian
Formation Office (749-3387)

**ATTENTION!
ALL MINISTERS
& VOLUNTEERS**

Ministry Appreciation Meal
Saturday, June 29th
After 4:30 pm Mass

NOTICE!!!

This is the last week to RSVP. If you haven't called, please do so as soon as possible so that we can make final plans for food. (749-2189)



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS
TRAINING SESSIONS**

Wednesday, June 26th and/or Tuesday, July 2nd

Altar Servers—4:30 pm

Lectors—5:30 pm

Ushers—6:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers—6:30 pm

It is necessary to attend one of the sessions if you are a new minister before you can be put on the schedule. **All Altar Servers (old & new) must attend one session.** All other ministers who are already serving are welcome to attend any of the sessions.

Congratulations!

The following children were baptized here last week-end: Lucas Paul Bouy, son of James & Kayla Bouy; Tyler Joseph Rock, son of Brennan & Kacie Rock; and Felix Simoneaux, V, son of Felix IV and Ashley Simoneaux. Welcome into our faith community!

Best wishes to Everett & Christy Tircuit Beauchamp who were married here last week.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Your gift makes you a pilgrim of charity around the globe.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

June 16, 2013

Regular:

217 Identified- - - - - \$6,306.83

Loose Collection- - - - - 538.45

TOTAL- - - - - \$6,845.28

Oklahoma Tornado Victims—\$4,775.00
Building Fund—May 2013—\$11,487.16

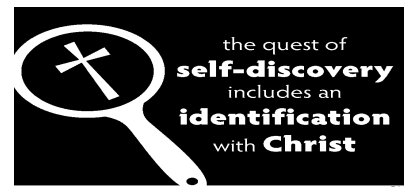
A VOCATION VIEW

“The Lord called me before I was born.” Do you pray to know your vocation which was given to you before you were born? Could it be as a priest, sister or brother? If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

W.B.R. MUSEUM

The Hunt for Treasure

This exhibit will be open until September 15th. It features four themes: Sunken Treasure, Buried Treasure, Metal-detecting and the Modern Treasure Hunt. Hands-on activities & video presentations will offer a fun-filled learning adventure for the entire family. Also featured are several original artifacts from Louisiana archaeological sites.



“Who do you say that I am?” Jesus asks Peter in today's Gospel. Does my use of the gifts and talents entrusted to me accurately reflect my answer to that same question? How willing am I to deny myself, take up my cross, and follow in His steps?



BAPTISMAL SEMINAR
Wednesday, July 17, 2013
Classroom #5—CCD Building
6:30 pm
Mandatory for Baptism

Readings for the Week of June 23, 2013

Sunday: Zec 12:10-11; 13:1/Gal 3:26-29/
Lk 9:18-24
Monday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/
Lk 1:57-66, 80
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/
Mt 7:21-29
Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Mt 8:1-4
Saturday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/
Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/
Mt 16:13-19
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/
Lk 9:51-62

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Self-discovery is part of every person's life. To a greater or lesser extent, individuals learn about themselves as they go through various stages of maturing. Adolescence is an early period of self-understanding, when teenagers begin individualizing themselves, sometimes rebelling against parental values, sometimes integrating them into their own lives. College years and young adulthood are another period when men and women begin to uncover more about their own place in the world. A traumatic experience in middle age—job loss, divorce, serious illness—may also provoke a time of self-reflection, during which a person may question what the meaning of his or her own life is.

The story in Luke's Gospel this weekend (like many of the Gospel stories) can be read in several different ways. Is the human nature of Jesus seeking an understanding of who he is, uncovering the mystery of his divine nature during his time of prayer? Or is the story written by the disciples many years later in their own quest to understand who Jesus was even as he walked among them? Or is this an account of the inspirational action of the Holy Spirit, giving Peter the insight to speak accurately about who Jesus is? Or is this a teaching of Luke the Gospel writer, putting the death and resurrection of Jesus in a context that unites the day-to-day experience of a believer with the final act of Jesus? Or is it all of these, and more, at one and the same time? Biblical scholars can give us a lot on which to reflect.

As the Gospel points out, for believers, the quest of self-discovery includes an identification with Christ. As he says in the Gospel, a follower "must deny himself and take up his cross daily...whoever loses his life for my sake will save it" (Lk 9:23-24). Here is the true path to self-discovery for the Christian. It is revealed in our connection to the death and resurrection of Christ.