

Labor Day

As we celebrate Labor Day in our country on Monday, September 3, 2007 let us appreciate the spiritual value our work is. Our work is our contribution to the development of earthly progress towards the growth of Christ's Kingdom. The following prayer by Blessed Pope John XXIII expresses this idea very well:

Prayer for Workers in Honor of St. Joseph by Blessed Pope John XXIII

O glorious Joseph! Who concealed your incomparable and regal dignity of custodian of Jesus and of the Virgin Mary under the humble appearance of a craftsman and provided for them with your work, protect with loving power your sons, especially entrusted to you.

You know their anxieties and sufferings, because you yourself experienced them at the side of Jesus and of His Mother. Do not allow them, oppressed by so many worries, to forget the purpose for which they were created by God. Do not allow the seeds of distrust to take hold of their immortal souls. Remind all the workers that in the fields, in factories, in mines, and in scientific laboratories, they are not working, rejoicing, or suffering alone, but at their side is Jesus, with Mary, His Mother and ours, to sustain them, to dry the sweat of their brow, giving value to their toil. Teach them to turn work into a very high instrument of sanctification as you did. Amen.

Bishop's Services Appeal

Last year St. Landry Church parishioners donated to the Bishop's Services Appeal \$21,953.12. I take this time to thank you for your generosity. Ms. Connie B. Babin, Director of Diocesan Office of Development, tells us that the total collected throughout the diocese for the 2006-2007 Campaign was \$2,165,431.63. This is a great work of love not only for St. Landry Church parishioners also for all parishioners of the Diocese of Lafayette. This enables the work of the church to function at the diocesan level.

In the coming weeks Catholics in every parish in the Diocese of Lafayette will hear about the Bishops Services Appeal for the 2007-2008 Campaign.

Our local Diocesan Church, the Diocese of Lafayette, is comprised of 121 church parishes and missions serving 300,000 Catholics from all walks of life in 8 civil parishes.

We will be asked to participate in the Bishop's Services Appeal. Supporting the Bishop's Services Appeal is a vital sign of our unity in Christ as we reach out in faith to love one another in Jesus' name. Supporting this special Appeal is also a meaningful way of expressing our gratitude to God for his many blessings, by fulfilling our stewardship responsibility to share our gifts in justice and love with others. PLEASE RESPOND TO THIS VITAL APPEAL. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FAMILY BANNER SQUARES

- 1. TAKE A FABRIC SQUARE 18" X 18" FROM THE COMMUNION RAIL OR YOU MAY USE YOUR OWN 18" X 18" FABRIC SQUARE.

- 2. DECORATE THE SQUARE WITH SYMBOLS AND / OR WORDS - FAMILY NAME (S) THAT REPRESENT YOUR FAMILY.
3. RETURN THE COMPLETED FAMILY BANNER SQUARE TO THE COMMUNION RAIL IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.
4. IF A PERSON HAS ANOTHER TYPE OR COLOR FABRIC THEY WISH TO USE THEN PLEASE DO SO AT THE SIZE OF 18" X 18".
5. DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER THE SQUARES WILL BE SEWN IN BANNERS FOR HANGING.

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2007

READINGS AND QUESTIONS FOR FAITH SHARING

Reading I: Sirach 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29
Ancient Wisdom insists that the more humble we are, the greater we are.

Reading II: Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24a
Far from frightening, our encounter with God will be like a glorious holiday.

Gospel: Luke 14: 1, 7-14
Jesus presents his own version of table manners.

Theme: "Christian Hospitality."

The living word manifests God's presence and leads us to conversion of heart. As God's word is proclaimed in Church, let us pray that our hearts will be turned toward greater compassion for the poor and needy in our community and beyond. Let us be attentive to sacred words that call us to Christian hospitality.

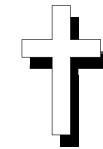
Points for Reflection and Discussion for Adults, Youth, and Children

- 1. Have you ever been the recipient of someone's charity? If so, did their response to your need come unsolicited? Did it make you feel inferior to them? Did it elicit thanks to God?
2. Scripture makes clear that mealtime is sacred time. What is your experience of dining with family and friends?

FRIENDS OF FR. VERBIS LAFLEUR

The Friends of Fr. Verbis Lafleur requests the honor of your presence to commemorate the 63rd Anniversary of Death of Lt. Father Joseph Verbis Lafleur, U.S. Army Air Corps Chaplain of WWII and native son and priest of the Diocese of Lafayette. Memorial Mass begins at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 7, 2007 at St. Landry Catholic Church, Opelousas. Celebrant will be Bishop Michael Jarrell. The Acadian Memorial French Choir will provide hymnody. Immediately following Mass will be the unveiling and blessing of the 16 ft. marble monument with reception after at the Knights of Columbus Hall where prayer cards, Rosary pamphlets and Fr. Lafleur memorabilia will be displayed.

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 1 4:00 p.m. Allen Richard, M/M Robert Going Sr., Mayance & Wanda Dupre (WA), Florence (Flo) Fournier, Dorsey Quebedeaux Sr., Donald Fontenot, Arcade & Ada Fontenot & Armille & Lucille Fontenot, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Jeanette Lalonde
Sunday, September 2 8:00 a.m. Alton & Elizabeth Joubert, Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, John FaKouri & Family, John Roberie, James P. Dugal, Ernie McKinney, Steven McKinney
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Gerry Allen, Jack Benson Sr., Bobbie, Julie & Ruth Mouton, Ronnie & Steve Ardoin & The Ryder Fly., Ernie McKinney, Steven McKinney, Francis Gautreaux, Lanny Moreau, Juanita St. Amand (B)
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Lee Martin
Monday, September 2 No Mass
Tuesday, September 2 No Mass
Wednesday, September 5 12:10 p.m. Tom Hammil
Thursday, September 6 12:10 p.m. Ernie and Steven McKinney
Friday, September 7 12:10 p.m. Ethel L. Meaux & Lou Ella Lognion, Teddy J. Meaux, Clyde Pitre & Odeah Pitre Family, The Alfred Fontenot Family
Saturday, September 8 4:00 p.m. Terry & Eula Lavergne, Florence (Flo) Fournier, Dorsey Quebedeaux Sr., Donald Fontenot, Arcade & Ada Fontenot & Armille & Lucille Fontenot, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Ray Hebert, Eugene & Josephine Lavergne (DA) Family, Jeanette Lalonde
Sunday, September 9 8:00 a.m. Marguerite Roberie, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Irl White, Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Mary Elizabeth Potier, Ernie & Steven McKinney
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas and Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Gerry Allen, Jack Benson Sr., Ernie & Steven McKinney, Ernest, Ena & Sis McKinney
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Carl Lanclos, Lee Martin, T.C., Eleanor & Atwood Quirk, Ernie & Steven McKinney

Confessions: Saturdays 3:00-3:45 p.m. 11:50 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Mon., Wed., Thurs. and Fri.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Your Stewardship To God
Total Offertory Collection \$5,608.02
Maintenance Repair Fund \$286.00
O.C.S. Foundation Fund \$693.96
Thank you for your generosity!
Every Gift Comes From Above.

REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK
SAT., SEPT. 1 10:00 a.m. Altar Servers Practice and Picnic
MON., SEPT. 3 LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED
TUES., SEPT. 4 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
6:30 p.m. RCIA
THURS., SEPT. 6 6:30 p.m. Pre-Baptism Class
FRI., SEPT. 7 7:00 a.m. Mass & Adoration
6:30 p.m. Dedication of Fr. Lafleur Memorial
SAT., SEPT. 8 8:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass

GOOD STEWARDS ARE FORMED BY OTHER GOOD STEWARDS!
"Invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, the unwanted; blessed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Luke 14:14.
A parishioner noted to his pastor that Jesus dined with the rich and famous of his day. He asked, "Do you think Jesus would belong to an exclusive country club if He were here today?" The pastor answered, "I suspect He might, if He could afford it. But His guest would include people who could not afford it; people who need a bath and a new set of clothes; people who have not recently had a decent meal; people who are lame, limp, or feel their way with a white cane." The pastor then said to his parishioner, "You belong to a very exclusive country club. Have you ever brought such a guest to your club?" The man said nothing. He had many possessions. The pastor added, "When we leave Mass and go in God's world we are supposed to be Jesus present in that world. So, when you are at your exclusive country club, Jesus is a member. You might want to start reviewing your guest list.

NOTICE
Deacon Tom Lindsey is in need of Eucharistic Ministers to administer Communion to the patients in Opelousas General Hospital once a week. If you are interested, please call Deacon Tom at 942-8307 or 942-4174 ext. 201.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK
Please pray for the sick in the PARISH: Dorothy Beaugh, Dusty Bellard, Shirley Bellard, Dougie Bergeron, Katherine Bertrand, Gloria Berzas, Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Berzas, Stephen Berzas, Mary Aline Bihm, Clifton Boast, Jared Broussard, Shirley R. Chachere, Lucy Chapman, Leslie Chatham, Estelle Chautin, Dona Clary, Logan Comb, Shelby Constantine, Kirt Cormier, Norma Cortez, Krishna H. Crawford, Shelton Daigle, Ferrell Glenn Darbonne, Sr., Angela Dautrueil, Helda Debailion, S.J. Deshotels, Sr., Lillian Delafosse, Sai Diesi, Sharon Doucet, Wayne Doucet, Landon James Duplichan, Carl Dupre, Jane Dupre, Tommy Dupre, Emma Grace, Georgia Fiegel, Drake Fontenot, Shala Fontenot, Ann Guidroz, Vern Guidroz, Caleb Brent Guillory, Elaine Guillory, The T. Guillory Family, Louis Guillory, Gabrielle Marie Hansen, Tommy Hargroder, David Huckaby, Doris Hudspeth, Agnes Kidder, Austin Jagneaux, Quentin Joubert, Brenda Lafleur, Sister Mary Joseph Lafond, Deionne Lalonde, Louis Lanclos, Harold Lastrapes, Dotty Lavergne, Glenn Lavergne, Cleveland Lanclos, Ranelle Lavergne, Dustin Lavoie, Phyllis Cormier Leblanc, Ronald Leger, Tonya Londerno, Thelma Macip, Andre Magallanes, Simone Marcantel, Kelly McCormick, Samuel McCormick, Frank Miller, Jefferey Miller, Theresa Miller, Romaine Miller, Mary Montet, Shirley Morris, Julie Mouton, Dot Nezat, Craig Ortego, Diana Ortego, Julia Ortego, Callie Palmer, Linda Pefferkorn, Johnny Pellerin, Yvonne Pellerin, Keith Perry, Mary Perry, Bell Pitre, Irene Pitre, Randy Pitre, Joey Prather, Kathleen Prather, Lisa Ramirez, Burke Reed, Gregory Richard, Jim Richard, Lilly Richard, Melanie Richard, Theresa Rideau, Larry Roberie, Joseph James Robin, Marie Saucier, Jane Smith, Raymond Stolleau, Eddie Stanford, Aaron Stelly, Erika Stelly, Rodney Stelly, Viola Stelly, Melanie Stoute, Adolph Taylor, Sr., Charlene Terracina, Mrs. Titard, Lena Trahan, Pierre Trosclair, Cody Vidrine, Lou Vidrine, Gene Williams, Robert Wolfe, Jr. and Ivan G. Winn.

We are attempting to update our list. If any name is omitted and should be on the list, please call. Also, if you know anyone who is well enough to be taken off, please call. We appreciate your cooperation. St. Landry Church-Staff

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Adult religious education classes (RCIA) will start on Tuesday September 4th, 2007. All are welcome to attend. If you know of a friend that is interested in joining our Church or just wants to know what the teachings of the Catholic Church are, please invite them. For more information call Deacon John W. Miller....Phone # 942-2911.

REGISTER NOW FOR HIGH SCHOOL RELIGION AND CONFIRMATION
All high school students register for religion classes and all 11th graders register for confirmation classes beginning on Monday September 24th at 6:00 p.m. All students and parents are encouraged to attend the 1st class. A safe environment presentation will be held on the evening of the 24th.

O.C. CORNER
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the school chapel all day on Monday through Thursday for students and staff to visit and pray. Gratitude goes out to the Raymond "Beedy" Herpin family who donated a beautiful monstrance in his memory.
The O.C. elementary department announces the celebration of Grandparents' Day and the kickoff of the Elementary Library Book Fair on September 14th. Grandparents are asked to mark their calendars!
Parishioners of St. Landry Catholic Church are reminded about the O.C. Anniversary Capital Campaign to transform the school campus. The future of Catholic education seeks your help!

NOTICE TO ALL VOLUNTEERS AND EMPLOYEES
It is time for all volunteers and employees of St. Landry Church Parish to attend an annual continued Ed Meeting for Safe Environment. A meeting will be held on: Monday September 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Valentin Hall. EVERYONE PLEASE ATTEND!
Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

A SPECIAL THANK-YOU
A special thank you to Mrs. Marilyn Chachere and Mrs. Melissa Myers for framing the picture of Bishop Jarrell that we have placed near the entrance of the Church. We were able to place the portraits of Pope John Paul II; Pope Benedict XVI and Bishop Jarrell together. We appreciate their generosity and talent.
Msgr. J. Robert Romero and parishioners

SANCTUARY LIGHT
Church.....World Peace
Chapel.....Safety of All Travelers

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY
Group IV.....Sarah Wagley week of September 8, 2007
Group V.....Betty Leleux week of September 15, 2007