



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 7, 2012



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

About one-third of marriages end in divorce in the United States. The reasons for such an outcome are as varied as the individuals involved. Few of those who do divorce experience the high-profile questioning and scrutiny that public figures like celebrities or politicians do when they go through a divorce. Recent events in the past few months show that the private lives of public figures are never really private.

The Gospel this weekend tackles the closest of human relationships: the marriage of a man and a woman. In Mark's story, Jesus quotes the Book of Genesis, pushing together verses from the first and second chapters. In the first chapter of Genesis, humankind is created male and female in the divine image. In the second story of creation in chapter 2, the creation of woman is described as coming out of man, which is why the man now clings to his wife and the two become one.

In reflecting this biblical understanding of marriage, the church expects that a sacramental marriage between a man and a woman is permanent, a sign of the union between Christ and his people. At the same time, for a variety of reasons, the church recognizes that not every marriage may be a full and complete sacramental union. Sometimes the love that was professed on the wedding day was not a full and freely given consent to be joined together as one. That is why after a divorce, one or the other party may seek an annulment through the church, recognizing that the first union was not the full and complete sign of unity that is an example of Christ's complete love for us. If you, or someone you know, are divorced, please be a part of Sunday worship with the community of faith. If you've not yet spoken with a priest about your situation call the parish office to make a confidential appointment. As the Gospel suggests, Christ wants to embrace all his children.

"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."

- Mk 10:7-9

Dear Parishioners,

This coming week of October 8-12 is the week during which all of the priests of the Diocese of Baton Rouge make their annual priests' retreat. Most of the priests will be at Manresa Retreat House but I am taking the opportunity to join a few other priests in a private retreat at St. Augustine Retreat House in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. So please pray for us as we promise to do the same for all of you throughout the Diocese.

A life of faith does not make much sense without a commitment to prayer and this is especially true for priests. The danger for priests is that we become too focused on administration and the fulfillment of duties, and lose sight of our relationship with the Lord. One can only "fake it" for so long before one's vocation becomes meaningless and one begins to look for meaning and happiness elsewhere.

Pope Benedict XVI made a similar point in his recent address to the Bishops of Western France. He said, "Solving the pastoral problems that present themselves in your dioceses must never limit itself to organizational questions, however important these may be. This approach risks placing an emphasis on seeking efficiency through a sort of 'bureaucratization of pastoral care' focused on structures, organizations and programs, ones which can become 'self-reverential,' at the exclusive use of the members of those structures. These would have scarce impact on the life of Christians who are distanced from regular practice of the faith. Instead, evangelization requires starting from the encounter with the Lord, within a dialogue rooted in prayer, which then concentrates on the witness of giving itself toward the end of helping the people of our time to recognize and discover anew the signs of the presence of God."

Every homily is intended to illustrate God's activity in the world so that we are nourished by God's presence. A priest who steals time from prayer in order to carry out other important activities is in danger of losing contact with God's loving presence, and so having nothing much to say in his homilies. Hopefully we priests have enough sense to recognize the symptoms

when they occur and so rededicate ourselves to quality time with the Lord in prayer.

Most parishes either cancel their daily Masses or replace them with Communion Services during the week of the priests' retreat. We are somewhat unique in that we have Father Charles, chaplain at the Baton Rouge General, in temporary residence in our rectory. He has kindly agreed to celebrate Mass in my absence whenever he is able, and plans to celebrate all of the daily 8:00 a.m. Masses this coming week. Funerals will be handled on a case by case basis, but the Bishop has asked that we not interrupt our retreat if at all possible.

The first *Adult Evening of Faith* is this Thursday, October 11, from 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. Our guest speakers are Jason Romero and Katie Austin, and I hope that many of you will be able to attend and benefit from their presentation. See you next weekend.

In Christ,
Father Matt



Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church Presents:

EVENINGS OF FAITH

Rediscovering Your Catholic Faith

Presenters: Source & Summit Ministry

(Jason Romero & Katie Austin)

October 11, 2012

6:00-8:00pm, Activity Center

Belief Under Assault: Rescuing Faith & Reason
from Monstrous Mentalities

Presenter: Dr. Chris Baglow

December 20, 2012

6:00-7:30pm, Activity Center

Wine and Cheese Reception
Adults Only

(Baby-sitting available upon request)

Feast on the Levee 2012

October 28, 2012

CALLING ALL COOKS

Some of our veteran cooks have retired and won't be with us this year. Please grab your family & friends and come out and cook! Call David & Melissa at 687-3776.

We need your help!

SILENT AUCTION/PARADE OF PRIZES

Please call Mary Kay Alford at 749-6014 or 362-8790 or email mkalford2@cox.net to donate prizes or work the Auction or Parade of Prizes. You can start bringing donations in now to the Parish Office.

FUN RUN—8:00 am

5K RUN—8:45 am

REGISTRATION: 7:30 am

Call Mike & Jamie Chustz at 749-1978.

CAKE BAKE-OFF

Bring cakes by 10:00 am

Judging at 10:30 am/Awards at 12:30 pm

Cakes auctioned after awards.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Regular Raffle & Super Raffle Tickets have been mailed out. Please return your stubs as soon as possible.

NEXT FAIR MEETING

Thursday, October 4—7:00 pm

Activity Center

Please contact 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. WE NEED YOU. Youth—A great chance to gain Service Hours.

THANK YOU!

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank the friends of Bob Celestin for their recent donation. The Sanctuary Candle is now burning in his memory.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

September 30, 2012

REGULAR:

187 Identified- - - - - \$5,974.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 628.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$6,602.00

A VOCATION VIEW

Matrimony—a beautiful vocation so misused today.
 Celibacy—a beautiful gift so misunderstood today.
 Whether we do God's work in pairs or as a single person in ministry or in a community, we do God's work because He calls us. If you feel God is calling you, call or email Father Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

**Children's Church Still Needs
 2 Catechist Aides—11:00 Masses
 Please Call 749-3387
 if you can help!**

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

For 27 years now, the Bishop's Annual Appeal has been a special way for each of us to join together as one community and provide much needed ministries and services that offer guidance, hope and inspiration to thousands of Catholic families in our diocese. This year's theme is "We Continue in the Light of Christ".

Last year, a total of 77 families from St. John the Baptist—Brusly Parish contributed a total of \$11,290.00 to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Bishop Robert W. Muench would like to thank all the families from St. John the Baptist—Brusly Parish who have so generously contributed to the Bishop's Annual Appeal last year and in the past.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal continues to provide support and funding for programs and projects throughout our Diocese that simply would not be possible if not for the generous donations of parishioners from St. John the Baptist—Brusly Parish. If at all possible, please consider supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal this year.

Readings for the Week of October 7, 2012

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16
 or 10:2-12

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30
 or 10:17-27

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2012– 2013

Donna Badon
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Fr. Matt Lorrain
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The phrase in today’s psalm, “May you see your children’s children,” is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that every day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. “May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.”

 <p><i>full and complete sacramental union</i></p>	<p><i>CONGRATULATIONS to Brady & Jaci Mouch who were married here this past week. BEST WISHES on your new life together!</i></p>
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CENACLE RETREAT HOUSE—METAIRIE, LA

“Effective Christian Living”

October 12—14, 2012

This workshop, open to men and women, is based on psychological principles, placed within a Christian context. It is designed to help us understand what blocks us from living life fully and freely, and presents concrete ways to tap into our creativity and achieve our goals. Call 1-800-699-4095 for more info or to register.

W.B.R. MUSEUM

October 14: 2—5 pm

Family Adventure Workshop

Enjoy the challenge of building and floating your own toy boat, building a working compass, making a telescope, and using hour glasses and measuring devices that ships once used. Take part in a guided tour of the exhibit Mardi Gras Shipwreck followed by 3 pm screening of the film Swiss Family Robinson. Please pre-register. Call (225) 336-2422, ext. 15. FREE!