



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

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 to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." - **Mk 5:36bc, 38-39**

Dear Parishioners,

On Thursday, June 18, 2015, Pope Francis released his second encyclical entitled *Laudato Si*, subtitled "On Care for Our Common Home." I have not had a chance to read or study the document yet, but I thought I might give some background on encyclicals in general and how we as Catholics should receive this current letter.

The word encyclical means "circular letter," and refers to a formal pastoral letter written by the pope and addressed to the universal Church, and in recent times, to all people of good will. They are typically written in Latin and take their title from the opening words of the letter. *Laudato Si* (translated "Be Praised") is a little different in that it is written in Italian and takes its name from the "Canticle of the Sun" by St. Francis of Assisi.

Papal encyclicals are the ordinary means by which a pope teaches and guides the members of the Church. They do not carry the same weight as dogmatic pronouncements, but nonetheless guide the faithful to a deeper understanding of the faith and its implications for daily living. Pope Benedict XVI wrote three encyclicals and St. John Paul II wrote fourteen encyclicals during their respective pontificates.

Encyclicals often provoke mixed responses among Catholics depending on the subject matter and one's political affiliations. As much as it pains us to admit it, almost all Catholics are cafeteria Catholics in that we pick and choose which teachings to like and which to dismiss. In the 1960's for example, many Catholics were strongly divided in their opinions regarding *Mater et Magistra* (On Christianity and Social Progress, 1961), and *Humanae Vitae* (On the Regulation of Birth, 1968). Certain encyclicals align with our worldview while others cause discomfort by challenging our long-held assumptions.

Nonetheless, I am forever thankful that I belong to a Church that cannot be contained by any one political, economic, or social category. So many of these systems are restricted by time, circumstance, and prevailing beliefs while the Church transcends these human constructs. I have so often been convinced of my own

wisdom regarding some issue only to discover that the Church has a much broader and deeper appreciation of the human condition and God's divine plan for our ultimate happiness.

So whether you are conservative or liberal; Democrat, Republican, Tea Partier, or Independent; capitalist, socialist, or somewhere in between; whether black, white, Asian, Creole, Hispanic, Indian, or Cajun; I hope that you as a faithful Catholic will read *Laudato Si* with an open mind and heart. It is sent to us by a successor of St. Peter, a modern day Shepherd appointed to lead the Church and to keep us in union with Christ and one another. Our Catholic identity must take precedence over any of the other categories which we sometimes use to describe ourselves.

Finally, as a Catholic and an American, I wish all of you a very safe and happy Fourth of July next weekend!

In Christ,
Father Matt



ALTAR SERVER PRACTICES PRESENT SERVERS:

Sunday, June 28 (2—3:00 pm)

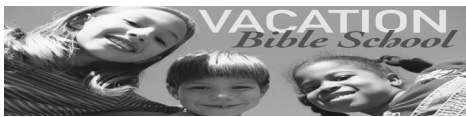
This session will be held in church.
Please make every effort to attend!



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The following children were baptized here last weekend. Congratulations to them and their families!
Ellis James Catlett, son of Matthew & Melisa Cartlett;
Iris Nicole Juneau, daughter of Christopher Porche & Lindsey Juneau;
Jaxon Clay LeBlanc, son of Jeffrey LeBlanc & Rebecca Berthelot;
Kylie Cecile Major, daughter of Jason & Jessica Major;
and Stephanie Renee Porche, daughter of Christopher & Heather Porche.

WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!



GEAR UP FOR VBS

MEETING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

THURSDAY, JULY 9TH

6:30 ACTIVITY CENTER



Vacation Bible School 2015
St. John the Baptist/Holy Family
"Exploring Mt. Everest,
With God Everything is Possible"

July 13—17, 2015 (9 am—12 Noon)

Grades K—5

Registration Fee \$20 (\$60 family max)

Pick up registration forms in the parish office or in the back of church. You can also download applications from our website: sjb-brusly.com

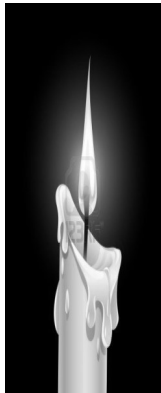
Registration Deadline: Tuesday, June 30, 2015

NEEDED!!!

Adult & Youth Volunteers (Forms available in the Parish Office and in the back of church).

Call Jennifer LeJeune: 336-4463

Karen Lemoine: 749-3387 or June Hebert: 749-3387



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO

Paula Saucier & family upon the death of her father, Homer "Sarge"

St. Romain; to Trudy Millard & family upon the death of her mother, Mercedes Rowell, and to Rose Richard and Lisa Gassie & family upon the death of their mother, Margaret Ann Jacobs. Please keep them in your prayers.

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW
BURNING IN MEMORY OF
LORETTA GLOD**

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank the families and friends of Ronnie Babin & Margaret Ann Jacobs for their recent donations.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

June 21, 2015

REGULAR:

202 Identified- - - -\$7,333.00

Loose Collection- - 1,066.00

TOTAL- - - \$8,399.00

A VOCATION VIEW

The measure that you measure with will be measured back to you. If you think you may be called to serve Jesus as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, consider the measure of God's mercy you will give and receive, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocatoins.



**HAVE A HAPPY
AND SAFE
FOURTH OF JULY**

Prayer for Independence Day

Dear God,
as we celebrate today with fireworks and festivals, help us never to forget the reason for our joy. Help us remember that our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness were signed into our heritage with the willing blood of American patriots. Most of all, help us remember that the rights of all people are more than words on a document, and that all people have rights because you have given us the dignity of human life. Grant freedom to all, and give us the strength to protect the rights of others. Amen.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

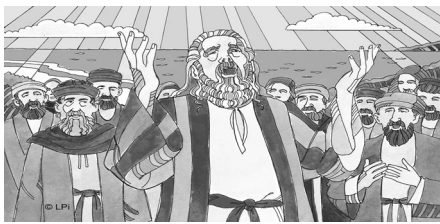
There will be **NO** all-night Eucharist Adoration on **Friday, July 3rd—Saturday, July 4th** due to the Fourth of July holiday. The next all-night Eucharistic Adoration will be on Friday July 31st at 8pm—Saturday, August 1 at 8am.

Readings for the Week of June 28, 2015

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Cor 8:7, 9,13/15/
Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43
Monday: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/
Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29
Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"And they ridiculed him." So he hung his head in shame and slunk gloomily out the back door? So he pleaded and whined and called them all names? No. Instead, Jesus "put them all out" and went about his business, raising Jairus' daughter from the dead.

Jesus wasn't concerned about what others thought. And lest we imagine that everyone around him was constantly worshiping him and adoring his divinity, today's reading reminds us that even in the presence of the Lord, skeptics were a dime a dozen. So should we be surprised if we must deal with a bit of ridicule ourselves?

As faithful Christians, we will at times be called to chart a course that doesn't make sense in the eyes of the world. And, yes, some people will say we're crazy. We may be called to take a stand for the unborn or the elderly in a culture that considers life to be expendable. We may be faced with a decision at work that requires us to adhere to an ethical code that our boss thinks is laughable. Perhaps we will have to sacrifice a relationship because of pressures to ignore Christian morality. Or maybe the situation could be as simple as dealing with the smirks that arise when we say a prayer before eating at a restaurant.

Whether we face a snicker or blatant discrimination against our religious freedom, we should not flinch or waver when such opposition comes our way. Jesus faced it and so will we. The question is only how we will respond.

Today, Jesus gives us an example of calm confidence as he marches forward with his mission. He knew that he was doing the right thing, and that was enough for him. It should be enough for us too.