



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
Larry Durbin..... Maintenance Supervisor
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

"Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?" Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart." - Mt 18:33-35

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, September 17, is designated as Catechetical Sunday in Catholic parishes and schools throughout the United States. The theme this year is "Living As Missionary Disciples." All of our parish catechists will be invited forward during Mass to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each of us plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

I will be in New Orleans on Monday – Thursday of this week attending the Louisiana State Priests Convention. This convention began about 25 years ago and is held every four years in New Orleans in order to provide an opportunity for continuing formation, prayer, and priestly fraternity. We sometimes invite priests from neighboring states to attend if space is available.

The theme of the convention is "Shepherding Today as Priest, Prophet and King." The large group addresses will be given by Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York, Bishop Gerald Kicanas of Tucson, and Bishop Daniel Flores of Brownsville. The breakout session topics include the effects of internet pornography, new programs for marriage preparation, pastoral care of people with same-sex attraction, and special prayers of deliverance.

On Friday I leave for my 8-day trip to London, England. I will be traveling with a small group numbering 14 parishioners and friends. We will stay in London for the whole week while taking day trips to Stratford-upon-Avon, Oxford, and Bath. Father Joel LaBauve is scheduled to celebrate the Masses here next weekend, September 23 & 24, and Father Ryan Hallford the Masses the following weekend of September 30 & October 1. We will have Communion Services in place of our 8:00 a.m. weekday Masses September 19-22 and 26-29.

Catholics are once again invited to participate in "40 Days for Life," an interdenominational pro-life campaign which runs from September 27 to November 5. The first and most important way to participate in this campaign is to devote daily time in prayer for an end

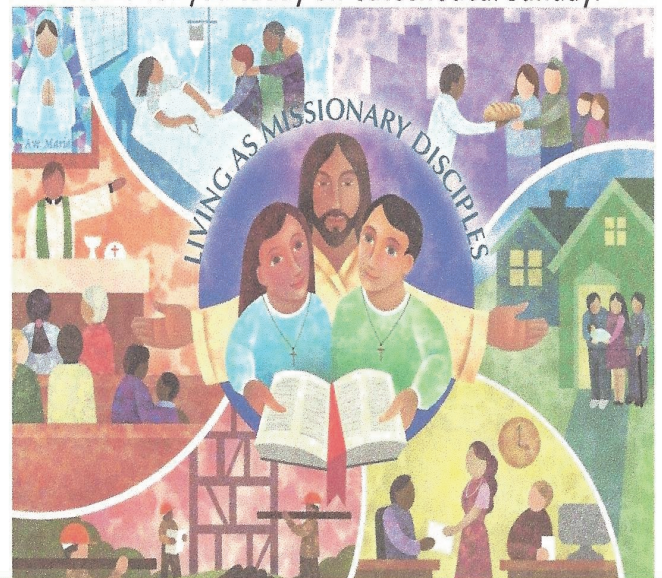
to abortion. Second, you may wish to sign-up to participate in an hour of peaceful witness outside of the Delta Clinic on Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge. St. John the Baptist Parish usually adopts a Saturday to pray outside of the clinic. Please call Mary Benoit or Julie Millard to sign-up for an hour, or just come whenever you are able.

The Diocese of Baton Rouge is also sponsoring its third annual *LifeFest* on Saturday, October 7, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Tracy Center Ballroom in Baton Rouge. Admission is free and lunch is provided. The theme is "Proclaiming the Gospel of Life as Missionary Disciples," and the keynote speaker is Dr. Brian Pedraza, assistant professor of theology at Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University. The day will conclude with the annual Bishop's Respect Life Mass celebrated at 4:00 p.m. Visit www.MFLDIOBR.org to register or for more information.

In Christ,
Father Matt



Thanks to all our Catechists who serve our parish
by witnessing to God's precious children.
We honor you today on Catechetical Sunday.



Eucharistic Ministers

There will be a special Eucharistic Ministers Training Session mandated by the Diocese of Baton Rouge on Thursday, October 12 (6:30-8:00 pm) or Sunday, October 15 (5:00—6:30 pm) in the Church. Choose either session. This training session is mandatory for all people serving in this ministry (old and new). Also, if you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, it would be good for you to attend.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS
NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF
DAVID "BUTCH" CULLEN

Knights of Columbus

MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, September 20, 2017— Activity Center
Officers' Meeting—6:00 pm
Regular Meeting—7:15 pm

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Saturday, September 23, 2017
4:00 pm In Church

AUGUST CALENDAR WINNERS

Tyler Thibodeaux, Anna Mabile, Jamie Lacombe,
Phyllis Martinez, Philip Deshotel, K.C. Council #5352,
Melanie Barnett, Brantly Mouch, Melanie Blanchard,
Anna Mabile, Calvin Lorio, Dana Kimble, Mary Beth
Stockwell, Tommy LeBlanc, Jill & J. Brian Bergeron,
Angela Michel, Carol Deshotel, Kathy Breaux,
Lisa Beatty, Audrey Gonzales, Glenda Zeringue,
Jeannie Cavalier, Ken Alford, Merlene Robinson,
Darnell Doucet, Josephine Nicholson, David Brown,
Kathlyn Ramagos, Lisa Beatty,
Van & Penny Bordelon, Paul M. Levert

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

September 3, 2017

272 Identified- - - - - \$16,752.50
Loose Collection- - - - - 838.00
TOTAL- - - - - \$17,590.50

Catholic University—\$740.00

September 10, 2017

208 Identified- - - - - \$30,952.00
Loose Collection- - - - - 752.00
TOTAL- - - - - \$31,704.00

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus continues to draw those who believe. Our world is hungry and thirsty for the Bread of Life. Will you share your faith? Consider being a sister, brother, priest or deacon and call Fr. Andrew Merrick at 25.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org.



Rest in Peace

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Joe Quattrone & family upon the death of his sister, Jamie Quattrone, to Cliff, Ricky & Tracey Bourgoyne & family upon the death of their mother, Jackie Bourgoyne, to Walter Cain & family upon the death of his sister, Pat Fournet, and to Shirley Junot upon the death of her great-grandson, Matthew "Bryce" Gomez. Please keep them in your prayers.

LIFE FEST—OCTOBER 7, 2017

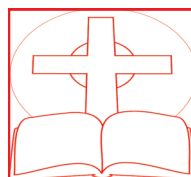
Proclaiming the Gospel of Life as Missionary Disciples
10 am—4 pm—Catholic Life Center

1800 S. Acadian Thruway, Baton Rouge, LA

The 3rd Annual Diocesan Life Fest will be held at 10am on Saturday, October 7, 2017, at the Catholic Life Center. The theme for this year is "*Proclaiming the Gospel of Life as Missionary Disciples*". The keynote presenter will be Brian Pedraza, Ph.D., assistant professor of theology at Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University. Breakout session topics will focus on accompanying those who are: facing the end of life, experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, wanting to understand human trafficking, struggling with depression & suicidal thoughts, and seeking hope & healing after an abortion. This year a Spanish track will be available. This FREE event will also offer Eucharistic Adoration, Kids Track for ages 5-11, various exhibitors and the celebration of the Annual Respect Life Mass at 4pm.

To register or for more information visit:

www.MFLDiobr.org or call 225.242.0323.



LIVING FAITH BOOKLETS
FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER &
DECEMBER ARE IN. PICK UP YOUR
COPY AT THE PARISH OFFICE.

Readings for the Week of September 17, 2017

Sunday: Sir 27:30--28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/
Rom 14:7-9/ Mt 18:21-35
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7-9/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6/
Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-10, 17-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c
Phil 1:20c -24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?" The parable Jesus tells today is the story of a king, but in truth it is about Jesus himself. He is the "king" who has forgiven our debts. We are the "servants" whose sins have earned us chastisement. But when we repent and ask for Christ's mercy, he grants it to us without hesitation.

The point of the parable, then, is that we too should extend this mercy to others. We should not be like that "wicked servant" who begged for mercy but would not show it to others. Elsewhere, Jesus teaches us to pray, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" (Mt. 6:12). We use different words, but a similar meaning when we pray the Our Father asking God to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." But are we sure that we mean what we say?

It's important to pause and evaluate how we are doing in this regard. Are we harboring any grudges? Are there people we refuse to forgive? Is there a situation where we are seeking revenge instead of extending mercy? Jesus asks us to do otherwise. He reminds us that we have already been forgiven. We are right now enjoying the benefits of his forgiveness. So we are called to bear in mind our own sins, failings, weaknesses, and "debts" when we deal with others instead of thinking that we are perfectly innocent and acting as if we've never been the beneficiary of mercy. So let us do our best to forgive as we have been forgiven. This doesn't mean approving of wrong behavior; God doesn't ask us to do that. But he does ask us to let go of bitterness and foster mercy instead.