ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Established 1966
9150 Highland Road Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810
(On the Corner of Highland Road and Gardere Lane)

St. Jude the Apostle Church, as a Catholic Faith Community, strives to spread the love of Christ by embracing our diversity of God-given gifts celebrated in prayer, sacraments, Eucharistic worship, fellowship, religious education, and service to the local and world community.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 26th & September 27th, 2015

KC Tootsie Roll Drive

Help the KC’s continue their excellent work with the mentally handicapped by donating to their annual Tootsie Roll drive during the weekend of October 3rd and 4th. All proceeds will go directly toward helping God’s special children.

The St. Jude KC Council thanks all who have contributed to this very worthy cause in the past and all who continue to support us.

Daily Masses
Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 8:15am
Tuesday at 5:30pm (followed by Benediction and Adoration)
Wednesday at noon also

Weekend Masses
Saturday 4:00pm Vigil
Sunday at 8:00am, 9:45am, and 11:30am

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays from 3:00pm-3:45pm
or by appointment

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Emergencies: after hours, please call 766-2431 and follow the directions given on the voice mail message.
My brother has a simple philosophy when it comes to having difficult conversations or discussing any potentially heated topic. “There’s a way to say everything.” I’ve honestly never forgotten these words. Truly, I do believe that, if something needs to be said, then there is most definitely a way to say it. Oh, trust me, there’s a way NOT to say it also. But a lot of times it’s not necessarily the “what” of the conversation but the “how” of it all. Consider this example. Perhaps it’s a somewhat controversial one for some, but, well, whatever. Go back to a few months ago and the Supreme Court decision regarding gay marriage. This is just another reminder that a conversation is not just about what we believe but how we talk with each other about it. I mean, is this not what Pope Francis has been all about, in large part? Go ahead, have the difficult conversations. And, no, we won’t always agree, whether it’s about religion, politics, work, school, sports, or whatever. But for God’s sake, just don’t beat each other up in the process. The standard of compassion ought to accompany us wherever and into whatever conversations we go. Our seminary rector, Archbishop Gregory Aymond of New Orleans, use to tell us often back in the late 80’s, “if we are going to err with one another, we should always err on the side of compassion.” This is not only still an excellent standard for today, but it’s something that, it seems to me, our Holy Father has renewed. I don’t want to oversimplify things, but it’s never really about conservative vs. liberal, contemporary vs. traditional, or anything like that. In fact, it’s not suppose to be about “versus” anything. And when does a conversation become “versus”? If you ask me, that happens when rigidity takes over. Compassion says, “hey, I may feel this way, and you may feel that way, but at the end of the day we had a civil conversation, and I still respect you.” Rigidity, on the other hand, says, “hey, I feel this way; you feel that way; and, because you feel that way, you’re wrong...you’re not in a state of grace...you’re committing sin...you shouldn’t be in the communion line...you’re less than me.” I see it every week. I see it among Catholics, among family. I even see it sometimes among priests. And frankly, it’s sad. It’s unfair “to play that way” and relate with one another in that manner. We are called by God to a higher level of conversation and a deeper level of understanding. For me, personally, I view life as a journey, not a battle. No, I do not feel like we’re in a battle with the devil. I do not feel like we’re in a battle with what some call hard core conservatives or what others might call bleeding heart liberals. In fact, I hate labels. All they do is convert the roadway of life into a battlefield. If we only realized the power to heal and comfort that we have within us and with our words, there would be a lot less pain in our communities, homes and families, and in the world itself. Because, we are all on a journey, from God and back to God. And this journey is sacred. But when we forget the sacred nature of it, that’s when things come undone. When we forget that we are all truly in it together, then the Emmaus nature of the journey fades away and gives rise to a raceway, if not a battle zone experience. I often find myself thinking that our role in life is, in part, much like the doctors and nurses of the 4077th. What? Wait. What’s that, you may ask? I’m referring to the doctors, nurses, and staff of one of the most popular television series of all time. M*A*S*H. If you don’t know what I’m talking about, just ask your parents. No, wait again. You may have to ask your grandparents! The series was set within the Korean War. The 4 letters stand for Mobil Army Surgical Hospital. It starred Alan Alda, Harry Morgan, Loretta Switt, and many, many other memorable characters. In short, medical personnel would receive wounded, do surgery, attend to their wounds, or patch them up in whatever way necessary, and then send them on to the big hospital in Soul, Korea for long term care—and ultimately the long ride back home to the States. It didn’t always work out like that, however. Many soldiers didn’t make it. As hard as Hawkeye, Trapper, B.J., Margaret, Winchester, and Colonel Potter tried, and yes, even, as hard as Fr. Francis Mulcahy prayed, many of the wounded died. The point is this, however. They had the wounded soldiers in their midst and their care for only for a little while. They did what they could to heal them before they sent them on. Sometimes I feel as though we find ourselves in the midst of a M*A*S*H moment—with the awesome opportunity to embrace, forgive, heal, mend—but we simply miss it. We sometimes miss it completely. Driven by selfishness, anger, or, as in many cases I think, fear, we take off the robe of compassion and hang it up in the closet. We use words that judge, divide, wound, and, unfortunately at times, tear apart. Sometimes the “how”, the way in which we choose to say something causes pain. Sometimes temporary. Sometimes long lasting. Sometimes we slice and dice in an opinionated, not-open-to-others manner and leave our brother and/or our sister in the wake of our meanness and insecurity. I’m not saying that we are called to always agree on something. It’s not always about agreeing. In fact, I’d go so far as to say that, most of the time, it’s not at all about whether we agree or not. It is, however, about whether or not we relate to one another in a manner becoming of the name that we bear—Christian. In a September 13th, 2013 interview with America Magazine, our Holy Father Pope Francis said, “I see clearly that the thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful...I see the church as a field hospital after battle.” When someone leaves an encounter with us, a conversation with us—especially if it was a difficult conversation—will they leave us feeling as though they had been on a battlefield? Will we mindlessly, unconsciously, or heartlessly leave them wounded in our wake, as if alone on the side of the road? Or will we patiently, compassionately seize such moments as opportunities to help each other out along this amazing, sacred journey......from God, back to God?
Relax and Shop in Comfortable Style
Catholic Daughters Gift and Bake Sale

Saturday, October 10th — 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, October 11th after all Masses
St. Jude parish hall

Great desserts and unique gifts will be available. Take advantage of this convenient, relaxed shopping for birthday gifts, baby showers, Halloween or Christmas decorations and gifts or just a little something special for yourself.

Children’s Grab Bags will be available for your child’s happy shopping experience also!

Specialty items include: LSU items, religious items, jewelry, Tooth Fairy pillows, receiving blankets, hair ribbons, portable Crayon rolls, children’s character pillowcases, holiday decorations and gifts and much, much more.

Popular items are limited, so shop early for those uniquely special gifts.

A variety of delicious homemade desserts will also be available for your family to enjoy, or to bring to someone special.

Thank you for helping your St. Jude CDA continue to support its many charitable works.
Young men in the 8th grade and their parents are invited to attend an Information Night at Catholic High School on either October 4 or October 18 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Young men in grades 6-8 and their parents are invited to the Open House at Catholic High School on November 12. Tours begin at 5 p.m.

For additional information, regarding these events or the admissions process, please visit the Catholic High School website at www.catholichigh.org.

Gentle Hands
Friday, October 2, at 6:30pm
St. Aloysius Catholic Church

We invite you to arrive early to sit in the garden and pray or reflect near the Gentle Hands Sculpture.

Gentle Hands is a ministry of St. Aloysius Parish that supports families that have suffered the death of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, early infant loss or other tragedies.

For more information, email: 4Gentlehands@gmail.com

Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge
Hunger Walk—October 18th
Catholic Life Center
1:30 pm Registration/2:15 Kick Off Rally


Culture of Life Reflections: “The death penalty is contrary to... divine mercy, which must be the model for human justice. ... There is no humane way of killing another person.”

--Pope Francis, to the International Commission against the Death Penalty, March 20, 2015

The Gardere Initiative would like to thank St. Jude parishioners for donating $6,205 toward the Kits for Kidz school supplies which was distributed in August.

The Gardere Initiative serves to address substance abuse and other social ills in the Gardere area that adversely affects the children, neighboring subdivisions and the City in general through spiritual intervention, collaboration and partnerships. They offer several programs to serve this community.

Thank You Very Much!

The following were recently baptized at St. Jude:

Luke Joseph Brouillette
Callen James Gary
Georgia Grace Warren
Parker Elise Gautreaux
William Harold Friedland
Margaret Jane Babin
Bradley Charles Guerin
Viviana Boulet Scott

MARRIED COUPLES: Husbands and wives spend immense amounts of time on their job, children and leisure but may neglect the time devoted just to themselves as a couple. Treat yourselves to a weekend just for the two of you. Attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend which will be held at the Tracy Center in Baton Rouge on October 30th to November 1st.

For more information or to register go to LAMS-WWME.org or call Jack & Angel LaBate, 1-800-586-5469 or 470-297-8560 or at jackandangel@bellsouth.net

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church Fair
3912 Gus Young Avenue
Baton Rouge, La
Sunday, October 4th
10:00 AM—6:00 PM
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
- 9:45 am Children’s Liturgy of the Word-Hall
- 9:45 am Sunday School-School
- 9:45 am Nursery-St. Michael/Hall
- 10:45 am Confirmation Session-Hall
- 1:00 pm Ministry Appreciation Dinner—Activity Center
- 5:00 pm Boy Scout Meeting-Hall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
- 5:00 pm St. Vincent dePaul Client Meeting-Hall
- 6:00 pm SVDP Business Meeting-Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
- 9:00 am Catholic Daughter Meeting-Hall
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice-School Music Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
- 9:30 am Music Makers-Hall
- 6:15 pm K–8 Parish School of Religion-School
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice-Church
- 6:30 pm RCIA-Conference Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1
- No Scheduled Meetings

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2
- 9:30 am Play and Pray-Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
- No Scheduled Meetings

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
- 9:45 am Children’s Liturgy of the Word-Hall
- 9:45 am Sunday School-School
- 9:45 am Nursery-St. Michael/Hall
- 10:45 am Confirmation Session-Hall
- 5:00 pm Boy Scout Meeting-Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
- 8:15 am School Liturgy
  Joe Jackuback

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
- No Mass

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
- 8:15 am Jewett & Soignet Families
- 12 Noon Raymond E. “Ray” Tangney

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1
- 8:15 am Brad Bella

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2
- No Mass

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
- 4:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. John Mire Landry, Jr.
  Lucy Schrader
  Scott A. Thompson
  Charles Mart, III

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
- 8:00 am Clarence Duff
- 9:45 am Tuan Vu
- 11:30 am Bill Michelet

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

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 Matt Dupré at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

For Prayer Request, Call our Prayer Line, 766-3668 or 766-3736