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# 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 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

*"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,

Our "Feast on the Levee" is now just one week away so please double up on your prayers for good weather next Sunday. Pray also that all of our fairgoers, both parishioners and guests, may spend an enjoyable day together and travel safely between home and church. Thank you in advance for all that you do for one another and for our beloved Church.

Please note that we will follow a special Mass schedule next weekend, October 27-28, for the "Feast on the Levee." The 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass and 7:30 a.m. Mass are unchanged, but we substitute a **special 10:00 a.m. Mass** in place of the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. and the food booths are scheduled to begin serving at 11:00 a.m., following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Our 5 K Race, 1 mile Fun Run/Walk, and Family Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are available in the back of church.

Bishop Duca recently wrote to all registered Catholics regarding this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal. The BAA is similar to a parish fair in that it provides the means for Bishop Duca and our Diocese to fund special projects or programs. Those programs include Catholic Charities and its valuable service to the poor and vulnerable, Catholic Life Television and its ministry of evangelization, and the Youth and Young Adult Office and its important ministry throughout the Diocese. Please join me in supporting this year's BAA.

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the success of this year's "Cards Etc. Party" which was held the Monday before last. Special thanks to Larry Durbin and Terry Guidry for co-chairing the event and for all who worked alongside them to guarantee its success. We had another great turnout in support of our parish and Church, and it looks like we made a little over \$5,000 on the day!

Thursday, November 1, is the **Solemnity of All Saints** and a holy day of obligation. Our Masses on All Saints Day will be at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. This year's **Blessing of the Graves** will take place on the following Saturday, November 3, at 11:00 a.m. in our Parish Cemetery. All are invited to attend.

I am sad to announce that our custodian and maintenance director, Wayne Delapasse, will be retiring at the end of this year. Wayne has done a fantastic job this past year in cleaning and maintaining our parish facilities. He is going to be very difficult to replace but nonetheless we must begin the search for a new custodian/maintenance director to succeed him.

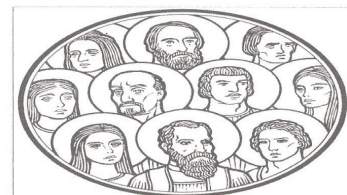
The duties include cleaning the church, office, and classrooms; vacuuming and mopping floors; emptying the trashcans; cleaning the bathrooms and restocking supplies; setting up the activity center for events and cleaning afterward; weeding the flower beds; and picking up paper on the church grounds. The ideal candidate would be someone who is reliable and physically able to handle the demands of the job.

We are somewhat flexible with the days and times, but would prefer to have someone here four or five days per week from 7:00 or 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Interested persons should pick up an employment application from the church office. The pay is negotiable depending upon experience.

In Christ,  
Father Matt



**NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION**  
**CLASSES**  
**ON MONDAY, OCT. 29TH**  
**TUESDAY, OCT. 30TH**  
**OR WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31ST**  
**DUE TO FEAST ON THE**  
**LEVEE AND HALLOWEEN.**  
**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**THURSDAY NOV. 1ST FOR**  
**ALL SAINTS DAY!**





**SEE YOU AT THE FEAST**

**Sunday, October 28, 2018**

**Mass Times: 7:30am & 10:00 am**

**Breakfast served: 8:00 am**

**Food Booths Open: 11:00 am**

**VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!!!**

- ⇒ **Put up small signs on October 21st.**
- ⇒ **Pick up food from Podnuh's BBQ morning of the Feast (10:00 am)**
- ⇒ **Help in Food Booths**  
**Call us at 749-2189 if you can help!**
- ⇒ **We will begin setting up for the Feast on Thursday, October 25 (All day) and taking down on Monday, October 26 (All day)—Everyone is invited to come out and help!**

*BE SURE TO JOIN US ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27 FOR THE 5K RACE/FUN RUN/BIKE RIDE. Registration Forms are available in Church and at the Parish Office!*

*T-SHIRTS ARE BEING SOLD THIS WEEKEND AFTER MASSES & AT THE FEAST!*

*Organizations*

**BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Thanks to Sandra & Gerald Fitzgerald for chairing the committee during the month of October. Chaircouple for November will be Beverly & Harold Babin(749-2027). Please give them a call with any concerns.

**ALTAR SOCIETY**

Thanks to Jocelyn Gauthreaux, Faye Hebert, Mary Ann David, Betty Landry, Pat Blanchard & Betty Kane for cleaning the church during the month of October. Cleaning for November will be Jackie Morain (337) 945-4773. Please give her a call if you wish to lend a hand!



**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

October 14, 2018

REGULAR:

179 Identified- - - - - \$7,209.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 529.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$7,738.00

**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 Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, [framerick@gmail.com](mailto:framerick@gmail.com), or visit, [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).



**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to:**

*The families of Linda Olinde, Ricky Prejean, Diana Bouvier, Sam Saia, and Cecile Purnell upon their recent deaths. Please keep them in your prayers.*

**PRO-LIFE**

THINKING ABOUT ADOPTING? Catholic Charities has been serving all faiths since 1964 with domestic and international adoption, crisis pregnancy, and post adoption services. The only Catholic agency providing adoption services in this Diocese. Go to [www.adoptbatonrouge.com](http://www.adoptbatonrouge.com) or call 225.336.8708 for more information.

**BAPTISM**



**BAPISMAL SEMINAR**

**Wednesday, November 14, 2018**

**6:00 pm—Classroom #5**

**Christian Formation Building**

**This class is mandatory for parents if you are wanting to baptize your child. Call the Office for registration forms.**

**Readings for the Week of October 28, 2018**

- Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/  
Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
- Monday: Eph 4:32--5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf.  
Eph 5:1]/Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32/Ps 128:1-2,  
3, 4-5 [1a]/Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-  
14/Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
[cf 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
- Friday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
[1 or 4b]/Rom 5:5-11 or  
Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
- Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1,  
7-11
- Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/  
Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018**

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"What do you wish me to do for you?" Jesus asks a similar question in different Gospel passages, but the request of James and John is not repeated on any other occasion.

"Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." They ask not for knowledge of God, not for crooked limbs to be straightened nor for the blind to see. They ask for power and authority. Jesus' response should trouble them. "You do not know what you are asking."

"Can you drink the cup that I drink?" Jesus asks.

"They said to him, 'We can.'" But what is Christ's cup? Could James and John have possibly known it or understood it here at the height of Jesus' ministry? Jesus' cup is the cup of trial, of difficulty, of public ridicule. His final, thirsting sip occurs as he hangs on the cross. In Christ's kingdom, drinking his cup and participating in his life are not the sharing of power the way we are accustomed. Jesus flips their paradigm. "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all."

The cup of Jesus is the cup of giving oneself. "The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." As Christians, how easy it can be to want the acclaim of good deeds, the gratitude for volunteering, the attention for donating to the church. "It shall not be so among you." If you are overlooked, offer thanks to God for imitating Jesus, rather than bitter complaint at someone else's oversight. Look for opportunities to do good needs unnoticed. This week, consider one way you can drink the cup of Jesus!