



*September 2, 2018*  
*22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
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# 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

*"Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." - Mk 7:5b-6*

Dear Parishioners,

I am in Dallas, Texas this weekend attending the LSU - Miami football game, and so I thank Father Armando Reyes for celebrating our Masses while making an appeal on behalf of his Diocese of Gumaca in the Philippines. I will return on Tuesday evening and be back in the office on Wednesday. We will have a Communion Service in place of the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, September 4.

I wrote earlier this summer that Father Ryan Hallford was transferred from Holy Family Parish to St. Jude Parish in Baton Rouge, and that Father Matt Dupré was assigned to live at Holy Family Parish while offering weekend assistance at various parishes in the Diocese. I also asked you to pray for Msgr. Robert Berggreen who was experiencing some health issues.

Unfortunately, Msgr. Berggreen's health issues required his resignation as pastor of St. Mary's in New Roads in order to better focus on his recovery. He subsequently underwent back surgery and is now receiving physical therapy in order that he might return to ministry. Father Pat Broussard has been appointed administrator of St. Mary's and is moving into the parish this weekend to serve as their parish priest. Please pray for Msgr. Berggreen, Father Pat, and the parishioners of St. Mary's during this time of transition.

On a personal note, my mother has been experiencing memory loss and difficulty in sleeping at night, and was recently diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's disease. My father, sister, brother, and I made the difficult decision to place her in a small assisted-living home so that she could receive the appropriate care and my father could better rest at night. She has adjusted very well thanks in large part to her strong Catholic faith.

I know that many of you have had to face similar decisions in caring for a spouse or parent. Some of us have the ability to care for a loved one at home and others require the move to an outside facility. When one suffers all suffer since we are so deeply connected to one another by love. Please pray for the sick, their families and caregivers, and especially those who are alone with no one to care for them.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual *Ava and Jacob Saucier Memorial Scholarship Benefit Jambalaya* will take place next Sunday, September 9, from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Holy Family Parish Hall in Port Allen. The dinners are \$8 each and the proceeds are used to provide tuition scholarships to Holy Family School.

The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 3, in recognition of Labor Day and to allow our hard-working staff a day of rest. I pray you also enjoy time with family and friends this Labor Day, and I also pray for those who are unemployed and in search of meaningful work.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

**NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES**  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD,  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH OR  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH  
DUE TO LABOR DAY HOLIDAYS



**MASS FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION  
STUDENTS K-8**

**GRANDPARENTS INVITED TO  
ATTEND WITH GRANDCHILDREN!  
PLEASE BRING YOUR GRANDCHILD  
TO THE ACTIVITY CENTER SIGN  
THEM IN ON A SIGN IN SHEET  
AND THEN GO TO CHURCH**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH  
DROP OFF IN ACTIVITY CENTER  
5:15 PICK UP IN ACTIVITY CENTER  
AT 6:30. THERE WILL BE NO CLASS  
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH  
OR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH  
DUE TO MASS ON TUESDAY**

**STUDENTS WITHOUT  
GRANDPARENTS STAY IN  
ACTIVITY CENTER WITH  
CATECHISTS AND PROCEED TO  
MASS AS A CLASS.**





## TRAINING SESSION FOR ALTAR SERVERS

**Monday, September 10, 2018**  
**5:00— 6:00 pm in Church**

Several people have volunteered to be Altar Servers. If you are one of them, please attend this training session. After you have been trained, your name will be placed on the schedule for ministers.



## BAPTISMAL SEMINAR

**Wednesday, September 12, 2018**  
**6:00 pm—Classroom #5**  
It is mandatory that parents attend a seminar before baptism of your child.

*The following children were baptized here last Sunday. Congratulations to them and their families: Westin James Cavalier, son of Justin & Falllon Cavalier, Jake Israel Garcia, son of Mayolo Garcia & Vanessa Pardo; Grant Thomas Hunt, son of Cody & Kimberly Hunt; Rowan Wesley Maynard Neal, son of Derek & Sharai Neal; and Harley Marie Zalfen, daughter of Charles & Cara Zalfen.*

**WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY.**



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW  
BURNING IN MEMORY OF  
ALFRED CHUSTZ**

**Sunday, September 9, 2018 (10:30 am —1:00 pm)**  
**Holy Family Parish Hall—Port Allen, LA**  
This benefit is for the Ava & Jacob Saucier Memorial Tuition Scholarship to Holy Family School. Tickets are \$8.00 and all proceeds will go directly to the scholarship, allowing students the opportunity of a Catholic Education at Holy Family School. Come out for this loving, faith-filled community event. Raffles, Sweet Shop, Auction and face painting will be featured.



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SEPTEMBER 3rd FOR THE  
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY.**

## STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

**August 26, 2018**

REGULAR:

240 Identified- - - - - \$6,108.00  
Loose Collection- - - - - 749.00  
TOTAL- - - - - \$6,857.00



## A VOCATION VIEW

Our second scripture reading reminds us that “every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit, comes from God”. God’s gifts should prompt our responsive gratitude, which should be the basis of our daily lives. If you feel God is offering you the gift of priesthood or religious life, and you wish to respond generously, trusting in God, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit, [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).



## FEAST ON THE LEVEE

**October 28, 20118**

Our Feast Chairperson, Ms. Natalie Palermo is busy getting everything ready for the feast.. **THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO SAID YES WHEN SHE CALLED!** People who have cooked, manned booths, did raffles, etc. have said they would be back this year.

What can you do to help? We still need more food! Red Beans & Rice, Sauce Piquantes, seafood fettucine, seafood gumbo are just a few that would be good to include in our present list! Give us a call if you want to help! Regular raffle tickets have been mailed. They cost \$5 each or \$50/book. Prizes for the raffle are: 1st Place—\$1,000; 2nd Place—\$500; 3rd and 4th Place—\$250 Grocery Ticket to Benedetto’s or Hubben’s; and 5th Place—\$100. Please return them as soon as possible. Super Raffle tickets will be mailed out soon.

## CAN YOU JOIN US??



**Fair Meeting for Volunteers**  
**Thursday, September 6th**  
**6:30 pm—Activity Center**

## Readings for the Week of September 2, 2018

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/  
Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8,  
14-15, 21-23  
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101,  
102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab,  
13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/  
Lk 4:38-44  
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/  
Lk 5:1-11  
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40  
[39a]/Lk 5:33-39  
Saturday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [  
Is 1:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23  
or 1:18-23  
Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/  
Jas 1-5 Mk 7:31-37

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018**

John Begue  
Bob Bewick  
Jamie Bourg  
Chris Buckle  
Christie Chapman  
Jules Lefeaux  
Mark Loreno  
Fr. Matt Lorrain  
Mary Claire Meyer  
Jason Murphey  
Joey Normand  
Derek Scott  
Andrea Smicker



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Judgment tends to have a bad reputation. We often associate it with condemnation, and in the Gospels, we associate it with the Pharisees. Today's Gospel features the Pharisees doing exactly what we expect. "They observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands." The Jewish people had strict purification laws that applied to all areas of life. The Pharisees attempt to accuse Jesus of not following the ancestral traditions. Jesus doesn't take offense at their judgments per se. He instead points out the hypocrisy of their words. "You hypocrites? this people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

From there, Jesus turns his attention to the concerns of the heart. "The things that come from within are what defile." He lists off a number of sins, including some the Pharisees were likely struggling with, including evil thoughts, envy, and arrogance. When we examine the list, perhaps we're reminded of our own trips to the confessional! As we strive to follow Jesus and live with integrity, we must be aware of our hearts. We must judge our own actions. Are they leading us closer to God or away from Him? Are we growing in love of our neighbor, or are we becoming more closed in on ourselves?

As we move into this week, consider the state of our own heart. Perhaps you are overly scrupulous in less important areas. Perhaps there are large areas of overlooked sin that you've excused for too long. Whatever it is, the judgment of God need not cripple us. He offers us a share in His mercy as soon as we turn to Him. This week, allow your heart to be transformed!