

*John heralded
Jesus' coming
by proclaiming
a baptism
of repentance*



June 24, 2018 • The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Teachers and coaches know how to modify their tactics to reach various learners. God does the same with us, perfectly assessing the precise intervention we need in particular situations. God sent Jesus into the world at the ripest moment in human history. Although plenty of prophets, for centuries, had foretold the coming of the Messiah, the profound honor of meeting Christ himself fell to John the Baptist. The Gospel of Matthew tells us what this blessed prophet was like: "John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey." Out of an infinite variety of people throughout all of human history, God chose John the Baptist, in his wildness, to make us ready to meet the Son of God.

LEAST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Few, if any, of us would be likely to choose John the Baptist as the one to prepare the world to meet its savior. Most of us would feel awkward around John, given his food and clothing choices, and his constant reminders to repent of our sins. John's own father, Zechariah, doubted God's providence

when he learned his wife Elizabeth would give birth to John. As a punishment, the angel Gabriel removed Zechariah's ability to speak. Luke's Gospel reading today recounts the moment when Zechariah acknowledges God's plan for his son. He supports Elizabeth—who had trusted in God's providence all along—and regains his voice. Zechariah rejoices in God's wisdom, praising God to all their neighbors.

John's story reminds us how our instincts often run counter to God's wisdom. Though we avoid awkward and difficult people, God chooses a locust-eating man to show us the way to Jesus. The lesson of John the Baptist is never to underestimate the power and wisdom of God. This inspires hope! We, like John, are "fearfully, wonderfully made" (Psalm 139). God has beautiful plans for each of us.

Today's Readings: Is 49:1–6; Ps 139:1–3, 13–14, 14–15; Acts 13:22–26; Lk 1:57–66, 80

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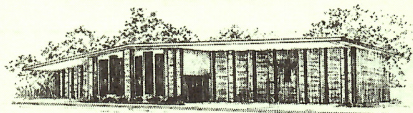
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Mass Schedule

Weekdays 6:20 a.m.

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00 a.m. (GH) and 11:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturdays: 3:30 p.m. and By appointment

Request for Baptism

Applications should be filled out after the

11:00 a.m. Mass or in Office

Baptism will be the 4th Sunday of the month

Weddings

Notify office at least six months (6) in advance

Holy Family School

Mr. Rogers Griffin, Principal

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St. Paul the Apostle Church/Good Hope Chapel

Mission Statement

We, the members of St. Paul/Good Hope Church are grateful and proud of who God made us to be---His children, African-American Catholics, followers of our Lord and Brother Jesus Christ.

We will walk together with faith in Our Lord's footsteps, joining hands with all our sisters and brothers, speaking and acting for peace and justice.

We will teach, witness, and give service to others, with a special concern for the poor as good stewards of God's generous gifts to us.

As we worship, so shall we live giving praise and thanks to God and seeking to build up his Kingdom in our families, our church and in our community.

St. Paul /Good Hope History

Our Church was founded in 1911 by a Black people wanting to worship in dignity and style. The Chapel of Good Hope was established in 1950 as an annex to St. Paul's. The Lord enabled the church to flourish under the ministry of the Holy Ghost Fathers and continues through the shepherding of the Divine Word Missionaries. Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lafayette was founded in 1934 from St. Paul Church.

Family Registration

We are asking each person/family who attends mass here at St. Paul/Good Hope and would like here to be your home parish to please fill out a registration form. .
Everyone needs to register!!!!!!

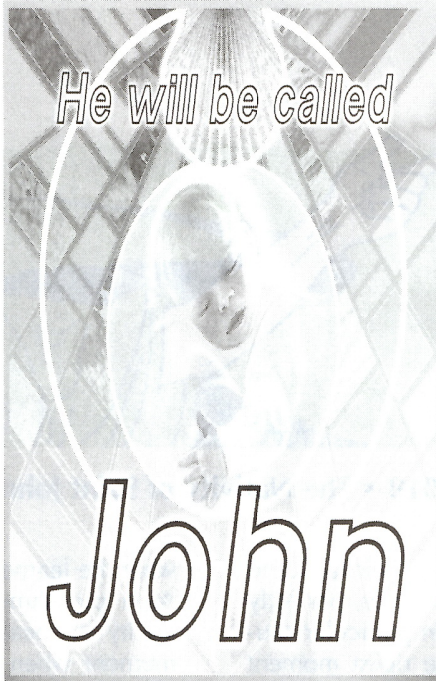
Offertory--June 16-17, 2018

Budget	\$3,500.00
Actual	\$2510.40
Difference	-\$989.60

Year-To-Date

Budget	\$175,000.00
Actual	\$145,060.28
	-\$29,939.72

Thank You for your stewardship and generosity.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

Question of the Week?

How can I prepare the way for Jesus in my corner of the world?
Can I recognize a desert somewhere in my world that is without Jesus' message of hope and comfort?



Saturday, June 23 4:00pm
†Clarence Wiltz, Eric Constantine (6A), M/M Lennis Prejean & Children

Sunday, June 24 7:00am
†Rickey Bonnet, Janice Broussard

9:00am
Special Intention

11:00am
Bertha Zeno Benoit (100th B), Helen "Jocklean" Celestine

Monday, 6:20am
Celebrant's Intent

Tuesday 6:20am
Celebrant's Intent

Wednesday 6:20am
Celebrant's Intent

Thursday 6:20am
Celebrant's Intent

Friday 6:20am
Celebrant's Intent

Saturday, June 30 4:00pm
People of the Parish

Sunday, July 1 7:00am
People of the Parish

9:00am
People of the Parish

11:00am
†Alma B.Phillips (B)

THE GREATEST NEED

The world's greatest need is not more Christians but more Christians who practice their Christianity.

—Anonymous

FAMILY OF THE WEEK

7:00--Ushers Choice

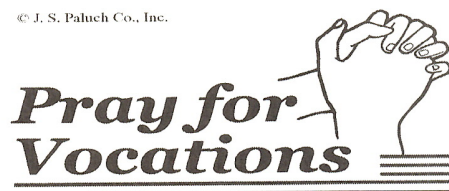
9:00--Bessie Roach
June 24-July 1
Percy Benoit
July 1-8
Mayola Landry
July 8-15

11:00---Usher's Choice



Today we celebrate the Nativity, the birth, of St. John the Baptist. Throughout the year, the Church has marked dates upon which we remember the work of the Lord through particular people: Apostles and Prophets and pastors and missionaries and many other holy men and women of God through whom the Lord has proclaimed His saving Gospel and shown us His gracious good works. So today we remember and give thanks for the birth of St. John the Baptist. St. John the Baptist was a unique man. He is rightly called the last of the Old Testament prophets. He is the last one to preach the Gospel before the Savior came. John is also the first of the New Testament preachers. His calling was to point out Christ for the world and to identify, for the people, the man who is God in the Flesh, Jesus, the Son of God, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. John came into this world for this purpose: to point to Christ. To call God's people away from their sins in repentance and to faith in the One to whom he pointed. John baptized in the Jordan River for the forgiveness of sins and to bring sinners to faith in Christ, the Son of God. John wasn't there to bring attention to himself but to Christ. His finger was aimed always at Jesus: "*Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*" John was born to point to the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Let John and every Christian point to Jesus faithfully.

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Centennial News

St. Peter Dedication—on June 29, 1953, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul the newly constructed church of St. Peter in New Iberia was consecrated by Bishop Jules Jeanmard. The Church was the vision of their new pastor, Fr. Albert Baque. After over a decade of fundraising, the parishioners of St. Peter raised approximately half a million dollars and the construction of the new church began in 1951. Two years later, the massive structure was complete with seating for 1200 parishioners. Two 90-foot tall towers, decorated with large white rosaries mark the prominence of the Church dedicated to the "Prince of the Apostles."

National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministries—in this Centennial Year, the Diocese of Lafayette is happy to host a national Marriage and Family Conference—July 15-17 at the Cajundome Convention Center. The precious holiness of marriage and family must be strengthened and cherished.

August 15—Fete Dieu de Vermilion—our Eucharistic Adoration will be on the Vermilion River this year beginning in Abbeville at St. Mary Magdalen with a Mass in French at 8am. The river procession will begin after the Rosary and Benedictio in Milton @ 11:35 @ Waweas, then a Rosary and Benediction at River Ranch @ 1:40 @ Ryfinno's, then a foot procession @ 3:45pm from Beaver Park to Cathedral up University —Vespers at

Prayer Corner

Please keep these people in Prayer:

Jonah Sam, Elton Isadore, Marjorie Carmouche, Verna Hebert, Loretta Glover, Margaret Coleman, Rita Sinegal, Alton Malveaux, Jr., Geralyn Lewis, Katelyn Benoit, Elsie Pickney, Bea Francis, Martha Carmouche, Gustavia Thibeaux, Thomas Jack, Jr. & III, Frank Chaisson, Jr., Patricia Williams Francis, M/M Austin Lawyer & Children,

All Homebound Parishioners
All Nursing Home Parishioners

Visit those who are shut-in...



NEXT WEEKS LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

June 30-July 1, 2018

- 4:00** Tawana C. Butts
Joseph Glaude
Bobette Castille
Trasima Richard
Barbara Taylor
- 7:00** Lynda Young
Emma Simon
Betty Sinegal
Helen Andrus
Harold Thibeaux
- 9:00** Matthew Simon
Rose Helen Woods
Verdie Domingue
Emma Simon
- 11:00** David Zehner
Ariana Zehner
Melovi Jacob
Ruby Williams
Elsie Pickney
Elizabeth Landrio

If you cannot serve or find a replacement call the office @ 235-0272.

Job Opening

Diocese of Lafayette has an opening for an Administrative Clerk. For details and application log on to www.diola.org/employment

"Think twice before you speak, because your words & influence will plant the seed of either success or failure in the mind of another." Napoleon Hill



Come Lord Jesus Bible Study—every Wednesday at 6pm (Resumes in Sept)

June 24—Jr. Daughters—10am
June 25—4th Degree Ladies of Grace—5:30pm
July 1—KPC Knights—10am

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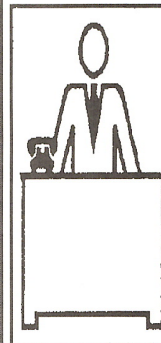
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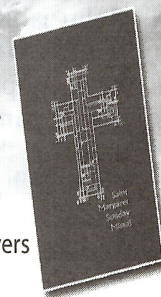
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