



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
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

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - **Mk 10:3-6**

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, Catholics nationwide celebrate Respect Life Sunday with the theme "**Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent.**" Here are some thoughts offered by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:

"The essence of our dignity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished.**"

"God creates every person for eternal union with Himself and continually invites us to embrace a loving relationship with Him. Every person is **chosen.**"

"We are called to be messengers of God's love, treating one another as cherished and chosen by Him. In doing so, we help build a culture that respects all human life. Every person is **sent.**"

Catholics are called to "pray daily for an end to abortion, that all mothers and children experience the loving support of the Church community, and that all who suffer after abortion find healing and peace." We also pray for an end to assisted suicide, that patients with serious illnesses can receive compassionate care to eliminate the pain without harming the person.

St. John the Baptist Parish has adopted Sunday, October 21, as the day to pray outside of the Delta Clinic on Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge as part of the "40 Days for Life" pro-life campaign. Please call Opie Vidrine, Mary Benoit, or Julie Millard to sign-up for an hour, or just come whenever you are able.

The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters are both holding membership drives next weekend, October 13-14. Members of these two worthy organizations will be available at all of our weekend Masses to answer questions and assist anyone interesting in joining.

Our 5 K Race, 1 mile Fun Run/Walk, and Family Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, October 27th. Registration forms are available in the back of church. You can either place your form in the collection basket or mail it to the Church Office.

Please note that we will follow a special Mass schedule on October 27-28, the weekend of 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.

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.

In Christ,
Father Matt

Christian Formation Update



WE WILL NOT HAVE CLASS ON

Monday, Oct. 8th

Tuesday, Oct. 9th and

Wednesday, Oct. 10th

due to Columbus Day holiday on Monday.

*First
Reconciliation*

ALL 2ND GRADE YOUTH

AND PARENTS ARE TO

ATTEND THE MEETING

ON THURSDAY,

OCTOBER, 18TH FROM

6:30- 7:30 P.M. IN THE

ACTIVITY CENTER. THIS IS

FOR 2ND GRADERS IN

PUBLIC AND CATHOLIC

SCHOOLS.

Knights of Columbus

Tootsie Roll Drive

The Tootsie Roll Drive last weekend by the Brusly Knights of Columbus was a tremendous success. Thanks to the kind assistance of Benoit's Country Meat Block, J.W. Food Mart, and Benedetto's Market, this year's Tootsie Roll Drive raised the most we have received in the last eight years. Due to the tremendous generosity of the folks in Brusly and Addis, over \$1,640 was raised for Port City Enterprises in Port Allen. This group aids and assists the mentally challenged in our area to live and work in the community!



SEE YOU AT THE FEAST

Sunday, October 28, 2018

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

Breakfast served: 8:00 am

Food Booths Open: 10:00 am

Food Booths include: Jambalaya, Gumbo, Fried Turkey, Bar-B-Que Chicken, Pastalaya, Shrimp Fettucine, Fried Fish, Shrimp & Corn Soup, Crawfish Etouffee, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Pulled Pork, Fries, Various Casseroles and much more!

Cake Walk—Have Cakes in by 10:00 a.m.

Kid's Games/Bingo

Live Music by Penalty Box (11:30 am—3:00 pm)

LaRouge (3:30 pm—7:00 pm)

Live Auction/Parade of Prizes

Regular & Super Raffle Drawings

5K Race, 1 mile Fun Run/Walk, and Family Bike

Ride will be held on Saturday, October 27th.

(Registration Forms are available in back of church and/or Parish Office. Place forms in the Collection Basket or mail to the Church Office.)

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!!!

- ⇒ **Put up banners & signs during the 2nd week of October.**
 - ⇒ **Pick up food from Podnuh's BBQ morning of the Feast (11:00 am)**
 - ⇒ **Pick up Coke cases from Coca-Cola bottling week before the feast.**
 - ⇒ **Help in Food Booths**
- Call us at 749-2189 if you can help!**

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

September 30, 2018

174 Identified- - - - - \$7,331.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 876.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$8,207.00



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 Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We follow the Shepherd's Lead, and Serve Those in need

Like the Good Shepherd, we are granted the opportunity to serve those in need in each of our communities, seeking the lost and ministering to the hurting. A pure commitment of charitable generosity, the Bishop's Annual Appeal connects parishioners like you and those neighbors in need through your support of essential diocesan ministries. Our parish shares that commitment. A total of 69 from our family of faith, St. John the Baptist, participated in the past year's campaign and contributed a total of \$13,851.57 Please plan to take part in this year's effort, and offer your generous support once again.

In the days to come, you will receive an informational packet from Bishop Michael G. Duca concerning this year's BAA. Like all those who care, we are encouraged to follow the Shepherd's Lead, and seek those who feel separated from God's love and mercy. *"What man among you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the one until he finds it"* (Lk 15.4)?

Please follow that loving example, read through the material, and prayerfully respond with a generous contribution. If, for any reason, you do not receive our packet timely, please call the office of Stewardship, (225) 336-8790, or email stewardship@diobr.org, and we will send you detailed information right away. Read about the work of the BAA online, www.baabr.org, and join all those who support the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Readings for the Week of October 7, 2018

Sunday:	Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/ Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
Monday:	Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/ Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 [24b]/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [69]/ Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/ Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/ Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday:	Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/ Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17:27

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." This verse is part of a beautiful reflection on childlike faith. We're reminded of the innocence of children, how eager they are to experience life and how quick they are to trust. Rarely do we hear it with the story that immediately proceeds it. The Pharisees question Jesus on the lawfulness of divorce! Hardly the sort of thorny moral conversation one typically has in front of children. Yet here we are.

Jesus' response goes further back than the Mosaic law. "From the beginning, God made them male and female the two shall become one flesh what God has joined together, no human being must separate." Jesus cites a particular set of passages from Genesis 1 and 2, before the Fall in Genesis 3. Adam and Eve possessed original innocence. How eager they were to encounter one another and to explore the garden! How immediate their initial trust in God. We no longer live in Eden. As we age in our fallen world, our childlike trust is wounded and betrayed. We become hardened to the beauties of life. We're quick to find a way around difficult moments.

In brief, things become complicated as we lose our innocence. The teachings of Christ and the Church on sexuality become more challenging or more objectionable. Jesus recognizes this in today's Gospel. His invitation is not to compromise with our broken reality. It is a return to beauty, to the fullness of life as it was meant to be. We can affirm our trust in God. We can view life with gratitude. We can experience healing of our lost innocence. This is possible today -- now! -- by grace. Indeed, "the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."