



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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All Saints Day
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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

Many rich people put in large sums. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." Mk 12:41c, 43-44

Dear Parishioners,

In his book "The Catholic Imagination" published in 2000, the priest novelist and sociologist Father Andrew Greeley wrote: "Catholics live in an enchanted world, a world of statues and holy water, stained glass and votive candles, saints and religious medals, rosary beads and holy pictures." I very much like his description of our Catholic sensibility. We do live in an *enchanted world* surrounded by numerous reminders of God's presence which provide various opportunities for entering into communion with our God.

This Feast of All Saints is much loved by the Catholics of Louisiana. We each have our favorite saints that we look to for strength and inspiration in times of need. We also take pride in caring for our cemeteries which hold the remains of so many local "saints" who are still remembered with fondness by family and friends. Our plans for doing some landscaping in our parish cemetery have been delayed but not abandoned. We will try to get things started in the spring.

November 1-7 is National Vocation Awareness Week for Catholics in the United States. Pope Francis wrote that *"Responding to God's call means allowing Him to help us leave ourselves and our false security behind, and to strike out on the path which leads to Jesus Christ, the origin and destiny of our life and our happiness."* Please offer special prayers this week that our parish may produce vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

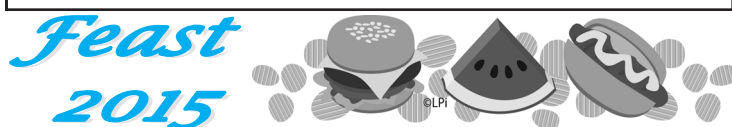
This Friday evening and Saturday morning, November 6-7, is the monthly all-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament led by our Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus. The twelve hour period begins at 8:00 p.m. Friday evening and ends with 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday morning. A schedule is available in the back of church if you would like to sign-up for an hour of prayer and adoration in the presence of our Lord.

In honor of the upcoming Veterans Day we are planning to honor all of our veterans at our 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass next Saturday, November 7, 2015. The ongoing conflicts in the Middle East have served as a necessary reminder of the debt we owe to our service men and women who work to build peace and protect our country from terrorism. All veterans and their families

are invited to attend the Mass so that we can offer our prayers and gratitude.

Thank you very much for all that you contributed, whether in the form of prayers, donations, volunteer service, or attendance, to last Sunday's "Feast on the Levee." The weather was horrible but did nothing to dampen the great community spirit which exists at St. John the Baptist. (The farmers of the state must have spent a fortune on votive offerings because their prayers won out over ours.) I wish to especially thank our chairperson Mimi Cloutre for her outstanding leadership in coordinating the day's activities. We will publish the financial report as soon as all of the numbers are tabulated.

In Christ,
Father Matt



"Thanks to everyone who participated in making this years Feast a success in spite of the weather! All the cooks, booth workers, ticket sellers, auction, set-up and clean-up—THANKS—you made my job so much easier and worthwhile! I know the Lord was smiling down on our community spirit and fellowship. Thanks to everyone who came out in the downpours to offer their support. A special thanks to my parents, Curtis & Evelyn for all their hard work and support!"

Love,
MiMi Cloutre

SUPER RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Prize (\$4,000) - Shirley Guidry/Gary Verret
2nd Prize (\$1,000) - Sam Saradet
3rd Prize (\$500) Gary & Alice Tullier

REGULAR RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Prize (\$1,000) - Harry Theriot
2nd Prize (\$500) - Grayson Brewer
3rd Prize (\$250 card to Benedettos's or Hubbens) - Jean Crites
4th Prize (\$250 card to Benedetto's or Hubbens) - Wayne Landry
5th Prize (\$100) - Wayne Landry

BAPTISMAL GOWN & BONNET

Janice Guillory

CAKE BAKING WINNERS

1st Place—Lori Black (Chocolate Italian Crème)
2nd Place—Tim Robillard (Lemon Velvet)
3rd Place—Jackie Morain (Coconut)

Ninth Grade Retreat



Sunday, November 15th

All 9th graders attend 11:00 A.M. Mass and sit in the front where we have reserved seating. After Mass we will report to the Activity Center for lunch and then have retreat with Stephanie Davis and her team from Rosaryville until 5:00 P.M.

Pray for Vocations **Is God calling YOU?**

We are called to love God with all our heart, with all our thoughts, with all our strength, and to love our neighbor as our self. This is best accomplished when we seek to know and to live what the LORD has in mind for us in our lives. If you feel God could be calling you to His priesthood or religious life, then call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org., or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

COME AND SEE VOCATION'S RETREAT

St. Joseph Seminary College

November 13-15, 2015

For Men 16 and Older,

"Where is God Calling you"

To register contact Diocese of Baton Rouge Vocations Office—Fr. Matt Dupre' (225-336-8778), mdupre@diobr.org.



BE SURE TO ENTER THE NAMES OF YOUR DECEASED LOVED ONES IN THE MEMORIAL BOOK TO BE PRAYED FOR DURING THE COMING YEAR.

Mass Intentions book for 2016 will be open beginning this month. Stop by the office to schedule your intentions.



VETERANS DAY

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

Special Remembrance at our Vigil Mass—Saturday, November 7th

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APEAL

Thirty years ago, Bishop Stanley Ott established the BAA with a far-reaching vision to expand ministry and increase Catholic influence in the greater capital area. Today, we honor a commitment shared by thousands of generous parishioners whose gifts allow us to celebrate thirty years of support for essential programs and projects throughout the Diocese of Baton Rouge. To all those who have made that vision a reality, thank you!

It is a privilege to advance that legacy of faithfulness and, if you've already taken advantage of the opportunity to make your valued contribution this year, please know we're very grateful for your gift. If you've not yet made your commitment, you'll be invited to do so at St. John the Baptist. Along with your fellow Catholic worshippers, you can take part. For information concerning the impact of your gracious gifts, please visit baabr.org and read about the great work you make possible through BAA!

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

October 25, 2015

REGULAR:

142 Identified- - - - - \$5,273.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 552.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$ 5,825.00



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Three times Jesus asked St. Peter, "Do you love Me?" St. Peter responded "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love You." (Jn 21:17)

Do you tell Our Lord that you love Him? Tell Him soon and tell Him often during Eucharistic Adoration. All night adoration is Friday, November 6th at 8pm thru Saturday, Nov. 7th at 8am. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of Church. For more info, contact Mary @ 324-5289 or Julie @ 749-8260.



The Catholic Community at Louisiana State Penitentiary and the Chaplain's Department are inviting our parish to once again participate in the Christmas Card Program. If you have any religious Christmas Cards and wish to donate, please drop them off at the Parish Office by Monday, November 23rd.

Readings for the Week of November 8, 2015

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/
Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/
Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday: Wis 2:23--3:9/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b--8:1/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/
Mk 13:24-32

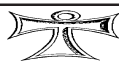
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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2014-2015

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Stacy Gauthreaux
Jules Lefaux
Mark Loreno
Fr. Matt Lorrain
Jason Murphey
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Congratulations

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Sophia Louise Doucet, daughter of Joel & Melissa Doucet



THANKS!

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank the families and friends of Joseph Ducote & Melanie Rodriguez for their recent donations.

Jocelyn Gauthreaux sends thanks to Pat Blanchard, Faye Hebert, Mary Ann David, Betty Landry and Andrea Smicker for helping clean the church during the month of October.



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Eldon Higginbotham and his family upon the death of his brother, Melvin. Please keep them in your prayers.

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

ITALY/FRANCE TOUR

June 2016

Visit Sorrento, Rome, Florence, Genoa, Annecy and Milan

For details go to www.donnakirkland.com or email donnakirkland@gmail.com. Registrations are being accepted at this time.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & LOURDES

June 13-25, 2016

For the Jubilee Year of Mercy and in anticipation of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima, Fr Reuben Dyke and Fr Josh Johnson will be journeying to Portugal, Spain and France. Fee: \$3,258/person (based on double occupancy). For reservations and/or more info, contact Robin Beard (225) 766-7132.