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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

Very Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain Pastor
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin..... Parish Secretary
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Karen Lemoine Christian Formation
Celeste Veillon Music Director
Wayne Delapasse..... Maintenance
Katie Roettger..... Mothers's Day Out

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,

We offer special prayers for all of our veterans at our Masses this weekend, including a musical tribute at our 11:00 a.m. Mass. Veterans Day began as Armistice Day which commemorated the end of World War I on November 11, 1918, and honors all American veterans, living and dead, but especially living veterans who served their country honorably.

As you pray for your deceased loved ones during this month of November, please also remember Father Henry Vavasseur who died on October 26, 2018 at the age of 85. Father Vavasseur was a native of Port Allen and former pastor of Holy Family Parish. He was also the older brother of Father David "Stormy" Vavasseur who died of a brain tumor in 1998.

Father Henry served our Diocese as Vicar for Finance and Chairman of the Building Review Board in addition to pastoring several parishes. He was a creature of habit and well-suited to oversee the financial and building regulations for the Diocese. He was one of a small group of priests who met for breakfast on Saturday mornings, and his order never changed: one (and only one) cup of decaffeinated coffee, along with a chili-cheese omelet.

Some of the younger priests, especially his former associate pastors, affectionately called him "Pa Pa" due to his regimented ways. He enjoyed a gin and tonic in the evenings, and loved to tell jokes, most of which were off-color. He also loved the company of priests and made a point to attend clergy gatherings of every sort. He made regular contributions to our seminary scholarship funds in honor of his family members' birthdays and anniversaries. May he now rest in peace.

The #iGiveCatholic online fundraising drive will take place on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 from 12:01 a.m. – 11:59 p.m. On that day, friends and parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church will be able to use their credit cards to help us raise funds to purchase new **hymnals** for our church. Please visit <https://igivecatholic.org/> and search for our parish under the Diocese of Baton Rouge listing.

Bishop Duca recently wrote to all registered Catholics regarding this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal. The BAA is similar to a parish fair in that it provides the means for Bishop Duca and our Diocese to fund special projects or programs. Last year, 69 individuals or families from our parish contributed a total of \$13,851 to the BAA. Please give your support to this year's BAA.

Alabama has now beaten LSU eight games in a row. LSU's last victory over the Crimson Tide was on November 5, 2011, which seems like a lifetime ago. I pray that order might one day be restored to the universe, and we regain our rightful place at the top of the SEC West. However this year most definitely belongs to the Crimson Tide. Thank God we also have a professional football team in our state.

In Christ,
Father Matt



We will be selling magnets, scapulars and other religious items after all masses the weekend of Saturday, Nov. 17th and Sunday, Nov. 18th. All proceeds will help to defray the cost of the youth going to the March for Life in Washington D.C.

BAPTISM



BAPTISMAL SEMINAR
Wednesday, November 14, 2018
6:00 pm—Classroom #5
Christian Formation Building
This class is mandatory for
parents if you are wanting to
baptize your child. Call the Office
for registration forms.



COLLECTING GREETING CARDS

Do you have any Christmas cards or other greeting cards that you won't be using? We are presently collecting cards to send to the prisons so that inmates can keep in touch with their families and others. Please drop them off at the parish office before the end of November.



A VOCATION VIEW

As the scriptures remind us today, Jesus is always looking for a few honest, dedicated and humble people who will give the best they have in response to His call to service. If you feel God might be calling you to serve your brothers and sisters as a priest, brother or deacon, then be sure to call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.338.8778, framer-rick@gmail.com or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING
HOLIDAYS, THE MONTHLY MEETING FOR K.C.'s & CDA's
HAS BEEN MOVED FROM NOVEMBER 21 TO
NOVEMBER 14, 2018—6:30 PM—ACTIVITY CENTER

PRO-LIFE ROSARY IN MEMORY OF THE UNBORN
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - 4:00 PM IN CHURCH



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Deanna Landry & family upon the death of her sister, Tammy Borskey Seals. Please keep them in your prayers.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Campaign for Human Development Collection is to be taken up next weekend. Place your special envelope in the regular collection.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

November 4, 2018

REGULAR:

254 Identified- - - - - \$16,511.50

Loose Collection- - - - - 875.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$17,386.50

All Saints Collection- - - - \$1,617.00

ST. JEANNE D'ARC

Jeanne D'Arc (Joan of Arc), born circa 1412, emerged a military and spiritual heroine of the Hundred Years' War between France and England. She claimed to have receive visions from Michael the Archangel instructing her to bolster Charles VII's efforts to defend the French.

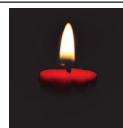
Despite being an illiterate peasant her entreaties in the name of the Lord to military officials eventually won her a meeting with Charles and a station in the army. His investigation into her background revealed a woman of "irreproachable life, a good Christian, possessed of the virtues of humility, honesty and simplicity." Her rise through the French military culminated with her leading forces in a decisive victory at the siege at Orleans. Her faith was integral to her leadership as she encouraged her soldiers to participate in the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation as often as possible.

Jeanne was captured and imprisoned in 1420. She was subjected to a politically motivated trial for heresy and sentenced to execution by burning in 1431. A posthumous retrial after the war found her innocent. She was beatified in 1919 and canonized in 1920.

1920 or shortly thereafter may have been when the Statue of Jeanne D'Arc was purchased for our church. She was depicted in full armor and carrying her battle standard on which written "Jhesus Maria" and which depicted Christ holding the world, flanked by angels and set in a background of lilies.

The statue was removed from the Sanctuary and placed in storage in the 1960's. It was sold at auction and purchased by Gary Hebert who owned the Plaquemine Post. His widow, Joyce, confirmed that the statue was used to ornament the Heberts' yard. Exposure to the elements led to the deterioration and loss of the statue.

- Submitted by Brian Falcon



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
IS NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF
JOHNNY MORAIN

Readings for the Week of November 11, 2018

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/
 Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or
 12:41-44

Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/
 Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and
 29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/
 Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/
 Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/
 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/
 Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

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In 1 Samuel, God advises the prophet Samuel not to observe as men see but as God sees. He tells him to "look to the heart." This is the movement of this Sunday's Gospel reading. "Beware the scribes," Jesus advises. He points out their public greetings and "seats of honor," which stands in sharp contrast to their private greed. For the Jewish people of Jesus' day, honor resides at the top. Power and prestige created a high profile back then as it still does today. After his warning, Jesus turns his disciples' attention elsewhere: a poor widow.

"She, from her poverty, has contributed all she had." While the scribes donated large sums to the temple, they did so "from their surplus wealth." This woman -- in her faith and devotion -- offers "her whole livelihood." Jesus invited his disciples to see with God's eyes, to recognize a holy life in people the world overlooks. Here -- in the poor, the vulnerable, the marginalized -- God waits hidden.

Today's Gospel begs a few questions. What do we see? Whom do we value? Are we impressed by the pomp and circumstance of modern day Pharisees? Do we ignore their self-righteousness because it looks impressive, even seems somewhat helpful? The point isn't to judge the scribes, of course. God can see their hearts as well, and those assessments are firmly his responsibility. The point is to turn our eyes from the typically honored to the rarely respected. Are we disinterested in the poverty of the modern day widows? Do we ignore their faith because we forget to look for it? This Sunday, consider the widows in your own life. Who can you see with God's eyes?