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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

"Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." - **Mk 13:30-32**

Dear Parishioners,

I am staffing an Engaged Encounter this weekend so please welcome Father Joel LaBauve and Father Jon Koehler who are celebrating our Masses this weekend. Engaged Encounter is an expansion and improvement of the old Pre-Cana weekends that Catholic couples attended in years past. In addition to meetings with their priest, today's couples benefit from listening to talks given by married couples and then writing in their notebooks prior to one-on-one discussions with their fiancé.

Everyone is invited to attend Thanksgiving Day Mass with us at 8:00 a.m. Thursday morning. As in the past, you are also invited to bring a canned good with you to our Thanksgiving Day Mass to benefit our food pantry. We will **not** have Mass or Adoration on Friday, the day after Thanksgiving. I plan to visit my family on Thanksgiving Day and then watch the New Orleans Saints demolish the Atlanta Falcons on Thanksgiving evening. Roast turkey for the main course and roast falcon for dessert!

The "Rite of Acceptance" takes place at the 9:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, the Solemnity of Christ the King, for this year's six R.C.I.A. candidates who are inquiring into the Catholic faith. The Rite of Acceptance is the first of several thresholds that our inquirers cross as they discern entrance into the Catholic Church. From now until Easter, they will attend the Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00 a.m. Mass so as to be nourished by the Sacred Scriptures and supported by the prayers of this community.

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

The new liturgical year begins two weeks from now on December 2, the first Sunday of Advent. The lectionary readings switch to cycle "C" which means we

will be following the Gospel of Luke for the next 12 months. St. Luke's Gospel is known as the *Gospel of Mercy*, the *Gospel of Universal Salvation*, and the *Gospel of Joy*. It contains the beautiful parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son, as well as the charming story of Zacchaeus.

The Gospel of Luke is unique in that it is the only one written by a Gentile. The other three gospels as well as the other books of the New Testament (with the exception of the Acts of the Apostles) were all written by Jewish Christians. Luke was a Gentile Christian, a physician, and a companion of St. Paul. Luke is also the author of the aforementioned Acts of the Apostles which is a continuation of his gospel and which is read throughout the fifty days of Easter.

In Christ,
Father Matt

CHRISTIAN FORMATION INFORMATION

NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION
CLASSES ON MONDAY, NOV. 19,
TUESDAY, NOV. 20 OR
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21ST
DUE TO
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS.



MASS FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION STUDENTS K-8

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
DROP OFF IN ACTIVITY CENTER 5:15

PICK UP IN CHURCH AT 6:30.

THERE WILL BE NO CLASS
ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, OR
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

DUE TO MASS ON TUESDAY

FOR ALL K- 8 STUDENTS





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.



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 Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.



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.



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Jeanne Brignac & family upon the death of her brother, Fr. Henry Vavasour, to Shirley Junot & family upon the death of her daughter, Bonnie Johnson, and to the family of Lorraine Danos upon her recent death. Please keep them in your prayers.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

*When We Minister to Those He Seeks,
We Serve the Lord Jesus*

To illustrate the substance of real compassion, Jesus indicated we serve Him when we give to meet the needs of others. “I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me” (Mt 25:35-36).

Faithful parishioners from our own parish identify with the opportunity to serve Jesus by ministering to others, making the Bishop's Annual Appeal a priority every year. A single parish blesses others throughout the Diocese of Baton Rouge through such an effort.

Please follow the Shepherd's Lead, seek to serve those in need of God's blessing, and give to support ministries the BAA helps to fund. To encourage your participation, Bishop Duca recently mailed you a packet with helpful information concerning this year's campaign. You'll read about another year of record generosity, and discover new ways to bless our Catholic community going forward. Please be a part of that effort by choosing to contribute to the Bishop's Annual Appeal today.

If you didn't receive a packet, please ask for that information. Simply call the Office of Stewardship, (225) 336-8790, or send an email message, stewardship@diobr.org. As you pray about your personal involvement, you will learn how you and your fellow parishioners enrich others' lives through the BAA. Visit www.baabr.org for additional stories & encouraging details.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The book is in the Church. Please enter the names of your deceased loved ones who will be remembered in prayer throughout the year.



MASS INTENTIONS BOOK IS NOW OPEN FOR 2019. STOP BY THE PARISH OFFICE TO SCHEDULE YOUR INTENTIONS

YOU CAN NOW ALSO SCHEDULE THE SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR 2019.



The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 22 & Friday, November 23 for Thanksgiving Holidays.

Women's Retreat — Advent Preparation

The Pilot for my journey...
revealed in prayer and reflection.

When: Saturday, December 1, 2018
10:30am—3pm

Where: St. John the Evangelist Church Parish Hall
in Plaquemine

Lead by: The Holy Spirit & Gwen Hayes

A light lunch will be provided. Register today by calling 225.687.2402.

Readings for the Week of November 18, 2018

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

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and
6 [Rv 2:17]/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab,
5 [Rv 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and
9b [Rv 5:10]/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111,
131 [103a]/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/
Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/
Jn 18:33b-37

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As we edge closer to the closing of the liturgical year, the Church selects readings that remind us of the final close: the second coming of Christ. It's easy, perhaps, to forget that this is a dogma of our Catholic faith. We see this dramatic end times language in today's Gospel. "The sun will be darkened ... and the stars will be falling from the sky."

As Christians and as human beings, we know all things will come to an end. "But of that day or hour, no one knows." The "end of the world" and end of time at Jesus' coming is in a future unknown. But God has given us beautiful reminders of this truth. We see the signs and symbols of ending all around us -- nightfall at the end of each day; the life cycle of crops coming alive, bearing fruit, and being harvested; our own death. That, too, will come at an unknown day and hour. But that is the way of things. Even as God created in Genesis, He gave us a sense of time -- the sun rising and setting, a beginning and an end -- to mark our days.

So how do we welcome these built-in forms of measurement? Do we take time to quietly recollect at the end of each day? Do we see every morning as a fresh start for mercies new? Do we observe the seasons and reflect on what they might be speaking to us of God and His glory? "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my works will not pass away." The little beginnings and little ends are opportunities to renew our faith in Jesus, if only we have the eyes to see!