



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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## Parish Staff

Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain, *Pastor*  
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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.

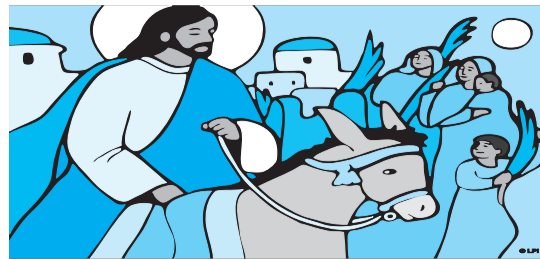
## Prayer Line

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 24, 2013



### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

It's a long Mass today. Palms and Passion all rolled into one. We rejoice and we become somber as we recall some of the most important events of our faith. Remember back in January when we read from the very beginning of Luke's Gospel. This is what he said: "Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you" (Lk 1:1-3).

Luke's orderly account has Jesus slowly making his journey to Jerusalem. Today's Mass brings that journey to an end, at least as far as our reading of Luke is concerned. To the acclaim of crowds, Jesus enters the city on a colt. But his journey eventually leads him to the Mount of Olives and then to Golgotha and finally to a rock-hewn tomb. We know that this is not the end of the story. There are still other events to be fulfilled. But we will have to wait until we get to Pentecost for that final chapter of Luke's narrative.

Like the Mass this weekend, our own journey through life can have its ups and downs. We can be filled with joy one moment and saddled with grief at another. Our Lord and Savior experienced the same. As a human person like us he had joyous times and sad ones as well. The same holds true for those eyewitnesses who Luke speaks of in the introduction to his Gospel. The ones who were with Jesus from the beginning also knew both sorrow and joy. They persisted in the faith, handing down the story of Christ to our day. And in our joys and in our sorrows we pass on the faith as well.

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*As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. - Lk 19:36, 37b*

Dear Parishioners,

The official title for today's feast in our new Roman Missal is *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*. I imagine we will continue to call it Palm Sunday for brevity's sake, but the longer title reminds us that the central focus of Holy Week is always Christ's passion. We are all anxious to conclude the sobriety of Lent but we cannot afford to bypass this final stage of our annual Lenten journey. We unite ourselves with Christ's suffering on the cross in order to inherit the glorious crown he won for us.

The fourth week of Lent was a little different this year due to the election of a new Holy Father to lead our Church. The former Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio of Buenos Aires was chosen by his brother cardinals, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to succeed Pope Benedict who resigned for reasons of declining health. Pope Francis is the first pope from Latin America and the first Jesuit to be named a Pope. And of course, what really captured our imagination: he is the first Pope to choose the name *Francis*.

Elizabeth Scalia, who writes a blog entitled "The Anchoress," noted that "*Pope Benedict took his name from Benedict of Nursia, the Father of Western Monasticism, and it is Western Monasticism that helped to restore civilization after the Dark Ages, largely by storing up its knowledge, creating a continuum for instruction and advancement. This pope takes his name from Francis, the church rebuilder who came along when we had balled ourselves up because of all we thought we knew. Seems right they should follow each other in papacy as in history. I read somewhere yesterday that 'Pope Benedict taught us what faith means, this pope will teach us how faith is lived.'*"

John Allen, a well-respected journalist based in Rome, also writes a blog entitled "All Things Catholic." His commentary is similar and notes that "*The former pope embraced Benedict as his patron, signifying a scholarly and quasi-monastic style. This pope has chosen Francis, suggesting an earthier and more popular way of living the faith, one that emphasizes closeness to the poor. Both Benedict and Francis were great reformers, but the approach is different.*"

We are a very large and diverse Church, with varying styles of prayer, and numerous opinions as to how we should practice and safeguard our treasured faith. Each pope possesses a unique personality, background, and style of leadership, and so different Catholics will naturally favor one pope over another. The bottom line though is something Pope Benedict expressed not long after the announcement of his resignation: "*The Church belongs to Christ, whose care and guidance will never be lacking.*" I pray that the Good Shepherd will bless and strengthen Pope Francis as he begins his new ministry.

Please join us for our Holy Week! 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.

In Christ,  
Father Matt



**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

**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

# 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](http://www.CampJoshuaLA.org)  
1-866-463-5433

Sponsored by:  
Knights of Columbus  
Louisiana Right to Life  
Louisiana Students for Life

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

## 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.



**DON'T FORGET  
TO TURN IN YOUR  
RICE BOWL OFFERINGS  
BEFORE EASTER SUNDAY**

<u>STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES</u>	
March 17, 2013	
REGULAR:	
225 Identified- - - - -	\$7,265.33
Loose- - - - -	780.00
<b>TOTAL- - - - -</b>	<b>\$8,045.33</b>

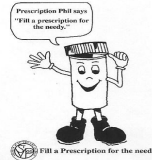
### A VOCATION VIEW

Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord! Am I being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to a church vocation, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, [mdupre@diobr.org](mailto:mdupre@diobr.org), or visit, [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).



**BAPTISMAL SEMINAR**  
**Wednesday, March 27th**  
**6:30 pm—Classroom #5**  
**This class is mandatory for parents**

*THE BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE WISHES  
TO THANK THE FAMILIES OF  
EARL "JACK" LEJEUNE & SHIRLEY MARTIN  
FOR THEIR RECENT DONATIONS.*



## Fill a Prescription for the Needy

A container has been placed on the counter at the entrance of church for St. Vincent DePaul Pharmacy. Please take an empty container and place your offering, then put it into the big container. If all of the small containers are gone you can use one of your old ones from home—just be sure to remove the label. The container will be there through Holy Week.

<u>Readings for the Week of March 24, 2013</u>	
Sunday:	Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-49
Monday:	Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/ Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13--53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/ Jn 18:1--19:42
Saturday:	Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/ Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15--15:1/Is 54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/ Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/ Lk 24:1-12
Next Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
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**GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS**

**Friday, March 29 (9—10:30 am.)**

Beginning and ending at  
St Joseph Cathedral,

Participants will walk through downtown  
Baton Rouge and draw strength from the power of  
Christ's resurrection. For more information call  
Kayla Moscona at 225-336-8700.



**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY** are extended to  
*Karla Argrave and family upon the death of  
her stepfather, Russell Reno. Please keep  
them in your prayers.*

**DAY OF PRAYER**

***Biblical Women: Models of Courage & Initiative***

ROSARYVILLE—Monday, April 15, 2013

Sr. Rose Bowen, OP. is a member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) and a certified spiritual director. She has received graduate degrees in theology from the University of Notre Dame and Loyola University in New Orleans and Ph.D. in Humanities from Florida State University. Fee is \$35 per person and includes the midday meal. Call (225) 294-5039 or register online at <http://www.catholicretreatcenter.org/coming-soon.html>.



*"The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them," says Isaiah in today's first reading. The gifts God has given us are likewise given for the good of others. How am I using my gifts?*