



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
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 took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.—Mk 9:2-3

Dear Parishioners,

I hope the season of Lent has been fruitful for you so far. The changes we make to our daily schedule during Lent do not have to be large in order for us to experience an extra measure of God's grace. The simplicity of the season coupled with the fast arrival of spring is a natural balm for our often wearied souls.

Please include prayers for vocations with your Lenten prayers and activities. We try to pray for vocations year-round, but this is an especially fertile period to implore God's assistance in providing ministers for our Church. St. Joseph Seminary College is hosting its Baton Rouge *Deo Gratias* fundraiser at the end of this month, and Father Matt Dupre is planning another *Andrew Dinner* for prospective candidates and Bishop Muench on Sunday, April 6, 2014.

Ideally, every young Catholic should consider a call to the priesthood or the consecrated religious life. That way it would not come as such a surprise when God nudged one or two members of each class to try out the convent or seminary. It would be powerful evidence of the vitality of our parishes should we start sending more young people off for religious discernment and training. Right now that witness is lacking in most of our communities.

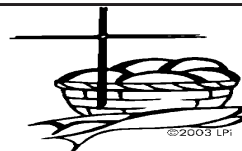
During Friday Benediction, we offer the following short prayer for vocations: *Heavenly Father, bless our Diocese with the grace of many vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated religious life. Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother, grant to those You have called the willingness and generosity of spirit to give of themselves in devoting their lives and their talents to the service of our Lord and to His Church. Increase the faith of all within our Diocese, and particularly the faith of those You have called and will continue to call. We ask this through Christ, Your Son. Amen.*

Our next Parish Pot-Luck is this Thursday, March 20, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center. The theme this month is "American" which could mean anything from hamburgers and hotdogs to barbecue and turkey. Also, not to be missed this Lent is our first ever St. John the Baptist "Senior Prom" to be

held Friday, March 28, from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. Participants must be 50 years old or older in order to qualify for this special event with music provided by *Penalty Box*. Who will reign as prom king and queen?

The excitement is building for our two-night Parish Mission this Lent led by Mr. Cooper Ray, former Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Baton Rouge. The theme of the mission is "The Call" and Cooper's talks will explore the Gospel call to holiness, relationship, and mission. Cooper is a dynamic speaker and musician and will offer a few words of introduction at all of our Masses the weekend of April 5 & 6, before giving his main presentations at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 6 and Monday, April 7. Please reserve the dates on your calendar and join us for two nights of prayer, witness, and song.

In Christ,
Father Matt



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday through Thursday—8:00 am

Friday Schedule:

Adoration: 2:30 pm

Confessions—5:00-5:30 pm

Benediction—5:40 pm

Mass—6:00 pm

Way of the Cross—6:30 pm

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Penance Services will be held on Wednesdays,
March 19 & 26 and April 2 & 9 (6 pm—7pm)
during Lent at the following churches:

- ⇒ St. Mary's in New Roads
- ⇒ Immaculate Heart of Mary—Maringouin
- ⇒ St. John the Baptist—Brusly
- ⇒ St. John the Evangelist—Plaquemine

Everyone is invited. This is a perfect opportunity for reconciliation during the Lenten Season.



LET'S GO TO THE HOP!

Grab your partner and come out and join in the fun.
SENIOR PROM (Ages 50+)

Anyone younger than 50—Come out and see how the Seniors did it in their time!

AT THE HOP

Featuring the band: PENALTY BOX

Friday, March 28 (7—10 pm)

Wear your favorite 50's Outfit or Dressy Attire!

Come Vote for Prom King and Queen!

Tickets \$15/person

Please call ASAP so we'll know how many people to expect.



ABBEY YOUTH FESTIVAL

Saturday, March 22nd

Cost \$46 (Includes registration, 2 meals and t-shirt)

Call 749-3387 to register.

JUNIOR HIGH LOCK IN

Friday, April 11 (8pm—8am)

: \$30 (covers food, activities and inflatable)

SJB Activity Center

Parents—If you are available to help please contact Julie.



POT LUCK DINNER

Thursday, March 20

6:30 pm—Activity Center

THEME: AMERICAN

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

March 2, 2014

282 Identified- - - - - \$ 13,344.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 709.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$ 14,053.00

Ash Wednesday—\$1,171.00

Easter Flowers—\$1,759.00

March 9, 2014

201 Identified- - - - - \$ 6,023.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 860.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$ 6,883.00

Church in Central Europe—\$302.00

Black & Indian Missions—\$917.00

A VOCATION VIEW

As Peter, James and John had a 'mountaintop experience' with Jesus, so too do those who are faithful to Jesus, experiencing His marvelous presence as they follow in His footsteps as a priest, brother or sister. If you think God is calling you, call Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778.



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Two Month Developing Baby

Your baby is making progress developing all of his external features and internal organs.

His brain is functioning at 40 days and his mother can hear his heartbeat on an ultrasonic stethoscope. His milk-teeth buds are present and it has been reported that a two-month old baby can suck his thumb. From this moment on, your spiritually adopted baby grows and refines his body. Everything he needs to survive once he is born is already present by the end of the eighth week. Continue praying for his mother to give him the gift of life!!

Thank You!

"To the amazing community of St. John the Baptist Mother Theresa states, "Each of them is Jesus in disguise." Thank you for being Jesus to us! Thank you for ministering to our family during Mom's illness, her passing, her funeral and the celebration afterwards (Bereavement Committee). The food for our bodies and love and support for our spirits continues to bring light into the dark parts of this journey. Mom loved her church and her community. Thank you again for loving her and us! As Peggy wanted her legacy to be, we are Living and Loving Abundantly." (John 10:10).



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Fannie Morain and family upon the death of her son, John Reggie Morain. Please keep them in your prayers.

Readings for the Week of March 16, 2014

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2013-2014

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CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

The Catholic Daughters will meet this Wednesday, March 19th in the Activity Center. Meal with K.C.'s at 6:30 pm and meeting at 7:00 pm. Please try to attend! We also invite all Catholic women, 18 years of age and older, to come to the meeting and learn more about Catholic Daughters.



HOLY FAMILY BEAR FAIR
Friday & Saturday
March 21st and 22nd

Beginning at 5:00 pm on Friday, Holy Family will hold their annual Bear Fair. Food, fun, games, rides and live music will be available for your enjoyment. On Saturday they will feature a 5K run and Jambalaya Competition and live auction. Bring your family out for good fun and to support our Catholic School!

ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL

Annual Celebration of Patronal Feast of St. Joseph

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon by Fr. Paul Counce and includes the Blessing of the St. Joseph Altar. Due to the renovating and enlarging of the Parish Hall there will be no Lenten meal served this year. Parking is not available on Cathedral Square, but only on surface streets nearby.



24th ANNUAL "BISHOP'S DAY CELEBRATION"

*Honoring Chef John Folse and key members of the
St. Joseph Cathedral Parish Community*

10:00 am Mass with Bishop Robert W. Muench
St. Joseph Cathedral (4th at Main St..)

Baton Rouge, LA

11:30 am Gala Luncheon at Boudreaux's
2647 Government St.

Luncheon Tickets—\$50.00 each

Call (225) 387-5928 before March 18th for tickets.