



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
Sammy Collura Permanent Deacon
Julie Ginther Cilano Christian Formation
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin Parish Secretary
Karen Lemoine Christian Formation
Celeste Veillon Music Director
Larry Durbin Maintenance Supervisor
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Office closed for lunch 12:30–1:30 p.m.

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.

"You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives." - Lk 21:16-19

Dear Parishioners,

We are down to the final two weeks of ordinary time before we begin a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. The Rite of Acceptance will take place at the 9:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, the Solemnity of Christ the King, for this year's 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.

During this Rite the candidates are marked with the sign of the cross over their foreheads, ears, eyes, lips, hearts, shoulders, hands, and feet. The sign of the cross represents the immensity of Christ's love and strength, even as it invites us to a deeper level of discipleship and friendship with the Lord. This is a dynamic of faith for all followers of Christ that we continually discover throughout our lives.

Pope Francis gave a homily earlier this year in which he said, *"In my own life, I have so often seen God's merciful countenance, his patience; I have also seen so many people find the courage to enter the wounds of Jesus by saying to him: Lord, I am here, accept my poverty, hide my sin in your wounds, wash it away with your blood. And I have always seen that God did just this – he accepted them, consoled them, cleansed them, loved them."*

Dear brothers and sisters, let us be enveloped by the mercy of God; let us trust in his patience, which always gives us more time. Let us find the courage to return to his house, to dwell in his loving wounds, allowing ourselves be loved by him and to encounter his mercy in the sacraments. We will feel his wonderful tenderness, we will feel his embrace, and we too will become more capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness and love."

To a non-believer the cross probably seems like a symbol of suffering and defeat, and wounds are more likely seen as the consequence of weakness and failure. For Catholics, our human weakness provides an opportunity to encounter the tender mercy of Christ, especially in the sacraments. The cross becomes a great source of strength once we recognize it as the

means of our salvation and union with Christ.

Speaking of suffering, the L.S.U. football team now has three losses and our prospects don't look too good against Texas A&M next Saturday. Our expectations were perhaps heightened after some early season flashes of greatness, especially from the offense. However a more sober assessment indicates that we still have a young team with new players on the offensive line and throughout the defensive unit. It may still turn out to be a good season just not a great one.

Our Parish Pot-Luck Dinner for November is this Thursday evening, November 21, beginning at 6:30 in the Activity Center. The theme is Thanksgiving so why not try out one of your old or new dishes in preparation for your family Thanksgiving meal the following week.

In Christ,
Father Matt

Attention: Youth

IGNITE YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT

Are you a Confirmed Senior in High School or College Student looking to deepen your Catholic faith?

Join us for the Ignite Retreat!

December 20—22, 2013

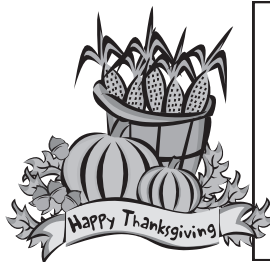
Rosaryville Spirit Life Center—Ponchatoula,

Cost—\$100/Retreatant

Scholarships Available

Contact Julie (225-749-3387) to attend

Julie@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com



PARISH POT LUCK

Thursday, November 21

Theme: Thanksgiving Dinner.

Bring your favorite
Thanksgiving dish to feed
10-15 people.

PLEASE NOTE!

DUE TO PUBLISHER'S DEADLINE WE
WILL NOT HAVE A BULLETIN NEXT
WEEKEND. HAVE A HAPPY &
BLESSED THANKSGIVING.

HELP NEEDED!!

Adult Coordinator for Christmas Gospel Narrative
Last year was our first ever Christmas Eve Gospel Narrative at the 6 pm Mass. We will be doing it again, but we need your help. ADULTS! Please contact Julie at (225-749-3387) or julie@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com if you are interested or would like more info.



ATTENTION: LECTORS

Workbooks for 2014 are in.
Please pick up your copy in the Sacristy.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The CDA meeting will be this Wednesday, November 20th in the Activity Center. Meal with KC's at 6:30 pm and meeting at 7:00 pm. Please try to attend! We will be discussing our Christmas Baskets distribution for the shut-ins of our parish. Bring names to the meeting or call Julie at 749-8260 to put a name on the list..

REMINDER: All Catholic women over the age of 18 are invited to join us and be a part of the largest organization of Catholic women in the world!

Thank You!

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank the family and friends of Margaret Melancon Seward for their recent donations.

EVACUATION PLAN



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Next week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty throughout America by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With a tradition of improving education, housing, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Defend human dignity. Take poverty off the map. Please give to the CCHD Collection. Place your special envelope in the regular collection.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

November 10, 2013

REGULAR:

221 Identified- - - - - \$7,434.00
Loose- - - - - 534.00
TOTAL- - - - - \$7,968.00

A VOCATION VIEW

By patient endurance you will win your life. Be patient with yourself and with God as you await the sign of your call. If God is calling you, call or email Father Matt Dupre' 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS
NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF
BESSIE LEBLANC**

**REMEMBER TO SIGN THE NAMES OF
YOUR DECEASED LOVED ONES IN OUR
MEMORIAL BOOK LOCATED IN FRONT OF
ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR. THEY WILL BE
REMEMBERED IN PRAYER THROUGHOUT
THE YEAR.**

CHRISTMAS CARDS

We will be collecting Christmas Cards again this year for prisoners to send to their families. If you have any to donate, please send them to us before November 30th.

FREE ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA TRAINING FOR FAMILIES

Home Instead Senior Care, 11764 Haymarket Ave., Baton Rouge offers the following class:
Wednesday, Dec. 11 (9:00 am—11:00 am)
Call (225) 819-8338 for reservation
Or for an evening class:
Call Adriann Griffith (225) 819-8338

W.B.R. MUSEUM

Faulkner's World: Photographs of Martin J. Dain

Through December 22—Photographer Martin J. Dain was one of the few who photographed author William Faulkner at Rowan Oak, the writer's home in Oxford, MS. The collection features an outstanding selection of those images that were compiled for this national traveling exhibit.

Readings for the Week of November 17, 2013

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/
Lk 21:5-19
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/
Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are nearing the end of the Atlantic hurricane season. There are many people in this country who pay little heed to this designation, which typically runs from June 1 to November 30 each year. On the other hand, there are large segments of the populace for whom hurricane season is a time to follow the weather broadcasts more closely. For those who live in the affected areas of the country, being prepared for a hurricane's arrival is part of life. Long-range preparation includes things like having an evacuation plan, knowing where important documents are, and having some emergency cash. When a storm is close at hand, vigilance heightens as people board up windows, stockpile supplies, and stay tuned to weather forecasts. Local and state governments execute their disaster preparedness plans to ensure the safety of citizens.

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus encounters some people who were enamored of all the beauty of the Temple. For them, this was a sign of a certain permanence and blessing rendered by God. In Luke's Gospel, written after the Jerusalem Temple had been destroyed, the Gospel writer has Jesus describing the city's doom and the Temple's destruction. Just like the citizens of hurricane areas who pay close attention to weather reports when there is an approaching storm, the people in the Gospel ask Jesus for the sign that what he describes will happen.

Like folks who live in a hurricane zone, we need to be prepared. Our long-range preparation includes having an evacuation plan. The evacuation plan isn't about gathering up belongings and pulling out before the storm hits. The evacuation plan for a Christian is being prepared to leave this life when the time comes. That means that during our life on earth we have stayed close to God by being faithful to him and trying to live the kind of life Christ has taught us by loving our neighbor. Are you ready to go?