

Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

June 24, 2018

“Behold, one is coming after me;

I am not worthy to unfasten
the sandals of his feet.”

—Acts 13:25

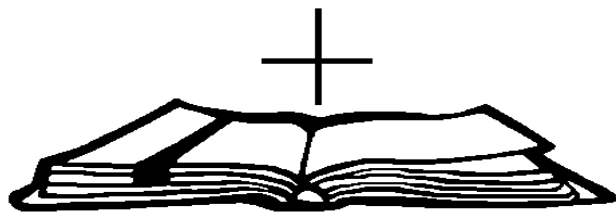


LECTOR-COMMENTATOR

June 23rd & 24th, 2018

	5:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
L.	Karen	Nancy	David	Lynette
C.	Judy	Tim	Bonnie	Rob

Mass Intentions



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Sat., June 23, 5:30 p.m. Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Nick Sita, Sidney Huval and Family, Lester Shackford, Dolores Reiser, Katelyn Marie Schiro, Louis Perschall Jr., Karge Family, Lynn Johnson (L), Jerry DePratt (L), Kara Bovia (L), Rita Hauswald (L)

Sun., June 24, 7:30 a.m. Loretta Stansbury, Carol Pieri, Nora Hauptmann, Richard W. Letsch, Margaret Mary Mule', Jon Craig (L), Alvin Satches, David Tucker (L), Gloria Fabre, Lynn Hladky, Barbara Tucker (L), Robbie and Beverly Keneken, Carol and David Tucker (L), Pam Groomer, Elvia Johnson

Sun., June 24, 9:15 a.m. Parishioners

Sun., June 24, 11:00 a.m. Frank Boroughs

Mon., June 25, 8:00 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule'

Tues., June 26, 7:00 p.m. Fr. Robert Cavalier (L)

Wed., June 27, 8:00 a.m. Isabella Marqavio

Thurs., June 28, 8:00 a.m. Doris M. Letsch

Fri., June 29, 8:00 a.m. Alex Armstrong (L)

Sat., June 30, 5:30 p.m. Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Nick Sita, Sidney Huval and Family, Lester Shackford, Dolores Reiser, Louis Perschall Jr., Karge Family, Walter Henry, Katie McCloskey Gibert (L), Kelly Duffy (L)

Sun., July 01, 7:30 a.m. Carol Pieri

Sun., July 01, 9:15 a.m. Dolores Reiser, Steve Berger

Sun., July 01, 11:00 a.m. Parishioners

PRAYER LIST

Helen Lafleur	Louise Cashmere
Tom Kelley	Judge Salvadore Mule'
Martha Huval	Emmett Guderian
Ashlie Cox	Ethel Istre
Rudy Huval	Audrey Meagher
Jess Patterson	David Tucker
Rhonda Taylor	Katie McCloskey Gibert
Andrew Long	Kelly Duffy

Weekly Collections

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Regular Collection	\$ 4,377.22
Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 175.00

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

<i>Sanctuary:</i>	Audrey Rodrigue
<i>Blessed Mother</i>	Berdine Dobbins (L)
<i>St. Joseph</i>	Alexander Bradford
<i>St. Ann</i>	Wayne Penney (L)

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call 796-3806.



Steve Berger, Husband of Sheila Berger, who entered peacefully into eternal rest. *Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.* [John 11:26]

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Please don't forget to register you children for Parish School of Religion today. Registration forms are on the Church porch and in the office. We would like to know ahead of the start of PSR how many books we need to order. **REGISTER NOW**

The Tuesday Monthly Mass will be on Tuesday, June 26th at 7:00 p.m. All Liturgical Ministers are encouraged to attend but everyone is welcome to attend Mass.

The Altar Society would like to thank everyone who donated for Father's Day flowers. Because of your support, we are able to continue to make our Church beautiful for special occasions.

Don't forget the Potluck after the 11:00 Mass this weekend. Come and celebrate the Nativity of our patron saint and wish Fr. Robert farewell. Please bring your favorite dish, ie casseroles, desserts, salads etc.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's midsummer day! We have the advantage of celebrating one of the great hidden treasures of our liturgical calendar on a Sunday this year. There are only three "nativity" feasts on our calendar: for the Lord, the Blessed Mother (September 8), and today's birth of the Baptist. Today's date is anchored by the Annunciation (March 25), when Mary learns not only of her own child's advent, but of Elizabeth's child. We are exactly half a year away from Christmas Eve. There are strong traditions around this feast. Just as the winter solstice provides a rich vocabulary for Christmas, so does the abundance of light at midsummer inform this celebration. Just as at Christmas, a religious festival spills over into culture. As summer light reaches its peak, the sun-drenched zones of northern Europe see people staying up all night, lighting "St. John's fires" in the long summer twilight. Bonfires seem to be the unifying force in all these celebrations, kindled along the shores of the St. Lawrence in Quebec and Montreal, with harbor illuminations in France. You may be most interested in the custom in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Baptist's own city. People there will leap into the sea between midnight and dawn to honor John. Why not find your way to a pool, a lake, or a sandy beach today and plunge in to recall your baptism? It's a tradition!

JOHN THE BAPTIST

Since June 24 falls on a Sunday this year, the Church has the opportunity for a more intense celebration of the birth of John the Baptist, who is often described as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the bridge between Judaism and Christianity. More commonly, John is known as the "precursor" of our Lord Jesus Christ. All the Gospels report John's basic message: Repent, the kingdom is near at hand. One greater than I is coming.

Though he was a wandering preacher who dressed in camel skins and ate grasshoppers, John's legacy is one of true royalty. His origins are similar to those foretold by God through the prophet Isaiah: "You are my servant, he said to me, Israel through whom I show my glory" (Isaiah 49:3). John's humility—"I am not he"—was surpassed only by that of his Lord Jesus, the humble servant who followed.

On July 7th at the 5:30 p.m. Mass, Fr. Vincent Phan will be installed as our new Pastor by Fr. Rodney Bourg. Please join our hospitality committee in welcoming Fr. Vincent to St. John's with a reception in Jonathan Hall

The Prayer Blanket Ministry has blankets available to parishioners to bring to loved ones who are ill. Blankets are available in two sizes, babies and adults. Completed blankets are blessed, and packaged with a prayer card. This is usually done at the meetings. Blankets are free, but any donations received will be used to purchase material and supplies. For more information, call Kathy Mauthe at 985-796-9245.

HOLY HOUR OF PRAISE AND ADORATION:

Friday, July 6th, 7-8:30 p.m., at St Benedict Catholic Church, 20370 Smith Rd, Covington, LA 70435. Come as you are and bring family and friends! Encounter Our Lord in His Word and Presence through song and silence. Open up your hearts in expectation... there is more He wants to give you through an outpouring of the Holy Spirit! Amy Holtkamp and Joe Bertucci will minister songs of praise and adoration in the Church. Babysitting is provided in the Catechetical Center, but feel free to bring the children into the church! The Father delights in His Children! We look forward to praising God with you!

St. Peter's of Covington will host the St. Joseph the Worker Gospel Choir for an evening of prayer and praise in song, on Friday evening, June 29th at 7 p.m. in St. Peter's Church, 125 E. 19th Avenue, Covington. A reception will follow in St. Mary's Hall. Admission is free, though a free will offering will be accepted. Please see the flyer on the bulletin or call the St. Peter Parish Office for more information at 985-892-2422.

The office will be closed for the Fourth of July. We will reopen on July 5th.

ST. DOMINIC'S MEN'S EMMAUS RETREAT

Sponsored by, St. Dominic Catholic Church in New Orleans, LA. Open to All Men. Put aside the "hustle and bustle" of daily life and attend the men's Emmaus retreat the weekend of July 20-22. The retreat is held at Rosaryville Spirit Life Center and retreat house in beautiful, peaceful Ponchatoula, Louisiana. The retreat is based on the scripture passage "The appearance on the road to Emmaus" (Luke 24: 13-35) and is an uplifting experience that has a profound effect on men's lives. The retreat begins at 5:00 PM Friday and ends after the 5:30 p.m. mass on Sunday. Round trip transportation is provided from St. Dominic Church. Please don't ignore this opportunity but pray on it instead. Something special definitely awaits you at Rosaryville! Please contact the following men for additional information: Norman Madere @ (504) 481-0411 or David Drude @ 985-974-0657 or Johnny Fisk @ (504) 427-6601.

ADORATION IS EVERY WEDNESDAY, 8:30 - 9:30 A.M.

CHOIR PRACTICE, EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND THURSDAY OF MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. IN ODILO HALL

FIRST SATURDAY MASS AT 8:00 A.M. EVERY MONTH

CATCH FIRE YOUTH GROUP MEETS THE FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 6 - 7:30 P.M. IN ODILO HALL.

ACTS ADULT BIBLE STUDY, MONDAY, 7:30 P.M. IN LIBRARY

MEN'S GROUP, "DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE" THURS. 7:30 P.M. IN LIBRARY

ADULT BIBLE STUDY, CORINTHIANS EVERY THURSDAY OR FRIDAY AT 9:00 A.M.

We welcome all newcomers to St. John the Baptist Church and invite you to register as members of our parish family. Please complete a "Parishioner Registration Form" located in back of church and drop it in the collection basket. If you have any questions please call the office.