



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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## Parish Staff

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*  
Larry Durbin, *Maintenance Supervisor*  
Richard Rabalais, *Maintenance*  
Celeste Veillon, *Music Director*

## 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.

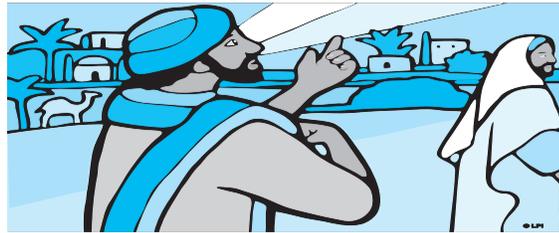
## Prayer Line

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 28, 2012



### 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sometimes we can't see the things that are right in front of us. It's not that we're blind. Instead, we are distracted. That's one reason so many states or municipalities have outlawed texting while driving. It is said that drivers that are texting are taking their eyes off the road for a minimum of five seconds. Most do it for a longer time. At highway speeds a car will travel four-hundred-forty feet, almost one-and-a-half times the length of a football field. A lot can happen in that distance, including a crash. Of course, one doesn't have to be texting while driving to run into something while distracted. Running into someone can happen almost anywhere.

It just so happened that blind Bartimaeus was in the right location to run into Jesus. Well, he didn't actually "run" into him. Bartimaeus was sitting on the side of the road and the crowds passed him by, and when he heard what all the hubbub was about, Bartimaeus called out to Jesus asking to be healed. The noise of the crowd provoked Bartimaeus, and in turn, the cries of Bartimaeus broke through the noise to catch the attention of Jesus.

Sometimes things happen in our own lives that break through the distractions that may surround us every day. Illness is one of those times that changes how we interact with the world. Our routine is broken. We're no longer on cruise control. We have to reassess where we're at. One of the things that we can do when we're sick is ask to celebrate the sacrament of anointing of the sick. This prayer for healing can bring family and friends together to ask for comfort and hope in a time of trial and distress. The sacrament doesn't guarantee full health. But it is our Catholic prayer, asking God to restore us to the community of faith and to make us whole again so that we can serve others.

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"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,

Thursday, November 1, is the *Feast of All Saints*, a holy day of obligation and a day of special importance to the Catholics of south Louisiana. We typically visit the graves of relatives and friends, and attend Mass in order to celebrate the communion which exists between the living and those who have gone before us in faith and are now united with Christ in heaven.

Sanctity is something which we should all strive for without becoming too preoccupied with our successes and failures. We are called to imitate the goodness of the Saints according to our own unique gifts and ever mindful of the assistance granted by the Holy Spirit. In speaking of the saints St. Augustine wrote "If they, why not I? If these men and women could become saints, why cannot I with the help of Him who is all-powerful?"

St. Therese of Lisieux expressed her journey to holiness this way, "After seven years in the religious life, I still am weak and imperfect. I always feel, however, the same bold confidence of becoming a great saint because I don't count on my merits since I have none, but I trust in Him who is Virtue and Holiness." Knowledge of one's weakness should not negate trust and confidence in God's Spirit constantly at work in us.

Our Masses for the Feast of All Saints will be at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Thursday. The *Blessing of the Cemetery* will take place on Saturday, November 3, at 9:00 a.m. We will gather by the outdoor crucifix near the cemetery entrance for our prayers and then you are free to walk and stand by your relative's graves while I come around with the holy water. *The Blessing* will be preceded by our regular 8:00 a.m. first Saturday Mass.

A Benedictine priest from St. Joseph Abbey will be here next weekend, November 3-4, to speak at all of our Masses and make an appeal on behalf of the monastery and seminary. Please welcome him and offer your support of this important appeal. And remember that we return to Standard Time next weekend so we get an extra hour of sleep after watching the L.S.U.-Alabama game I pray that it will be an extra hour of celebration rather than mourning.

Next Sunday, November 4, also marks the end of the *40 Days for Life* campaign, so this is our final week to offer prayers and sacrifice for an end to abortion. A legal or legislative solution still seems a long way off so our prayers for the conversion of hearts and minds remain very

important. You might also mark your calendars for this year's Louisiana Life March to be held on Saturday, January 12, 2013. The gathering begins at 12:00 noon on North Boulevard behind the Old State Capitol, with the actual march starting at 1:00 p.m. and proceeding down 4th Street to the steps of the State Capitol for a program of prayers and speakers. Catholics are usually very well represented among the participants.

Many thanks to Gale Thibodeaux and all of the volunteers, parishioners, and friends who participated in last Monday's *Cards, Etc. Party*. Everyone had a lot of fun and our parish received an amazing \$6,177.50 from this year's event!

In Christ,  
Father Matt

Louisiana Youth Pilgrimage to the  
**March for Life**  
From Womb to Tomb - We Stand for Life

**Have you ever wanted to make a difference?**

Come with SJB Youth Ministry on this life-changing journey that will take you from Louisiana to the White House, from the Holocaust Museum to the steps of the Supreme Court, where we will join hundreds of thousands from across America who have come to take a stand for life!

**When: January 21-26, 2013**

**Who: 10th - 12th grade students**

**\$100 Deposit Due by Oct 25th. Contact the Christian Formation Office for More Info!**

[www.youthmarchforlife.com](http://www.youthmarchforlife.com)

## High School Youth Night

Sunday, November 11, 2012

5:00pm-8:00pm

SJB Activity Center



**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!

# ALL SAINTS DAY

Thursday, November 1, 2012  
MASS SCHEDULE  
8:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Parish Office will be closed for  
All Saints Day

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES  
Saturday, November 3 at 9:00 a.m.

## Honor Our Veterans



### MASS HONORING VETERANS

The 4:30 pm Mass at St. John the Baptist, on Saturday, November 10th will honor veterans. Veterans and their families, those who are presently serving in the military, either actively or in reserve units, are encouraged to join us for the liturgy. Parishioners are encouraged to attend this special Mass to show support for those who have served in the military and those who are presently serving.

### VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM

The Town of Brusly is hosting its annual Veteran's Day Program and Reception on Sunday, November 11th at noon, at Brusly Town Hall. Veterans are encouraged to attend. The public is invited to join us and participate in this tribute to our veterans.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Thurs., November 1

(8:00 am) Louis Mouch, Jr., Sidney Ramagos, Jr., Guillot & Ramagos Flys.; Bossier & Falcon Flys.; Dec. Members of the Pete & Rosemary Bernard Fly.; Claude Haydel, Jr.; Dolores Bergeron; Norma Stein

(6:30 pm) Parishioners of St John the Baptist

#### Fri., November 2

(8:00 am) Aline Songy, Sissy Parsons; Michael Blanchard

**ALL OTHER MASSES FOR OCTOBER WILL  
BE INSERTED IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN**

### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

October 21, 2012

#### REGULAR:

202 Identified- - - - - \$5,944.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 635.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$6,579.00

World Mission Sunday- - - - - \$ 658.00

### BUILDING FUND COLLECTIONS

July—\$19,995.79

August—\$18,507.54

September—\$25,015.00

Total—\$63,518.33

### 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 our 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 Father Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, [mdupre@diobr.org](mailto:mdupre@diobr.org), or visit, [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).



**NATIONAL PRIESTHOOD DAY**  
We thank you Father Matt and we thank  
God for your presence in our lives!!!

## Organizations

### BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Sandra & Gerald Fitzgerald for chairing the committee during the month of October. Chairing for September are Beverly & Harold Babin. Please call them with any concerns.

### ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Cindi Breaux, Pat Blanchard, Mary Ann David & Fay Hebert for cleaning the church during the month of October. Cleaning for November will be done by Mary Anita Tullier (749-3459). Please give her a call if you would like to help.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### Sunday, November 4

- ◇ Monthly Communion Service for K.C. Members and their families—7:30 am Mass.
- ◇ Coffee & Donuts will be served following 7:30 am Mass.
- ◇ September Calendar Winners: Harry Boudreaux, Nolan V. LeBlanc, Sr., Judy Dupuy, Richard Dodson, Carl Leger, Clifton Dufour, Eve Benoit, Donald Braud, Norwood Blanchard, , Marlene Benedetto, Norma Deslatte, Keith & Kim Sanchez, Grant Gautreaux, Gordon & Brody Soniat, Jerry Dellucci, Richard Dodson, Donald David, Sandra Broussard, Valerie Landry, Margaret & Adam Martinez, Tony Hebert, Pat Grace, Jennifer Clement, Devon Dupont, Peggy Parsons, Ethel Gaudet, Insurance Unlimited Agency, K.C. Council #5352



### **MEMORIAL BOOK**

The Memorial Book for 2012—2013 has been placed in the gathering area in the entrance of church. Please enter the names of your deceased loved ones that you wish to have remembered. Those intentions will be remembered at all

Masses during the month of November and the book will remain in church throughout the month.

## Lectors

Lectors' Workbooks for Cycle C are in. We will begin using these readings the first week of Advent. Please pick up your copy in the annex room where liturgical ministers sign in.



**SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR  
UPON RETIRING  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd  
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS!**

### **Readings for the Week of October 28, 2012**

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52  
Monday: Eph 4:32---5:8/Lk 13:10-17  
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32/  
Lk 13:18-21  
Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Lk 13:22-30  
Thursday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a  
Friday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/  
Jn 6:37-40  
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Lk 14:1, 7-11  
Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34



### **CONGRATULATIONS**

*To Donald Williams & Amanda Boudet who were married here last week. Best wishes in your new life together!*

### **BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

The Bishop's Annual Appeal helps us to realize that God calls us all to be brothers and sisters that belong to one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. We are people of many backgrounds, and many neighborhoods across our Diocese. Yet, we are one.

To the 77 families from St. John the Baptist Parish who contributed to the Bishop's Annual Appeal last year, thank you for your generous support. As all of you consider supporting this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, please remember that so many vital programs and projects throughout our Diocese simply are not possible without your generosity and support.

Thank you for supporting The Bishop's Annual Appeal.