

September 30, 2018  
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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# 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 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

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

Dear Parishioners,

This coming week of October 1-5 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 three other priests in a private retreat at the Archdiocesan Retreat House in New Orleans. So please pray for us as we promise to do the same for all of you. We will have Communion Services on Tuesday – Friday of this week while I am on retreat. Funerals will most likely be led by one of our deacons since the Bishop has asked that we not interrupt our retreat if at all possible.

"40 Days for Life," an interdenominational pro-life campaign, began last Wednesday, September 26, and continues through November 4. 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 has adopted Sunday, October 21, as the day to pray outside of the clinic. Please call Opie Vidrine, Mary Benoit, or Julie Millard to sign-up for an hour, or just come whenever you are able.

This Friday evening and Saturday morning, October 5 & 6, is the monthly all-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament led by our Catholic Daughters. The twelve hour period begins at 8:00 p.m. Friday evening and ends with 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday morning. A schedule is available in the back of church if you would like to sign-up for an hour of prayer and adoration in the presence of our Lord.

The Diocese of Baton Rouge is sponsoring its fourth annual *LifeFest* on Saturday, October 6, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the Tracy Center Ballroom in Baton Rouge. Admission is free but they ask that you pre-register by visiting their website - [www.MFLDioBR.org](http://www.MFLDioBR.org). The theme is "Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent," and the keynote speaker is Dr. Kathy Allen, director of Louisiana Black Advocates for Life.

The "Feast on the Levee" is a mere four weeks away

as evidenced by bulletin notices and the selling of raffle tickets. Yes, it's time to roll up our sleeves and give a little extra to the parish community and Church that we love so dearly. Your faithful contributions to the Sunday collection provides for all of our regular operating expenses, but the fair allows us to socialize together and also fund those special projects which add beauty to our church and grounds.

The chairperson for this year's *Feast* is Natalie Palermo so please continue your kind offers of assistance. Andrea Normand has volunteered to coordinate the Silent Auction/Parade of Prizes booth and is busy soliciting items. Please think about how you might help and please continue to help us with your raffle tickets. Also, the annual *Cards, Etc. Party* is now just one week away and set for Monday, October 8, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. The cost is \$25 and includes a spaghetti and meatballs lunch. Chairpersons for the *Card Party* are Terry Guidry and Larry Durbin.

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.

### *Rest in Peace*

**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY** are extended to David Couvillon and family upon the death of his wife, Sharon; to Lorraine Prejean Landry and family upon the death of her brother, Cory G. Fontenot; to Claudette Purnell and family upon the death of her brother, Donald Crockett; and to Blackie Landry and family upon the death of his sister, Betty Landry Lambert. Please keep them in you prayers.

# Organizations

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, October 7

- ◇ Monthly Communion Service for K.C. Members and their families at 7:30 am Mass.
- ◇ Coffee & Donuts will be served in the Activity Center after 7:30 am Mass.

## ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks for Linda Mott & Lisa Beraud for cleaning the church during the month of September. Cleaning will be done by Jocelyn Gauthreaux (6878-6333) and her group. Give her a call if you want to help.

## BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Ella Dean & Scrap Thibodeaux for chairing the committee during the month of September. Chaircouple for October will be Sandra & Gerald Fitzgerald (749-3294/921-9933). Please give them a call with any concerns. *The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank all for the donations in memory of Dan Kane!*



The following children were baptized here last weekend: Phillip Andrew Clement, son of Patti Clement; Liliana Rose Clement, daughter of Patti Clement; Russ Michael Chate-lain, son of Brett & Alyssa Chatelain; and Simon Emile Pearce, son of Mark & Andrea Pearce. Congratulations to them and their families and welcome into our faith community!



## A VOCATION VIEW

All who serve in the name of Jesus will receive a reward. Encourage someone you know who would be of service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8878, [framerrick@gmail.com](mailto:framerrick@gmail.com), or visit, [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).



## FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is in need of donations of flour, sugar, and rice. **THE FOOD PANTRY WILL ONLY OPEN ONE DAY IN OCTOBER, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10th.**

# RESPECT LIFE

**EVERY LIFE: Cherished, Chosen, Sent**  
**Saturday, October 6 (9am—Noon)**  
**Catholic Life Center Ballroom**

To jump start Respect Life Month, the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life is planning a morning of inspiration and information on Saturday, October 6th. Dr. Kathy Allen, Executive Director of LA Black Advocates for Life will be the keynote speaker who will expand on the theme, "Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent. Other speakers include Danielle Van Haute, Associate Director of Respect Life for the diocese and Rob Tasman, Executive Director of the LA Conference of Catholic Bishops. Anyone dedicated to a culture of life and the Parish Respect Life Coordinators as well as Respect Life Groups are welcome to attend!!!



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW BURNING IN HONOR OF PAST & PRESENT CDA MEMBERS.**

## **WE'RE SO EXCITED! FEAST ON THE LEVEE IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER**

**Sunday, October 28, 2018**

Get your chef's hat out, Sell those Raffle Tickets, Pick up your registration form for the 5K Run/Walk/Bike Ride. Come out and "pass a good time", enjoy the local cuisine and live music, as well as Bingo, Kid's Games and much more. Natalie is finalizing plans—If you have any suggestions or want to help, please give us a call. T-shirts will be in soon. Make plans to buy yours early before sizes run out!

## STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

**September 23, 2018**

282 Identified- - - - - \$8,051.00  
 Loose Collection- - - - - 1,165.00  
 TOTAL- - - - - \$9,216.00

## Readings for the Week of September 30, 2018

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/  
 Jas 5:1-6/ Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48  
 Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Lk 9:46-  
 Lk 9:46-50  
 Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6,  
 7-8 [3]/Mt 18:1-5, 10  
 Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13,  
 14-15 [3]/Lk 9:57-62  
 Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14  
 [13]/Lk 10:1-12  
 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-  
 10, 13-14ab [24b]/Lk 10:13-16  
 Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91,  
 125,130 [135]/Lk 10:17-24  
 Next 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

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**September 30, 2018 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

As we go about our days, we necessarily label, classify, and prioritize. What's "in" and what's "out" on our priority list? Because humans are social beings, we tend to do the same thing with people. We can only invite six people to the dinner party. Our young child wants to invite certain friends to her birthday, but we're keenly aware of who the parents are, and the prospect of spending several hours with them is enough to give us pause.

In today's Gospel, Jesus' disciples face a classification problem. They've seen another person driving out demons in the name of Jesus. They recognize him, a non-Apostle, as clearly "out." And yet "Jesus replied, 'Do not prevent him, whoever is not against us is for us.'" Jesus recognizes real faith in the would-be exorcist. In our own lives, Jesus invites us to recognize others' good intentions. They should not be cut off simply because they do not line up with all our personal preferences. What, then, is deserving of such a fate?

"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off, if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out."

When his listeners blame others, Jesus tends to pivot the conversation to their own lives. In this case, the message is clear. What we really need to cut out is that which keeps us from Jesus. If over-commitment causes us to lose patience with our family, doubt God's providence, and become consumed with self-reliance, cut something out. If certain friendships lead us time after time into gossip and slander, cut it out. In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to live intentionally in our discipleship. Are we ready?