

**“A Joyful Heart makes a Cheerful face.”**  
(Ps. 15:13)

**Your Joyful return of gifts to the Lord will truly change lives, through Pastoral Care and Assistance to Families.**

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Mt. 5:3)

**The Family Life Office** helps to develop and maintain healthy family structures and offers counseling services to families in need. The office also provides services to singles, divorced and widowed individuals who face unique challenges in life’s journey.

**The Office of Pro-Life Ministry** offers a voice that protects the sacredness and sanctity of life. Its outreach includes educational programs and pastoral care for women facing crisis pregnancy, persons suffering from the abortion experience, people who are sick and people who are terminally ill.

**The Office of Justice and Peace** concerns itself with Social Services and Social Change. It offers advocacy for the marginalized in our Catholic Diocese through programs and services for the elderly, victims of violence, prisoners, children of prisoners and the poor. Legislative advocacy helps to bring about change to help those in our society who cannot help themselves. Direct aid is dispensed to victims of natural disasters.

**The Office of Black Catholic Ministry** facilitates leadership and pastoral skills for African-American Catholics, fosters pride and sponsors events that celebrate cultural diversity.

**The Offices of Hispanic & Vietnamese Ministry** provides pastoral and educational services for immigrants facing the tension and difficulties adjusting to our society.

**The Office of Migration and Refugee Services** assists in helping those entering our country to abide by its laws of immigration and adjusting to life in a new land.

**The Office of Youth Ministry** provides spiritual formation and leadership training for our young people.

**The Disabilities/Deaf Action Center** provides pastoral care and religious instruction to its clients along with interpreting services, sign classes and telecommunication equipment.

**The Office of Catholic Social Services** spreads joy to parents who had no hope of conceiving a child, as they welcome a baby into their family through an adoption process.

**Today is Commitment Sunday for the Bishop’s Services Appeal.** Your generous pledges to the Bishop’s Services Appeal are placed in the service of Jesus Christ in the example of the above programs. The Bishop’s Services Appeal is the most effective and efficient way to meet the needs of the multitudes. Our parish goal is to have every family and individual participate to their very best ability, in recognition and in thanksgiving for God’s many blessings. All registered parishioners should have received a special letter from Bishop Jarrell requesting a personal commitment and a pledge. If you have already responded in the spirit of stewardship and discipleship, fervent thanks and blessings are yours. If not, today you have

the opportunity to offer your generous pledge, in the spirit of love and unity, by using the pledge envelopes available in church. God will indeed bless and reward your generosity and concern for others. Many thanks!

**STEWARDSHIP**  
**“Prepare a full account of your stewardship!” Luke 16**

Are we ready to hear Jesus say that to us? Here are some simple truths about stewardship you might want to keep in mind: A steward is a person who is given responsibility for the preservation and productivity of the property of another. The first question of a Good Steward is “For what am I responsible?” For disciples of Jesus Christ, being a Good Steward is not an option! It is an obligation of our baptism. A Good Steward is aware that everything we have and everything we ever will be comes from God and belongs to God. Good Steward is NOT a title—it is the way we imitate Jesus Christ! A Good Catholic Steward accepts responsibility for a constantly growing Faith; a mature Prayer Life that is about listening to God; all of the Talents, Abilities and Gifts we have received from GOD; the welfare of our Community of Faith; Evangelization—helping others find God. A true Disciple of Jesus Christ will eventually hear: “Good and faithful steward, come, enter into My Kingdom.” We should all hope to hear that.

**Day of Prayer**

Bishop Jarrell has proclaimed Sunday, September 23, 2007, as a Day of Prayer for victims of Hurricane Rita. While this Day of Prayer is timed according to the date of Hurricane Rita, we should remember that many victims of Hurricane Katrina are now residing with us. Let us continue to welcome them and to remember them in our prayers as well.

**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2007**  
**READINGS AND QUESTIONS FOR FAITH SHARING**

Reading I: Amos 8:4-7  
• Don’t Trample on the Needy!

Psalms 113: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Reading II: 1 Timothy 2:1-8  
• Pray for all, especially those in authority.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13  
• No one can serve two masters.

**Theme: How do we use what God has given us?**

Today’s first reading begins with the words “Hear this.” Let us heed this call and open our ears to listen to words that challenge us to the very core.

Questions for Adults:  
Money is an important part of modern life. Suggest one or two ways you can keep the need for money in balance with your faith.

Questions for Children:  
Clothes, food, toys all cost money. How do you keep your faith more important than money?

**MASS INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, September 22 . . . . . 4:00 p.m.** Florence (Flo) Fournier, Dorsey Quebedeaux, Sr., Donald Fontenot, Arcade & Ada Fontenot & Armile & Lucille Fontenot, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Jeanette Lalonde, Liz Potier, Alex Robertson Jr., Rena S. Arceneaux  
**Sunday, September 23 . . . . . 8:00 a.m.** Marguerite Roberie, M/M Conrad Martin, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot  
**10:00 a.m.** . . . . . Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenue, Gerry Allen, Jack Benson Sr., Ernie & Steven McKinney, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Hank DeMay(WA)  
**5:00 p.m.** . . . . . St. Landry Church Parishioners, Lee Martin, Ernie & Steven McKinney  
**Monday, September 24 . . . . . 12:10 p.m.** Terry & Eula Lavergne, Krishna Crawford  
**Tuesday, September 25 . . . . . No Mass**  
**Wednesday, September 26 . . . 12:10 p.m.** Carl Lanclos, James E. Martin, Abbie Babineaux (DA)  
**Thursday, September 27 . . . . 12:10 p.m.** Mary Manuel, Ernie & Steven McKinney, Krishna H. Crawford (B)  
**Friday, September 28 . . . . . 12:10 p.m.** Loretta Marcantel  
**Saturday, September 29 . . . . . 4:00 p.m.** Velma & Patsy Gail Boss, Florence (Flo) Fournier, Dorsey Quebedeaux Sr., Donald Fontenot, Arcade & Ada Fontenot & Armile & Lucille Fontenot, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Jeanette Lalonde, Liz Potier, Alex Robertson Jr., Rena S. Arceneaux  
**Sunday, September 30 . . . . . 8:00 a.m.** Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, John Roberie, James P. Dugal  
**10:00 a.m.** . . . . . Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Gerry Allen, Jack Benson Sr., Ernie & Steven McKinney, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe  
**5:00 p.m.** . . . . . St. Landry Church Parishioners, Terry & Eula Lavergne, Lee Martin, 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 .....	\$4,699.41
Maintenance Repair Fund .....	\$392.00
O.C.S. Foundation Fund .....	\$1.00
BSA .....	\$376.00

*Every Gift Comes From Above.*

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF**  
**September 30**  
**Opelousas Catholic Foundation Fund**

**REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK**

**SUN., SEPT. 23** Day of prayer for Hurricane Rita victims. Happy Birthday Clint

**MON., SEPT. 24** 6:00 p.m. Safe Environment for High School Students and Parents

**TUES., SEPT. 25** 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice  
6:30 p.m. RCIA

**WED., SEPT. 26** 6:30 p.m. Elementary CCD Parents Meeting

**THURS., SEPT. 27** Happy Birthday Msgr. Romero  
Opelousas Catholic Parade and Coronation

**FRI., SEPT. 28** Opelousas Catholic Homecoming Game

**SAT., SEPT. 30** 9:00 a.m. OCS Alumni Mass at Holy Ghost Church

**MEMORIAL DONATION**  
A donation for the St. Landry Church Repair Fund from the Ladies Altar Society in memory of Ernie McKinney.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Please pray for the sick in the **PARISH:** Evelyn Batton, Dorothy Beaug, 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, Shelton Daigle, Ferrell Glenn Darbonne, Sr., Angela Dautrueil, Helda Debaillon, S.J. Deshotels, Sr., Lillian Delafosse, Sal Diesi, Sharon Doucet, Wayne Doucet, Irene Dugal, Landon James Duplichan, Carl Dupre, Jane Dupre, Tommy Dupre, Jim Durio, Emma Grace, Georgia Fiegel, Drake Fontenot, Shala Fontenot, Lauren Giminez, 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, Dionne Lalonde, Louis Lanclos, Harold Lastrapes, Dotty Lavergne, Glenn Lavergne, Cleveland Lanclos, Ranella 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, Katherine Olivier, 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 Soileau, Eddie Stanford, Aaron Stelly, Annabelle Stelly, Erika Stelly, Rodney Stelly, Viola Stelly, Melanie Stoute, Adolph Taylor, Sr., Charlene Terracina, Mrs. Titard, Lena Trahan, Pierre Trosclair, Cody Vidrine, Lou Vidrine, Charlene R. Whaley, 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

**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.

**ELEMENTARY CCD**  
Registration for elementary religion classes is now ongoing. Please call ANNE PURSER @ 948-8832 to register or for more information.  
A meeting for all parents of elementary religion students will be held on Wed., Sept. 26 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Landry Church.

**O.C. CORNER**  
It is Homecoming week at O.C.! Scheduled events include a bonfire on Wednesday night; the parade at 6 p.m. on Thursday; and the game at 7 p.m. on Friday. Members of the Catholic Schools of Opelousas Alumni Association will also enjoy a mass and brunch next Sunday.  
Over \$2 million has been committed to the Anniversary Capital Campaign thus far by generous individuals, families, and businesses in the community. But the campaign has a long way to go to reach its goal. Please consider a gift in support of O.C. in its campus revitalization. God bless!

**ANNUAL CDA ROSARY PILGRIMAGE**  
**FRIDAY OCTOBER 19, 2007**

8:20 A.M....Our Lady of the Assumption – Luminous Mysteries  
Information: Carol Thomas 896-6071

9:30 A.M... Our Lady of Fatima Church  
Joyful Mysteries  
Information: Margo Millet 232-8945

11:00 A.M...Our Lady Queen of Angels  
Glorious Mysteries  
Information: Carmela Richard 942-5628

12:00 P.M...Immaculate Conception Church  
Sorrowful Mysteries  
Information: Debbie Martin 826-7396

**FOLLOWED BY BROWN BAG LUNCH**  
Contact Edna Plattsmier 826-7256

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

Church .....Al Robichaux  
Chapel.....High School Students

**LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY**

**Group VII.....Gwen Fruge week of September 29, 2007**

**Group I.....Alverda Deshotels week of October 6, 2007**