



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
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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 the Parish Office

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

-Jn 18:37

Dear Parishioners,

Nearly all of the numbers have now been tabulated for this year's *Feast on the Levee* and our net income looks to be around \$55,300. Thank you very much for all that you did to contribute to our success through the sale of raffle tickets, the donation of auction items, and the preparation of food. Thanks once again to Natalie Palermo and all who worked so hard to benefit our Church and community.

In addition, we are blessed in that we do not have to apply any of this year's fair proceeds to loan repayment! The great majority of the income will be deposited into our building fund savings and our regular parish savings. I earmarked a small amount, about \$1600, to purchase a new silver ciborium and a new gold ciborium for our church. (A ciborium is the covered container used to store the consecrated hosts in the tabernacle.) The new ciboria will match the silver and gold chalices that we use during the course of the liturgical year.

The #iGiveCatholic online fundraising drive will take place this 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.

This Friday evening and Saturday morning, November 30 & December 1, 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.

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical season and year. The unique season of Advent challenges us to slow down even as our secular, commercial culture urges us to speed up. The candles of our Advent wreath remind us that a

light is coming into the world at Christmas, and so we prepare by watching, waiting, and praying.

Catholic writer and speaker Danielle Bean writes "Peace on earth is what Jesus promises to bring us at Christmastime. If you have a family, though, the weeks leading up to December 25 can feel anything but peaceful. Besides the shopping, decorating, visiting, cooking, and other preparations we make during Advent, there is the world at large that can feel at odds with a message of peace... What kind of peace can Jesus bring to a world like ours? Perhaps precisely the kind we need."

Saturday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and a holy day of obligation. We will celebrate a Mass at 9:00 a.m. on December 8 in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patroness of the United States of America under her title as the Immaculate Conception.

In Christ,
Father Matt



~the 4th ANNUAL~
NATIVITY CAROL

~an evening of Advent and Christmas song~
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

5:00 pm In Church

*Donations for our New Gather Hymnals
and*

*canned good donations to benefit our Food Pantry
are greatly appreciated!*

*A Christmas Cookie reception will follow in the Activity
Center*



**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**

Knights of Columbus

MONTHLY COMMUNION SERVICE
FOR K.C. MEMBERS & THEIR FAMILIES
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 at 7:30 am MASS.

Coffee & Donuts will be served in the
Activity Center after 7:30 am Mass

Members of our K.C. Council #10744 are presently selling Charity Calendars for \$20.00 each. Over \$15,000 in cash prizes will be given away in 2019. A prize a day is given! Enter once and you are in 365 drawings. Win as often as your name is drawn! Monthly, beginning in February, random computer drawings will be held the first Tuesday of each month. Checks will be mailed to winners the following day. All proceeds will go to the Knights of Columbus and their charities. Only 2,000 calendars will be sold! Get yours now from any K.C. Member or call (225) 687-6743 to order.

OCTOBER CALENDAR WINNERS

Mike Cazes, Murphy Gautreau, Sr.; David Coleman; Douglas Badeaux, Jr.; Eva Mellieon; Joanna Diez; Penny & Van Bordelon; Benjamin Moore; Heath Holloway; Richard & Martha Dugas; Winston Collier; Lou Didier; David Dugas; Debbie Torres; Delta Theriot; Ann Bourgeois; Kynzli George; Kane Ourso; Harry Reed; Jay Hardman; Ronald Sanchez, Sr.; Louis Kelley; Caleb Dunn; Rhonda & Jay Hayden; Lea White; Brian Willie; Andre Dugas; Andrew Palermo; Vincent Bianca; Ryllee Bourgeois; Jeremy Pipsair

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Jackie Morain and her group for cleaning the church during the month of November. Cleaning will be done by various groups during the month of December.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Harold & Beverly Babin for chairing the committee during the month of November. Chaircouple for December will be Janice & Joel Hebert. Give them a call at 749-3863 with any concerns.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

November 11 2018

REGULAR:

187 Identified- - - - - \$7,661.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 1,055.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$8,716.00



A VOCATION VIEW

Today we hail Christ as our King, the victor over the power of death. This Jesus, who loves us and freed us from our sins by his own blood, and who by Baptism has made us a royal nation of priests in the service of His God and Father. He who is King continues to choose men and women to serve as priests, sister, brothers and deacons, so that all that He has won for us might be continually taught and celebrated through His Church so that the faithful may know Him, love Him, and serve Him as well. If you feel God is calling you to such a Church vocation, call or email Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framer-rick@gmail.com, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.



*THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS
NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF
ELSIE & RAY PARSONS*

**YOU CAN NOW SCHEDULE THE
SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR 2019**

Lectors

New Lectors' Workbooks have been placed in the sacristy with each persons' name on their copy. Please pick yours up from the sacristy.



MASS INTENTIONS BOOK
FOR 2019 IS NOW OPEN
SCHEDULE YOUR MASSES AT
THE PARISH OFFICE

Readings for the Week of November 25, 2018

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

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab,
5-6 [cf 6]/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rv 15:3b]/
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3
4, 5 [Rv 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Mt 4:18-22

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab
[1 Cor 16:22b; cf Rv 22:20c]/
Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/
1 Thes 3:12--4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

If you brought your child to the restroom during the Liturgy of the Word, you might walk away with one of two interpretations of Jesus as King. The first and second readings are bold and victorious. We see Christ coming on the clouds for the final judgment of heaven and earth. The Gospel sets a very different tone. Jesus is under arrest and facing death before Pontius Pilate. We know how this story will end. So if Christ is King, what does it mean? Is he a glorious conqueror or a suffering servant?

"My kingdom does not belong to this world." Here is the heart of Jesus' reign. He is a king -- and his "subjects" are alive and well on earth -- but, ultimately, Jesus' kingdom transcends our earthly concepts of power. Jesus faced down the temptation of a solely earthly kingship. At the close of his 40 days in the desert, the devil offered him the kingdoms of the world. Jesus only had to sacrifice his heavenly values and worship Satan. The same temptations to distort the kingship of Christ are present to us today. Jesus' invitation also endures. "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." It is important for us to belong to the full truth of Christ's kingdom.

First, our own hearts must be transformed. Our own rebellions in favor of selfishness and against holiness must be conquered by God's grace. Second, we must work to transform the world as best we can in our own corner of it. Like Jesus shows us by his life and death, this doesn't mean domination. It means service, sacrifice, respect, and love. Our lives must "testify to the truth" of Jesus Christ, who lays down his life for his people. That is the true beauty of Christ the King!