



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

November 18, 2012



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

There were a bunch of folks who believed that the world was going to end in October of 2012. They based that belief on the supposed long count of the Mayan calendar. Since you're reading this, the world obviously didn't end. Of course, there are some dissenters who are holding out for December 21. Guess they won't be celebrating Christmas this year! Last year it was the people who followed Harold Camping who thought May 21, 2011, would be the last day. When it wasn't, Mr. Camping did a quick recalculation and informed everyone that it was really going to be October 21, 2011. Why is it that Americans seem to get caught up in these predictions? These are not just recent occurrences. The nineteenth century was rife with these kinds of predictions and movements. In uncertain times it may be that some people find a certain solace in having a date in their minds as to when things will end.

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus points out that there are signs to accompany the end of time. The sun will darken and the moon will not give light. Scientists tell us we've only got about 4.5 billion years left on this one. As for the Son of Man coming in the clouds, Jesus has not left us with a date on which he is returning.

For those who can get wrapped up in predictions of this sort, the words of Jesus are pretty clear: "that day or hour, no one knows" (Mk 13:32). As Christians we don't need to know the date of Christ's return in glory. Whether it happens this afternoon or a million years from now really makes no difference. What is important is that we live our lives in such a way that we are always ready for his return. If we follow his commands, live according to Christ's law of love, and care for those in need, we will be ready whenever our Lord comes to take us home.

“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.”

- Mk 13:26-27

Dear Parishioners,

The special appeal for St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College has been rescheduled for next weekend, November 24-25, 2012. Father Vic Messina, one of our retired priests now living in a small house on the grounds of St. Joseph Abbey, will celebrate all of our Masses and make the appeal on behalf of the monks and seminarians. As I am sure many of you know, Father Vic grew up just down the river from here in Iberville Parish so please welcome him to our parish.

The priesthood lends itself to many different settings or expressions. Most diocesan priests live out their vocation in a parish setting. Other priests like Benedictine monks, are called to a life of prayer and contemplation in a monastery. Still other priests serve as missionaries or hospital chaplains or college professors. All priests are called to offer sacrifice and to conform their lives to Christ. After serving for many years as a parish priest, Father Vic is now offering his gifts as a spiritual director to the seminarians and others.

As part of its mission to form men for the priesthood, St. Joseph Seminary College also sponsors several “Come and See” weekends each year for young men who are discerning God’s call in their lives. The next one is scheduled for November 30-December 2, 2012, and is open to college students and other young men who have already completed high school. Participants are able to experience the prayer and community life of a seminary community, and also get to know some of the guys who are studying to be priests. Arrival at the seminary takes place between 4:00 and 6:00 pm on Friday evening, and the weekend concludes with 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Please contact Father Matt Dupre’ or Ms. Mary Layman at the Vocation Office (225-336-8778) if you are interested in the weekend.

Several of the youth of our parish are making plans to join this year’s Diocesan Pilgrimage to Washington, DC to participate in the March for Life. One of the fundraisers planned to pay for the trip is a “Pro-Life fun Run” scheduled for Saturday, December 1, 2012,

at the Brusly High School track. Please consider walking or running with them, or alternatively sponsoring one of them so that they can raise the necessary money to pay for their pilgrimage. Seminarians, newly ordained priests, and religious sisters serve as spiritual directors for the pilgrimage which is a wonderful witness to the vitality of our Catholic faith and moral teaching.

We will celebrate an 8:00 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving morning for those of you who are able to attend. The Mass is a great preparation and complement to the Thanksgiving meals that we will share later in the day with our families. As Catholics we understand that our spiritual nourishment is equally as important as our physical nourishment in order to achieve health and happiness. Our sharing in good food and good company on Thursday reminds us of the great feast which awaits us in heaven once our time on earth is finished. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and enjoy the day!

In Christ,
Father Matt



A Run for their Lives:
Pro-Life Fun Run

A Fundraiser for the March for Life Pilgrimage
Sponsored by
St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist
Youth Ministries

Come run or walk with us!

Distance: 2 Miles
\$20/person; All ages welcome!
Brusly High School Track and Field
Saturday, December 1st, 2012

Registration opens 9:00AM
Race begins at 10:00AM
Questions? 225-749-3387



MEMORIAL BOOK

The Memorial Book has been placed in the church by St. Joseph's Altar. Be sure to enter the names of your deceased loved ones. These names will be remembered at all Masses during the month of November and the book will remain in church throughout the month.

MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass Intentions Book for 2013 is now open. Stop by the Parish Office to list your intentions.

LECTORS' WORKBOOKS

Cycle C Workbooks are in. We will begin using these readings the first week of Advent. Please pick up your copy in the annex room where liturgical ministers sign in.

BALM FOR THE SOUL

A new shipment of cookbooks is in for the Christmas holidays. The cookbooks have sold over 1100 copies since October 2011! The sale of these popular books benefits the SJB Bereavement Committee. It includes over 500 unique family favorite recipes. At \$15.00 per copy, they make great gifts! Contact Harold & Beverly Babin at 749-2027 or Margaret Canella at 749-2874 to get your copy.



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poverty.

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STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

November 11, 2012

REGULAR:

228 Identified- - - - - \$8,123.00

Loose- - - - - 605.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$8,728.00

A VOCATION VIEW

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away." How is Christ calling you to share His eternal words of salvation? Consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. If you feel God may be calling you to a religious vocation in His Church, call or email Father Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778 , mdupre@diobr.or or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



HANKS!

My family & I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all of you for the prayers and kindnesses extended since the attack on my daughter, Renee Elliott Murdoch who lives in Brazil. Her recovery has been blessed by the abundance of prayers from across the world. (The Lord is answering those prayers!) She is stable and showing amazing progress each day. A tough journey still lies ahead, so I ask for your continued prayers that she will have a full recovery.

*With much gratitude,
Mary Elliott Sarradet & Family.*

Happy
Thanksgiving
Day



*THE SANCTUARY
CANDLE IS NOW
BURNING IN MEMORY OF
CARLYS SIBILLE.*



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Myra Foret and family upon the death of her mother, Beverly Saunders. She was also Curtis Dupuy's sister. Please keep them in your prayers.

Readings for the Week of November 18, 2012

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/
Mk 13:24-32
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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FR. CLEO'S
ANNUAL NEW ORLEANS BUS TRIP

Wednesday, November 28, 2012
\$125.00/person

Leaving/Returning to St. John the Evangelist
Parking Lot in Plaquemine

The itinerary will include a buffet lunch. Christmas performance at the WWII Museum, and high tea at the Windsor Court Hotel. Price includes cost of bus, buffet lunch, ticket to the Museum/performance, and high tea w/amenities.



COME AND SEE WEEKEND

November 30- December 2, 2012
St. Joseph Seminary College
Covington, Louisiana

Spend a weekend with the seminarians. See what day to day life is like at the seminary.

The program is designed for men already graduated from high school either currently attending college or working full time who are interested in the priesthood and who would like to find out more about seminary life. There is no charge for the weekend, you must register a week prior to the event.

For more information contact:

Fr. Matt Dupre
Vocations Director
225-336-8778

www.diobr.org/vocations



2013—25th & 50th
Wedding Anniversary
Celebration

Sunday, February 24, 2013 at
3:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church
2250 Main St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Bishop Robert W. Muench, Celebrant of the Mass
Families of honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and the Reception afterward in the Sacred Heart School Gym. If you have celebrated or will celebrate your 25th, 50th, 65th or greater anniversary during 2012, please call the Parish Office to register. Deadline to register is February 24, 2013.

