



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

October 21, 2012



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

How many times have we seen our children latch on to some instrument, sport, or other activity only to abandon it a few months later? It has happened to all of us. There's the child who insists that he or she is going to play the trombone forever, picks up the instrument, faithfully goes to lessons, and just after mom and dad finally make the outlay on a brand new instrument, the child decides that music is not an interest anymore. Or there's the son or daughter who is intensely interested in soccer, but a year after joining the special teams' league decides soccer isn't that important. A parent could go mad, until we realize that childhood is exactly for this kind of experimentation, finding out what fits and what doesn't.

In some ways this weekend's Gospel is a bit like this. James and John come to Jesus much like the child who asks for the new drum set because he is absolutely going to practice every day! James and John want their reward for walking all over Galilee and Judea with Jesus. When he asks them if they are ready to endure what will come, they answer like the child who says to the parent, "Oh yes, of course. I will practice (piano, basketball, swimming, saxophone-choose one) every single day!" Jesus tells James and John that they will have the hard work and the tribulation, but the reward is given by the Father.

Our children discover over time what the things of value they want to work towards are, and what talents they want to develop. Jesus points out to his disciples that one value is being a servant. A life lesson that we can impart to our sons and daughters as they grow up is one that comes from our faith: how we act toward others and how we care for those in need are important, more important than playing trombone or soccer well.

“But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mk 10:43-45

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for all of your prayers while I was on retreat earlier this month. As I mentioned previously, I opted out of the usual diocesan retreat at Manresa and instead made a private retreat at St. Augustine in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. St. Augustine is a former seminary run by the Society of the Divine Word to train African-American men for the priesthood. It now serves as a residence for SVD priests and brothers—the same order which staffs St. Paul Parish in Baton Rouge.

The “Feast on the Levee” is only one week away so please say a prayer for good weather if you have not already done so. I have been including several petitions for the “Feast” in my own daily prayers, including ones for good weather, the safety of all our parishioners and guests, and the overall success of this combination fund-raiser and community-builder. I just hope my physical stamina is up to the task of visiting and sampling all of the delicious food and drink.

Please remember our special Mass schedule for next weekend: we will keep the regular 4:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass and 7:30 a.m. Sunday morning Mass, and then add a [special 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday](#). The 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses are canceled on October 28, the day of the “Feast.” There may be a little confusion in the parking lot on Sunday morning due to the Fun Run and 5K Run, so please be patient and allow a little extra time to get to church next Sunday.

The Feast of All Saints is the Thursday after our “Feast on the Levee” and provides an opportunity for all of us to thank God for the tremendous blessing and example of the saints. Our Masses on [Thursday, November 1](#), will be at [8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.](#) The [Blessing of the Cemetery](#) will take place the following [Saturday, November 3](#), at [9:00 a.m.](#) You may even wish to come early and join us for the 8:00 a.m. Mass on the first Saturday of the Month.

Many parishes place a “Memory Book” or “Book of Remembrance” in church for the month of November as a visible reminder of our prayers for those who have gone before us. Feel free to write in the names of any of your deceased relatives and friends so they may be included in our prayers. The entire month of November is a nice time to visit cemeteries around the state where you may have family buried. Our visits remind us of the special connection we still feel to those who loved us and shaped our values.

A Benedictine priest from St. Joseph Abbey is scheduled to be here in two weeks on the weekend of November 3-4 to speak at all of our Masses and make an appeal on behalf of the monastery and seminary. I am not sure which priest will be here but I will try to let you know in next Sunday’s bulletin if possible. The Abbey is a great center of prayer and study, and we are grateful for the many ways the monks contribute to the vibrancy of the Catholic faith in Louisiana. Please offer them your support.

I have a wedding in New Orleans next Saturday, October 27, but should be back in time for the Vigil Mas. I will have another priest on standby just in case.

In Christ,
Father Matt

Youth Ministry Notes

- ⇒ **Youth Ministry Volleyball Rec Night**—Thursday, October 25 (6—8 pm) - St. John the Baptist—Front Field by River Road
- ⇒ **March for Life - Washington DC**—January 21—26, 2013 DEPOSIT OF \$100 DUE BY OCTOBER 25th.
- ⇒ **World Youth Day –October 28, 2012** (1:30—6:00 pm) Sacred Heart, Baton Rouge—Deadline for sign-up is October 19th.
- ⇒ **Catholic Youth Night at the Hive**—Hornets vs. Thunder—Friday, November 16 in the New Orleans Arena (7:00 pm) \$35/person. Jr. High & their families are welcome. Fee includes ticket and bus ride from Diocese of Baton Rouge. Sign up with Julie by October 29th.



ADULTS—WE NEED YOU!

We are in need of a 4th Grade Catechist on Tuesday afternoons from 5:30—6:30 pm. Please contact the Christian Formation Office if you can help. 749-3387.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES are cancelled on Monday & Tuesday, November 5th & 6th due to Election Day. Parents—Go out and vote!

**FEAST ON THE LEVEE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28th—SEE YOU THERE!**

If you haven't already signed up to do something for the Feast, please call our Fair Chaircouple (Scot & Pamela Rhodes) at 749-1915 or scotrhodes@cox.net or pamelarhodes@cox.net to volunteer for anything you want to do.

**GET THOSE RAFFLE TICKETS TURNED BACK
IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

NEED SERVICE HOURS???

Call Lucille & Hewitt Bouquet to work at the Hamburger Booth (687-6927) to gain Service Hours.

SET UP FOR THE FEAST

Thursday, October 25th beginning at 7:30 am
CAN USE ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET!



**REMINDER!!!! REMINDER!!!!
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Cards, Etc. Card Party is scheduled for
Monday, October 22 from 9 am to 3 pm.

There will be 2 football boards and a 50/50 plus a raffle or two for you to try your luck on. Lunch will be Spaghetti and Meatballs with delicious homemade desserts!



"MISSIONARIES OF FAITH

Today is World Mission Sunday.

We are called to this Eucharistic celebration-- along with Catholics in every parish, chapel, and church throughout the world--to fulfill the call we first heard at baptism, the call to be missionaries, to share our faith.

On World Mission Sunday, we are called in a special way to be "missionaries of faith" through prayer and participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection.

Let us pray especially at this Mass for all who long to hear the hope-filled, saving message of Jesus, and for the priests, religious, and lay catechists in mission countries worldwide who offer them that "Good News."

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

October 14, 2012

REGULAR:

212 Identified- - - - - \$6,985.00

Loose- - - - - 734.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$7,719.00

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus' life was the best 'job description'. Sympathy, mercy, service, compassion, total giving. Life is so rewarding when one really lives for others, rather than just trying to make all people serve the self. Do you want to serve...or be served? If you are willing to serve as a priest or religious, call or email Father Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.



CONGRATULATIONS

Madelyn Anite Richard, daughter of Chad & Cayla Richard was baptized here last week. Welcome into our faith community!

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Bishop Robert W. Muench would like to thank the parishioners from St. John the Baptist—Brusly for their continued support for the Bishop's Annual Appeal. This year, the Bishop's Annual Appeal has raised \$866,070 to date, with a total of 77 families from St John the Baptist Parish contributing \$11,290.00 to this important appeal.

Your support for the Bishop's Annual Appeal makes possible many programs and projects that simply would not be possible without the generous support of parishioners from St. John the Baptist and parishioners throughout the Diocese. This year your support for the Bishop's Annual Appeal will assist our Emergency Assistance for the Needy, our Catholic Television Ministry, the Catholic School Emergency Assistance Fund, Church Parish Emergency Fund and, much more.

**FEMA DISASTER ASSISTANCE
Representatives are in our Area!
Apply by Phone
1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**

REDEMPTORIST HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

The fall semester Open House will be held on Tuesday, October 23 beginning in St. Gerard Church at 6 pm and continuing with tours of the campus and a Clubs/ Athletics Fair in the gym. Come and see why Redemptorist is a school of choice for Catholic Education.

Readings for the Week of October 21, 2012

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45
or 10:42-45

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2012-2013

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HOSEA'S HOPE RETREAT

Have you found yourself grieving because of trouble in your marriage? Perhaps you are already facing separation or divorce. You are not alone, and there is hope for you. The Hosea's Hope ministry is hosting a retreat which brings together wounded healers with those facing a journey through a troubled marriage. This retreat will include prayer and testimonies shared by others who have discerned through faith that they can dare to hope in reaping the harvest of healing for their marriage and family. Why don't you join with Hosea's Hope to begin your journey to wholeness and seek your harvest.

WHEN: Friday, October 26 and Saturday, October 27

TIMES: 6:30 pm—9 pm Friday and 9am—4 pm Saturday

WHERE: Sessions are to begin at Hosea's Hope Host

Home at 3087 E. Lakeshore Dr., B.R. and additional sessions at St. Aloysius Parish.

WHAT: Testimonies of restored marriages, sessions of sharing, healing and prayer, 8 am Saturday and/or 4:30 pm Mass and fellowship & food including snacks Friday, breakfast & lunch Saturday.

COST: Donations for food and expenses.

REGISTER: Rick Blackstone (205-9376,)

rwblack1@cox.net or Cynthia Losavio
(270-1994) closavio27@gmail.com



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Louisiana State Penitentiary

If you have cards to donate please drop them off at the Parish Office by Monday, November 12th. Deacon Alfred Ricard will be taking the cards to the prison. We can accept Birthday & Get Well Cards, also. Religious cards are preferred!

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL—BATON ROUGE
FOLLOWING 12:00 NOON MASS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28TH