



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
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin Parish Secretary
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Karen Lemoine Christian Formation
Celeste Veillon Music Director
Larry Durbin Maintenance Supervisor
Richard Rabalais Maintenance

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

"Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." - Mk 10:48c-49, 51

Dear Parishioners,

On Wednesday of this week, October 28, at 6:30 p.m., we have an important meeting for the *parents* of all second graders preparing for their First Reconciliation. The second grade year is highly important since this is the year when our children first experience God's forgiveness in the sacrament of confession, to be followed by their First Communion later in the spring. So parents please make a note of the meeting and place it on your refrigerator, computer, smart phone, and bathroom mirror. First Reconciliation will take place on Wednesday, January 27, 2016, and First Eucharist on Sunday, April 10, 2016.

This year's *Blessing of the Graves* will take place next Saturday, October 31, at 12:00 noon in our parish cemetery, and all are invited to attend. A "Book of Remembrance" will also be placed in church that same weekend and remain throughout the entire month of November. The book and accompanying candle serve as a visible reminder to offer prayers for our beloved dead and for all who have gone before us in faith. Feel free to once again write in the names of any of your deceased relatives and friends so that they may be included in our prayers.

November 1-7 is National Vocation Awareness Week for Catholics in the United States. Pope Francis wrote that *"Responding to God's call means allowing Him to help us leave ourselves and our false security behind, and to strike out on the path which leads to Jesus Christ, the origin and destiny of our life and our happiness."* Please offer prayers that our parish may produce vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, and thanks to all who have signed up to take the "Traveling Chalice" for a week.

Next Sunday, November 1, is also the day when Daylight Saving Time ends and we return to Standard Time. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed next Saturday night so you can enjoy an extra hour of sleep. The L.S.U. football team has a bye week and doesn't play next Saturday so there is no reason to stay up late unless you are attending a Halloween party. In that case, please exercise good taste and avoid the temptation to dress up like Donald Trump, Caitlyn Jenner, or Cecil the Lion.

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 \$6,000 on the day!

The New Orleans Saints play the Indianapolis Colts at 12:00 noon this Sunday while we are enjoying the "Feast on the Levee." Hopefully they can follow their outstanding victory over the Atlanta Falcons with another win and continue to work to salvage this season. Enjoy the festivities and thank you for all you do!

In Christ,
Father Matt

FIRST RECONCILIATION
MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28TH
6:30 P.M.
IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER



FOR ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS WHOSE
CHILDREN ARE PREPARING TO RECEIVE
THIS SACRAMENT FOR THE FIRST TIME.
THIS IS FOR ALL STUDENTS WHO ATTEND
PUBLIC AND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT JUNE OR
KAREN AT 749-3387 OR june@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com
or Karen@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com



BLESSING OF THE CEMETERY
12:00 Noon

Saturday, October 31st
Remembrance Book will be placed in
Church next weekend. Enter the names
of your deceased loved ones to be re-
membered throughout the year.



Saturday, October 31st

Trick or Treating will be done in Brusly from
5:30—7:30 pm. Please drive carefully and watch out
for our little ghosts and goblins!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, November 1

- ◇ Monthly Communion Service for KC Members & their families at 7:30 am Mass.
- ◇ Coffee & Donuts will be served in the Activity Center after 7:30 am Mass.

Wednesday, November 18—Meeting—Activity Center.
Officers' Mtg (6pm); Regular Meeting (7:15pm)

Saturday, November 21—Pro-Life Rosary in Church (4pm)

SEPTEMBER KC CALENDAR WINNERS

Katherine Andre, Toni Willeford, Leonard Gauthreaux, Jason Leonard, Kathy D'albor, David White, Eric Pretzelt, Logi Guillot, Benson Templet, Roger Dyer, Michael Langlois, Stephen Carvajal, Vickey Vicknair Sanchez, Lance Ardoin, Derek Hood, Michael Fenton, Jacob Barbier, Diane Zimmer, Jory Comeaux, Juliana Disefano, Tommy Landry, Barry Hebert, Anne Blanchard, Jenny Paine, Cathy Jenkins, Daisy Driscoll, John Blanchard, Michael Vince, Bobby Jean Cart, Kennedy Landry

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

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

Altar Society

Thanks to Jocelyn Gauthreaux & her group for cleaning the church during the month of October. Cleaning for November will be Mary Anita Tullier (749-3459). Please call her if you can lend a hand.

Congratulations

MARRIED

Matthew Wayne Lopez & Jessica Lauren Duggan

BAPTIZED

Eli Troy Creel, son of Eric & Andre' Creel
Van Michael Fenton, son of Michael & Antoinette Fenton
Zachary Wayne Landry, son of Steven & Chameka Landry



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to David & Karla Ducote & family upon the death of their son, Joseph and to the family of Melanie Rodriguez upon her recent death. Please keep them in your prayers.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

October 18, 2015

189 Identified- - - - - \$9,778.83

Loose Collection- - - - - 635.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$10,413.83

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY—\$1,177.00

Pray for Vocations **Is God calling YOU?**

A VOCATION VIEW

The blind beggar Bartimaeus would not listen to the many people scolding him to be quiet, but shouted all the louder in prayer, "Son of David, have pity on me!" Only then did Jesus call him over and answered his need. Bartimaeus becomes a powerful example of how persistent we must be in prayer when we are asking God to show us His Will for lives. And then, ask Him for the grace to accept it. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a Church vocation, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org.

CRISTO REY BATON ROUGE HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, October 28th (5—7 pm)

4000 St. Gerard Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70805

Cristo Rey B.R. High School is a new, private, Catholic High School opening next school year. This is a unique model combining college-prep education with a corporate work-study program and is part of a larger network of 30 schools through the Cristo Rey Network. Their mission is to serve low-income families of the Baton Rouge area by providing education for those students who may not have that option for high school. If you want more information please call 225-615-7479.



CARDS, ETC.

Wonderful Day—Huge Success

\$6,272.13 Profit

Thanks to everyone who came out to join us for our Annual Cards, Etc. Party! Thanks to all who cooked, worked the tables, helped in the kitchen, and served food and drinks. A big THANKS to businesses and individuals who gave Door Prizes and the Zippers who provided the meal! Great day of fun and fellowship!!!



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
BE SURE TO SET CLOCKS
BACK 1 HOUR BEFORE
GOING TO SLEEP NEXT
SATURDAY NIGHT!**

Readings for the Week of October 25, 2015

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

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16

Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/
Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2014-2015

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"And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more." The blind Bartimaeus was a courageous fellow. Not only was he bold enough to call out to Jesus who was passing by, but he also had the guts to keep on calling, even when people were telling him to be quiet. Clearly, this man knew that he needed Jesus--and he wasn't about to let popular opinion convince him otherwise.

What were those people thinking who tried to silence the poor beggar? Perhaps they thought that Jesus was too busy for a stop along the way. Maybe they bought into the prevalent idea that Bartimaeus' blindness was a punishment for sin and that he was therefore a lost cause. Or it could be that they were just annoyed by his persistence. Whatever the case, these folks tried to pressure Bartimaeus into giving up. But he didn't. And the reward for his steadfastness was priceless: "Immediately he received his sight." Immediately, that is, after he encountered Christ. But let's not forget that he had to invest all that time and energy earlier in order to arrive at that precious encounter. And we may have to do the same. Our persistence in prayer is often a necessary first step to the gift of God's intervention in our lives.

We, like Bartimaeus, may have to call out time and time again, making our requests known to Jesus even when it may seem he isn't looking our way. We too may need to be faithful in the face of doubters and detractors who tell us that our prayers are pointless, that God doesn't really care, or that we deserve to be stuck in our own misery. Let us seek to be like this man who heard Jesus say, "Your faith has saved you."