

**APPRECIATIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS
MSGR. ROMERO**

As we celebrate Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 22, 2007, I express appreciation and thanks for three events we had this year.

Firstly, Father Lafleur's Mass and Dedication of the outdoor monument of Father Lafleur on September 7, 2007 was outstanding. The great number of people who attended the mass, the presence of clergy, the presence of military personnel and veterans, the dignity of the whole celebration all played a wonderful tribute to Father Lafleur. It expressed our appreciation to him for his outstanding service to God and Country. The addition of the monument to the front of the church adds an attractive setting to our church.

We have plans to do some landscaping. As the rose and pine cone are on the front of the monument, we want to begin slowly with landscaping using roses and something in the pine tree family. We want the landscaping to be low growing so we can see the monument and also add grace to the setting.

Also we have plans to place flags near the monument. On the north side, three flag poles – a 30 foot pole in the middle with the American flag and a POW/MIA flag beneath the American flag. On each side of the 30 foot pole, a 25 foot pole to hold the State of Louisiana flag and the Acadiana flag. On the south side, one flag pole of 30 foot for the Papal flag. We hope to dedicate these on the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend of 2008.

What is incredible is that the monument and the flag poles are received without any monies coming from St. Landry Church. These were donated by many people. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lafleur were the ones who chaired the monument project. The Flag Poles is a project of The Knights of Columbus Council with Mr. Kenneth Thibodeaux as chair. Ms. Ann Hollier and Ms. Christine Ledoux are chairing the landscaping project.

So many people are part of the Father Lafleur's monument and grounds that it is a gracious project of a host of concerned and loving people. Thank-you to one and all.

Secondly, the Ministry Fair conducted here at St. Landry Church on the weekend of October 13/14 went very well and all participants should be pleased. Parishioners began to realize the many activities we have for involvement in our church. Several of our ministries and organizations have new participants as a result of the Ministry Fair. Other parishioners are still praying about how they can be more involved. I am grateful to all parishioners - who participate and who walk out in faith developing and sharing their skills and talents. May God bless everyone!

Thirdly, the "Cemetery Tours, 2007" was a moving experience. This year's tour was touching as it helped us understand the New York Orphan Train Riders' experience and contribution. The people highlighted this year were Elizabeth Donatto, Michael and Catherine Ringrose, Martin Arvin Roy, Frank Lipari, Anthony Martin Cosgrove, Sr. and Angela Mallet Cosgrove, Clara Kennedy Fuselier Cooper, Joseph Kopac, Henry Dominique Larcade, Alice Augusta Dietlien Boagni (Mrs. Edward Boagni), Robert Lee Garland, Allie B. Pickett, Father Engberink, and Father Joseph Verbis Lafleur (Father Lafleur was not involved with the Orphan Train. The tour ended at the monument with a presentation on Father Lafleur). Each person had a moving story and contributed to the betterment of our society here in St. Landry Civil Parish. I appreciate all who participated. You are too many to name. You did a great job in presenting the people of the Orphan Train. Thank-you!

**A FINANCIAL REPORT ON THE
"CEMETERY TOURS, 2007" FOLLOWS:**

INCOME	
Carryover from 2006	\$ 890.21
Income for 2007	2,245.00
Total Income	3,135.21
DISBURSEMENTS	
Expenses	395.69
Tomb Repairs Owed for 2006	1000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 1,395.69
Balance for future repairs	\$ 1,739.52

**33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18, 2007
READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING**

Reading I: Malachi 3:19-20a Lo, the sun of justice will rise!

Psalm: 98 "The Lord comes to rule the earth with Justice."

Reading II 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 Instead of keeping busy, some are minding the business of others.

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19
When will the end of the world arrive?

**THEME:
FORGIVENESS AND REPENTANCE**

Both the prophet Malachi and the Lord Jesus present us with images of the end times. Both offer frightening discourses. Yet the conclusions of these discourses offer hope for those who persevere in faith. Instead of expending energy trying to guess when the end will come, we are encouraged to use that energy in working for God's reign here on earth. Let today's readings inspire us to spend our time doing works of Christian charity. Let us stand ready for the day of redemption.

POINTS FOR REFLECTION

- The first Christians suffered for their faith, even among friends and family.

Has your decision to become a Catholic Christian brought any suffering into your life because of misunderstandings among friends and/or family members?
- Paul knew that his ministry for Jesus was worthy of imitation. Is yours? Are there changes you can make that would enhance your ministry?

UPCOMING EVENTS

- On November 18, 2007, there is a Pre-Thanksgiving Service sponsored by Opelousas Ministerial Alliance in Holy Ghost Church at 7:00 p.m.
- Revival/Mission with Grayson Warren Brown Holy Ghost Catholic Church Monday, Dec. 10, 2007 thru Wed. Dec. 12th
6:15 p.m. Rosary
6:30 p.m. Praise & Worship
7:00 p.m. Revival/Mission

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

- Group I**.....Alverda Deshotels week of November 24, 2007
- Group II**.....Pap Roy week of December 2, 2007

**MASS
INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE
WEEK**

Saturday, November 17 4:00 p.m. Tom Hammil, Dorsey Quebedeaux Sr., Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Jeanette Lalonde, Florence (Flo) Fournier, Donald Fontenot, Arcade & Ada Fontenot & Armille & Lucille Fontenot, Buddy Savoy, Daniel LaGrange Sr., Helena M. LaCombe & Daniel Oscar Ortego, Ollie & Buddy Bordelon

Sunday, November 18 8:00 a.m. M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Marguerite Roberie, Jeanne-Marie Boullion (BD), Jules & Edna Gaspard & Marilyn DeCuir

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Gerry Allen, Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward & Allen Jr., Jack Benson Sr., Ernie & Steven McKinney, Quentin Joubert, Carl Lanclos, Alexis Lanclos, Ernest, Ena & Sis McKinney, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Loretta Marcantel

5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Lee Martin

Monday, November 19 12:10 p.m. Eugenie Hidalgo (DA)

Tuesday, November 20 **No Mass**

Wednesday, November 21 Terry & Eula Lavergne

Thursday, November 22 8:00 a.m. Bill & Birdie Moreau, James P. Dugal, Bobbie, Julie & Ruth Mouton, Ronnie & Steve Ardoin & The Ryder Family, Alexis Lanclos (WA), Quentin Joubert Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippi

Friday, November 23 12:10 p.m. Joe Bono (DA)

Saturday, November 24 4:00 p.m. Velma & Patsy Gail Boss, Dorsey Quebedeaux Sr., Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Jeanette Lalonde, Florence (Flo) Fournier, Sterling & Louise Zerangue and Janet Lalonde, Daniel LaGrange Sr.

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5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Carl Lanclos, T.C., Eleanor & Atwood Quirk, Lee Martin

**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	\$4,095.72
Maintenance Repair Fund	\$390.00
BSA	\$1,058.36
O.C.S. Foundation Fund	\$20.00
A/C Repair St. Landry Church 11/4/07	\$307.11
A/C Repair St. Landry Church 11/11/07	\$1,546.40

Every Gift Comes From Above.

Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF
NOVEMBER 25
OPELOUSAS CATHOLIC FOUNDATION FUND**

REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 18	10:00 a.m.	Mr. Jefferson with VITA to Speak at Mass
Tuesday, Nov. 19	6:30 p.m.	RCIA
Thursday, Nov. 22	8:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Mass OFFICE CLOSED
Friday, Nov. 23		No Mass - OFFICE CLOSED

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

During the Holiday Season, is a special time to give thanks to the Lord for what He has given to us. (Matt. 25:40) reminds us that whatever we do to the least of God's people, we do unto Him. We may even ask ourselves, "Lord, when have I seen you hungry and not fed you?" In Opelousas we have the perfect opportunity to put Jesus' teaching into practice by supporting I.C.O.N. Baskets are placed at the church doors for donations. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

**EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE
HOLY EUCHARIST REMINDER**

You are to meet in the sacristy at least 20 minutes before Mass. This is to allow Msgr. to give special instructions and to pray with Msgr. and the other ministers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the sick in the **PARISH:** Evelyn Batton, 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, Waddad Buttross, Shirley R. Chachere, Lucy Chapman, Leslie Chatham, Estelle Chautin, Dona Clary, Joel & Catherine Comeaux, Shelby Constantine, Kirt Cormier, Norma Cortez, Shelton Daigle, Ferrell Glenn Darbonne, Sr., Angela Dautrueil, Helda Debaillon, Lillian Delafosse, Sal Diensi, Dr. Christopher Doucet, Sharon Doucet, Landon James Duplichan, Norward Duplechain, Carl Dupre, Jane Dupre, Jim Durio, Emma Grace, Georgia Fiegel, Chuck Fontenot, Drake Fontenot, Larry J. Fontenot, Shala Fontenot, Cameron Franks, Lauren Giminez, Larry Greer, Ann Guidroz, Caleb Brent Guillory, Elaine Guillory, The T. Guillory Family, Louis Guillory, Gabrielle Marie Hansen, Benny Hargroder, Tommy Hargroder, David Huckaby, Doris Hudspeth, Agnes Kidder, Nathan Kimble, Austin Jagneaux, Brenda Lafleur, Sister Mary Joseph Lafond, Deionne Lalonde, Louis Lanclos, Harold Lastrapes, Glenn Lavergne, Cleveland Lanclos, Lillie Mae Lavergne, Ranella Lavergne, Dustin Lavoie, Phyllis Cormier Leblanc, Ronald Leger, Tonya Londerno, Thelma Macip, Andre Magallanes, Kelly McCormick, Samuel McCormick, Frank Miller, Jefferey Miller, Theresa Miller, Romaine Miller, Shirley Morris, Julie Mouton, Dot Nezat, Rex Norris, Katherine Olivier, Craig Ortego, Diana Ortego, Julia Ortego, Mary 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, Ronald 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, Ryan Trahan, Pierre Trosclair, Amy Veillon, Cody Vidrine, Lou Vidrine, Charlene R. Whaley, Gene Williams, 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

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

God our Father, your love guides every moment of our lives. Accept the prayers and gifts we offer for our sick brothers and sisters; restore them to health and turn our anxiety for them into joy. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen....

OC CORNER

Congratulations to O.C. eighth grader Aryanna Prasad for her first place and best overall project on "Splenda vs. Sugar" in the Opelousas Catholic's recent Science Fair. Best of luck to her and other winners in the parish competition!

With family dinners coming up for the holiday season, O.C. reminds the community to continue collecting GM box tops along with Community Coffee and Campbell UPC labels. Please forward these to O.C. to benefit Catholic education.

The O.C. family wishes everyone a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

In planning for Christmas, we will need poinsettias to decorate the church. A donation of \$15.00 per plant would be appreciated in thanksgiving or in memory of a loved one. Your donation may be brought to Valentin Hall during office hours or label the envelope "CHRISTMAS FLOWERS" IN MEMORY OF and put in the collection basket. We thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Our church will be producing a new pictorial directory. Please plan to have your picture taken. More information will be given to you in the next few weeks. The photography scheduled dates are: Jan. 22-26 and Jan. 29-30, 2008 and Feb. 7-9, 2008. We are also seeking volunteers to help. Please contact Bea Beaugh @ 945-7572 or 942-2819 or contact the Church Parish Office at 942-6552.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Lord, Thank you for life. We live as your church in faith and hope. Lord thank you for Love, we love in our families, in work and in play. Lord thank you for prayer, we pray in our joy and our sorrow, in laughter and silence. Lord Thank you for this world. We delight in rainbows and skyscrapers, sand dunes and icicles, friendships and music. Lord Thank you. Amen....

DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

\$20.00	Martin and Angela Cosgrove
\$20.00	Quentin Joubert

SANCTUARY LIGHT

	Church.....World Peace	
	Chapel.....Souls in Purgatory	