



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 am) or by appointment

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.

Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:30–4:30
Office closed for lunch 12:30–1:30

March 17, 2013



5th Sunday of Lent

In the 2012 film *Smashed*, which won the US Dramatic Special Jury Prize for Independent Film Producing at the Sundance Film Festival, Mary Elizabeth Winstead plays Kate, a young wife who struggles to get sober. She and her husband (played by Aaron Paul) like having a good time. But when her partying spirals downward, Kate fears that her job as an elementary school teacher is at risk and she needs deal with her alcoholism. The film chronicles Kate's (and her husband's) attempts to achieve sobriety, even as she discovers that her past can deeply affect her future.

The woman in the Gospel is unexpectedly brought before Jesus today. She is exposed in front of everyone. Here she is, being confronted with shame, and sin, and all the condemnation that the indignant elders could heap upon her. Jesus points out to her accusers their own shortcomings, and in light of that, they all fade away. She is left before him alone, and he admonishes her to avoid sin in the future.

While alcoholism is understood to be a disease and not so much a moral failing, there is human suffering that can be fallout from such an affliction. That's why one of the Twelve Steps in Alcoholics Anonymous is to be willing to make amends to all persons that have been harmed. Making amends is also part of the sacrament of penance. When confessing our sins, there is the expectation that we will have to make some sort of restitution. That's what real penance is: an amendment, that is, a correction of one's life. We've spent part of Lent examining our lives and assessing where we have failed in living according to God's will. Like Kate in the movie, maybe we've had a sudden moment of insight. Or maybe we've just come to the realization of what we need to correct. Now is the time for us to confess, to do penance, and to be reconciled to God and neighbor.

Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." - Jn 8:10-11

Dear Parishioners,

A special exhibit entitled "Portrait of Faith: John Paul II in Life and Art" recently opened at the New Orleans Museum of Art. The exhibit includes sculpture, photography, and video, and was organized in commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the late Pope's visit to New Orleans in 1987. The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday, and is even free on Wednesdays although you still have to pay admission to special exhibits including "Portrait of Faith." It runs through June 16 and more information is available at the website www.JPIIinNOLA.com.

Holy Week is right around the corner and we have been busy making preparations for all of the services. On Thursday morning, March 21, we will be cutting and cleaning palm branches for the Palm Sunday Masses. Volunteers are welcome and we could possibly use a few more branches if you have a sago palm in your yard that you don't mind trimming. The plain wooden cross is ready for the veneration on Good Friday, and our new Easter candle arrived and is ready to be lit at the Easter Vigil. Bill and Gerri Schneider will represent us at the Chrism Mass on Wednesday of Holy Week at St. Joseph Cathedral and receive the newly blessed holy oils for our parish.

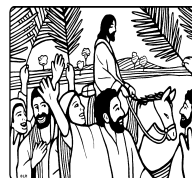
Our Holy Week schedule should be the same as last year. The Mass of the Lord's Supper is at 7:00 p.m. on Holy Thursday evening. The Way of the Cross will be prayed at 12:00 noon on Good Friday, followed by the Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m. The Easter Vigil is at 8:00 p.m. Holy Saturday and the Masses on Easter Sunday morning follow the regular Sunday schedule. I plan to take off the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday after Easter to rest and catch up on some sleep.

The Youth Ministry Spring Garage Sale is fast approaching and is set for Saturday, April 13, two weeks after Easter. If the nice weather puts you in the mood to do some spring cleaning around your home, please remember our upcoming garage sale and bring your items to the Christian Formation Office. The Zippers also welcome donations year round for their thrift store. Thank you to so many of you who have already brought your gently used "treasures" for the sale.

The Christian Formation Office has also been advertising the start of a new Confirmation class for adults. You may know of someone who did not feel ready to be confirmed in the 11th grade, or missed Confirmation for one or another reason but is now interested in completing his or her sacraments of initiation. Please encourage them to call the Christian Formation Office to register for the short refresher course so they can be confirmed at Pentecost. Confirmation seals and strengthens the gift of the Holy Spirit that was first received at Baptism, and qualifies a person to serve as a godparent or sponsor for someone else. The deadline to register is April 16.

Finally, please remember the Holy Family School "Bear Fair" taking place this weekend, March 15-17, on the campus of the church and school in Port Allen. It is nice to support our Catholic neighbors just as we invite their support for our "Feast on the Levee."

In Christ,
Father Matt



We will be cutting & cleaning palms at 9:00 am on Thursday, March 21st. Wear your gloves and bring your shears. We could use your help!

FRIDAY SERVICES


- 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



- Holy Thursday**
March 28th—7:00 pm
- Good Friday**
March 29th
Way of the Cross—Noon
Good Friday Services—3:00pm
- Easter Vigil**
Saturday, March 30th —8:00 pm
- Easter Sunday**
March 31st—7:30 am, 9 am; 11 am

Christian Formation

NO K-8 CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES
MARCH 25-26 or APRIL 1-2
ENJOY YOUR EASTER & SPRING BREAK!



Calling All High School Students!
Camp Joshua is an action-packed camp that trains high school students to be the pro-life leaders of tomorrow. There are dynamic speakers, hands-on experiences, and interactive games! Come and connect with other pro-life leaders!

WHEN: April 5 - 7
WHERE: Diocese of Baton Rouge
COST: \$60

To Register Visit:
www.CampJoshuaLA.org
1-866-463-5433

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Knights of Columbus
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Adult Confirmation 2013 (over age 18).
To participate please contact the Christian Formation Office before April 16th. Sessions begin in April.

The Catholicism Project...It's Your Story


Adults, do you want to learn more about your Catholic Faith?
Join us for a video series that uses the art, architecture, literature, music and all the treasures of the Catholic tradition to illuminate the timeless teachings of the Church.

"The Ineffable Mystery of God:
That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought"

Thursday, March 21st, 7:00PM
Activity Center

For more info, contact the Christian Formation Office: 749-3387

Youth Ministry



Time to clean out closets!!!
The Youth Ministry will now be collecting items for resale at the Spring Garage Sale. To drop off items please contact the Christian Formation Office at 749-3387. Proceeds benefit Youth Ministry and the Parish Building Fund.
The Garage Sale is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, April 13th in the Parish Activity Center.

*In today's second reading St. Paul says.
"For His sake I have forfeited everything; I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth." Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same?*

A VOCATION VIEW

"Christ Jesus has made me His own." Are you called to belong to Christ alone as a priest, deacon or through the consecrated life? Call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.36.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

Catholic Daughters

The CDA Meeting will be Wednesday, March 20th in the Activity Center. Come at 6:30 pm for meal with KC's or 7 pm for meeting. Please try to attend!

WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION

Catholic Daughters Court St. John the Baptist Invites all women for a day of prayer, reflecting and learning more about yourself as a daughter of the most high GOD.

"Women at the Well: Bathed in Divine Mercy"

Presented by Mary Wallace, PhD

Music by Gracenotes

Saturday, April 6, 2013 (9 am—3:30 pm)

St. John the Baptist Parish Activity Center

Fee is \$15 (includes lunch)

For more info and to register call:

Julie Millard 749-8260 or Brenda Gomez 276-3490

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

March 10, 2013

REGULAR:

228 Identified- - - - - \$7,242.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 865.07

TOTAL- - - - - \$8,107.07

Catholic Relief Services- - - - - \$ 1,176.00



BAPTISMAL SEMINAR

Wednesday, March 27th

6:30 pm—Classroom #5

This class is mandatory for parents

Readings for the Week of March 17, 2013

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday: 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
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-49

Thank You

FROM CURTIS CLOUATRE

Curtis and his family send out a special THANKS for all of the prayers, food, cards, visits and support during his recent hospitalization and surgery. He says that the love shown to him by our faith community has played a very important role in his recovery! He looks forward to being with all of you again in worship and fellowship.



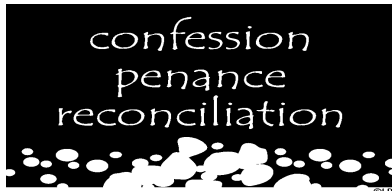
FROM CORA THERIOT

“Thanks so much for your prayers, visits and concern during my hospitalization, surgeries and recovery. Your many kindnesses have made it a lot easier to recover and I am now able to attend Mass and look forward to seeing all of you again real soon!”

--Cora



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY to Mary Alice Crockett & family upon the death of her brother, Ivon LeBlanc and to Cheryl Hidalgo & family upon the death of her husband, Henry Hidalgo, Sr.



THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Penance Services will be held on Wednesday, March 20 at the following churches and times:

- ◆ St. John the Evangelist in Plaquemine (6:00—7:30 pm)
- ◆ St. Mary's in New Roads (6:00—7:30 pm)
- ◆ Holy Family in Port Allen (6:00—7:00 pm)

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

JOB OPPORTUNITY Baton Rouge Diocese

A search process has begun for Executive Director/General Manager of the Catholic Commentator, our Diocesan newspaper. For a detailed description of duties and qualifications, please go to the following website:

http://www.diobr.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=31&Itemid=45.

Applications must be received by March 22, 2013.

Fax: 225-336-8789 or Email: hr@diobr.org.