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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.

Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." And to another he said, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father." But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." - Lk 9:58-60

Dear Parishioners,

Monday, July 1, marks the one year anniversary of my appointment as your pastor. It has been a very enjoyable year for me so I thank you for your welcome and openness as I learned my way around the parish. The second year will hopefully be even better for all of us now that we kind of know one another. Please extend the same hospitality to new parishioners who move into the parish. The little acts of welcome make all the difference in creating a sense of family here at St. John the Baptist.

Our second training session for new liturgical ministers is this Tuesday afternoon and evening. Those interested in serving our parish as altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, or ushers are invited to attend the training on July 2 at 4:30 p.m. for altar servers, (5th grade and up), 5:30 p.m. for lectors, 6:00 p.m. for ushers, and 6:30 p.m. for Eucharistic Ministers. Current liturgical ministers do not need to attend the training except for altar servers. We are going to start ringing a bell during the Eucharistic Prayer so our experienced servers need to attend to review this new procedure.

The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* states that bells are optional during the Eucharistic Prayer (#150). Most parishes discontinued them after the Second Vatican Council as part of an overall effort to retrieve a sense of simplicity in the liturgy. Now that enough time has passed we are able to reevaluate the changes and restore certain elements that perhaps add an additional layer of meaning at certain moments in the liturgy. We want to be like the head of the household in St. Matthew's Gospel who is able to bring both old and new items from his storeroom (Matt. 13:52).

I like to think of myself as a moderate when it comes to liturgical practice and politics. As a newly ordained priest I was more on the liberal end of the spectrum but I gravitated to the center with age and experience. I don't think we should return to celebrating the Mass in Latin although I am happy that Pope Benedict recognized the value of the Pre-Conciliar Mass as the Extraordinary Form. Neither do I wish to wear a cassock as an ordinary form of clergy apparel but I do find myself wearing my clergy shirt with greater frequency

as a way of identifying myself as a priest.

As a loyal son of the Church, I am prolife from conception to natural death, which means I oppose abortion, euthanasia, and capital punishment. However I am not really an activist by nature so sometimes I participate in marches and sometimes I stay home and attend to the everyday activities of a parish priest. I typically don't write letters to the editor nor do I post ideological rants on social media. It is my hope that we can model tolerance and respect for different viewpoints as we work to deepen our faith and strengthen our sense of community.

I look forward to seeing so many of the kids and volunteers at Vacation Bible School. Please note that the Church Office will be closed for the Fourth of July this Thursday.

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)



LITURGICAL MINISTERS TRAINING SESSIONS

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.

ANNUAL MISSION CO-OP APPEAL

Father Sostenes Romeo Tuctuc Roquel will be speaking at all Masses the weekend of July 13 & 14 describing the work of and requesting support for his society, the Missionary Fraternity of Mary of Guatemala. He has been invited to our parish by the mission office of our Diocese.

Begun in 1981 as a youth ministry with seven young men, the Fraternity was subsequently established as a society for Apostolic Life in 1990. Since then it has grown to over 150 ordained priests serving 64 missions in 31 dioceses in 11 countries. Currently there are approximately 170 seminarians in various stages of formation at the seminary in Guatemala.

Fraternity mission sites are established where there are no clergy available to fulfill pastoral needs, in difficult economic areas, and among the poor and marginalized. Fraternity priests also evangelize youth, taking young men and women on a faith journey to develop their spiritual lives and strengthen their Catholic faith to help them positively impact the community or village in which they live.

Please welcome Father Roquel and be as generous as you can in support of the work of the Fraternity.

Visit www.missionaryfraternityofmary.org.

**DUE TO THIS SPECIAL MISSIONARY
APPEAL OUR MONTHLY BUILDING FUND
COLLECTION WILL NOT BE COLLECTED
UNTIL THE WEEKEND OF JULY 20/21**

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

June 23, 2013

Regular:

181 Identified- - - - - \$4,952.50

Loose Collection- - - - - 544.00

TOTAL - - - - - \$5,496.50

A VOCATION VIEW

“As for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”
If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, or consecrated life, if God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre’ at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org. or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.



BAPTISMAL SEMINAR

Wednesday, July 17, 2013

Classroom #5—CCD Building

6:30 pm

Mandatory for Baptism

BABY ITEM DRIVE

The Life and Justice Committee and the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a service project for the Sanctuary of Life maternity home run by Catholic Charities in the Baton Rouge Diocese. The home is always in need of diapers, baby clothes and other baby items to help these families get started. Lists of these items are located in the baby bed at the entrance of the church. Please place items in the baby bed through Sunday, July 14th. Thank you for your generosity!



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to the family of Sadie Bonanno upon her recent death and to Susan Collura and family upon the recent death of her father, Mr. Roy Lewis. Please keep them in your prayers.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Franklin & Kerri Eagan Brown who were married here last week, and to...

Jackson Daniel Easley, son of Todd & Bridget Easley who was baptized here last weekend.

Readings for the Week of June 30, 2013

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/
Lk 9:51-62

Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12,
17-20 or 10:1-9

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2012-2013

Donna Badon
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David Couvillon
Jerry Deshotel
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Fr. Matt Lorrain
Wendy Parrish
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Toni Tolar
David Toups, Chairman



WORK TEAM NEEDED!

We will begin redoing the floors in church on Sunday, July 21st. We will have to remove the kneelers after 11:00 am Mass on that Sunday. If you can help, please call the office (749-2189) ahead of time. **WE WILL NEED AS MUCH HELP AS WE CAN GET!!!**

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Gwen Dupuy and her group for cleaning the church during the month of June. Cleaning for July will be done by Cindi Breaux (749-3842) and her group. Please give her a call to offer your help.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Mary Anita Tullier for chairing the committee during the month of June. Chairman for July will be Ruth Landry (749-3101). Please call her with any concerns.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, July 7

- ⇒ **Monthly Communion Service** for K.C. Members and their families at 7:30 am Mass.
- ⇒ **Coffee & Donuts** will be served in the Activity Center after 7:30 am Mass.

MAY CALENDAR WINNERS:

Caleb Dunn, Wallace Thibodeaux, Thomas & Elizabeth Duncan, Anne Stewart, Darwin Breaux, Ed Reeves, Addis Athletics & Apparel, Gary Russell, Mark & Lauren Comeaux, Brooke Broussard, Chris & Kari Reeves, L.J. Berthelot, Tina Pinsani, Ryan Hue, Dolores Laurent, Vera T. Lucas Sylvia Vidrine, Robert Sedotal, Lynette Tucker, Jessica Ferguson, Lillian Bouchereau, Deacon Sammy Collura, Stephanie Cavalier, Ray Crochet, Carlotta Tramonte, Mark Fabre, Devin Sedotal, Larry Ferachi, Janifer Gauthreaux, Neil St. Germain, Natalie Kershaw

*HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY
FOURTH OF JULY*

*The Parish Office will be closed on
Thursday, July 4th in honor of this holiday.*

