

BISHOP MICHAEL JARRELL'S MESSAGE ON COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Dear Friends: Grace and peace in the Lord Jesus Christ!

The promise of Christmas is a promise of joy to the world. But for some, the lights, the candles, and the hymns are bittersweet because a family member, a friend or neighbor are not with us. They no longer practice the faith or perhaps they cannot participate in the joy because they no longer walk with their brothers and sisters in the Church.

I truly believe that many such people would return to the Church if only they were invited and were made to feel welcome.

As part of our annual "Come Home for Christmas" campaign, I am eager to address a letter to any such persons inviting them to return to the Father's house where they can expect a warm and loving "Welcome Home"!

To do this, however, I need their names and addresses. Your parish will provide a form for listing anyone you think should receive this invitation. If you prefer, put the names on a sheet of paper and put it in the collection basket or drop it off at the church parish office. Your name will not be used in my letter. Please do not send names of those whom you think will be offended by such a letter.

If possible, go a step further. Try to make a personal call to such people and invite them to Mass at least on Christmas. Offer to pick them up and invite them to go with you to Mass. Let them know that nothing stands in the way of Mass participation. Let them know, too, that if their absence is caused by the thoughtlessness or error of someone in the Church, we apologize. Remind them, that the Church is not only composed of weak human beings like themselves, but of Jesus as well whose body it is. Tell them that the Church needs them and loves them.

Help share the joy of Christmas in this simple way with people who may need only an invitation to return to the Church.

Sincerely,

+Michael Jarrell
Bishop of Lafayette

PLEASE NOTE: CARDS TO BE COMPLETED FOR THE COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ARE LOCATED ON THE TABLE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH.

MESSANGERS OF CHRIST

Messengers of Christ, St. Landry Church Youth Group will meet Sunday, December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in Valentin Hall. All Altar Servers, Confirmation candidates and teens of St. Landry Church are invited to attend. For more information call Yvonne Normand 942-8318 or Raven Guillory at 351-1572.

JESUS CARES

Jesus Cares distribution is December 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at T. H. Harris. All youth and adults are requested to help volunteers. We have 400 families coming for Christmas food and gifts. Your help is needed. For more information call the New Life Center or Yvonne Normand 942-8318.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST WEEK OF NOVEMBER 25, 2007 READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Reading I: 2 Samuel 5: 1-3 The Shepherd David is anointed king.
Psalm: 122 "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."
Reading II Colossians 1:12-20 God has made us worthy to share the lot of the saints in light..
Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43 Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

THEME: MERCY AND FORGIVENESS

Today we conclude a year of listening to the Gospel according to Luke. We find ourselves at the foot of the cross witnessing an expression of God's reconciling love. If we have learned anything from Saint Luke, it is that we are called to come before God honestly admitting our sinfulness as we explore God's mercy and forgiveness. As we conclude this liturgical year and prepare for the Advent season, let us pray that, when we meet the Lord face to face, we will hear the words, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

POINTS FOR REFLECTION

1. Today marks the end of the liturgical year, as we celebrate the kingship of Christ crucified. Without the humility of the crucifixion there could be no royal celebration. Does the awesomeness of that fact put personal suffering and loss into a different perspective for you?
2. Re-read the second reading from Colossians, slowly and reflectively. How does it make you feel?

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Vocation Supper for Young Men
Wednesday December 5, 2007
6:30 p.m.
Bishop Michael Jarrell's Residence
If interested call Msgr. Romero at 942-6552
- 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
- Pictorial Directory coming soon
See announcement in bulletin.

YOUTH NET RETREAT

All youth are invited to attend the Net Retreat on December 8th at Sacred Heart Church in Port Barre. All 8th thru 12th grade students are invited to attend. Registration fee is \$5.00. For more information call Yvonne Normand at 942-8318

FLOWERS FOR CHRISMAS IN MEMORY OF

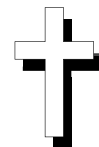
- \$15.00 Liz Potier
- \$15.00 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fontenot
- \$15.00 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Joubert
- \$15.00 Jenna Theresa Joubert
- \$15.00 Bobbie Mouton, Ronnie & Steve Ardoin & The Ryder Family

\$20.00 DONATION IN THANKSGIVING TO ST. ANTHONY FOR ANSWERED PRAYERS

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

- Group II**.....Pap Roy week of December 2, 2007
- Group III**Irene Soileau week of December 9, 2007

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

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., Glenn Vidrine
Sunday, November 25 8:00 a.m. M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Harry & Frank Dubord
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Gerry Allen, Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward, & Allen Jr., Agnes & Oscar (B) Roy, Mary Manuel, Jack Benson Sr., Bobbie (WA), Julie & Ruth Mouton, Ronnie & Steve Ardoin & The Ryder Family, Quentin Joubert, Jerry Chauvin (DA), Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Dr. Seldon J. Deshotels Jr., Lawrence, Lilly & Mickey Hollier, Ernie & Steven McKinney
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Carl Lanclos, T.C., Eleanor & Atwood Quirk, Lee Martin
Monday, November 26 12:10 p.m. Nelwyn Dupre, Bernard and Lois
Tuesday, November 27 **No Mass**
Wednesday, November 28 12:10 p.m. James E. Martin, Joseph & Ruby Lalonde, Mr. (D.A.) & Mrs. Guy Elder & Daughters
Thursday, November 29 12:10 p.m. Tom Hammil, Sarah Elise Joubert (BD)
Friday, November 30 12:10 p.m. Terry & Eula Lavergne, Gerlie Sebastien (D.A.)
Saturday, December 1 4:00 p.m. Allen Richard, M/M Robert Going, Sr., Terry Dupre (D.A.) Dorsey Quebedeaux Sr., Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Florence Fournier, Jeanette Lalonde, Donald Fontenot, Arcade & Ada Fontenot, Armille & Lucille Fontenot, Ollie & Buddy Bordelon, Glenn Vidrine, Irene Dugal
Sunday, December 2 8:00 a.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Alton & Elizabeth Joubert, Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Allen Hudspeth, Sr., Van Edward & Allen, Jr., M/M John FaKouri, Sr., John, Jr., & Jake, James P. Dugal, Howard & Mable Richard, Sam & Helen Guillory
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas, Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenue, Gerry Allen, Carl Lanclos, Jack Benson, Sr., Bobbie, Julie & Ruth Mouton, Ronnie & Steve Ardoin, The Ryder Family, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Dr. Donnie Deshotels
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Ernest, Ena, Sis & Steven McKinney, 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	\$5,215.53
Maintenance Repair Fund	\$513.00
BSA	\$73.00
O.C.S. Foundation Fund	\$1.00
A/C Repair St. Landry Church 11/19/07	\$1,477.75
Catholic Campaign	\$680.50

Every Gift Comes From Above.

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 2
ST. LANDRY CHURCH MAINTENANCE REPAIR FUND

REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, Nov. 26 6:00 p.m.	High School Religion
Tuesday, Nov. 27 6:30 p.m.	RCIA
Wednesday, Nov. 28 6:30 p.m.	1st Penance - 1st Communion
	Meeting with Parents ONLY.
Thursday, Nov. 29 6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

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, Ruth DaGian, Shelton Daigle, Ferrell Glenn Darbonne, Sr., Angela Dautruell, Helda Debaillon, Lillian Delafosse, Sal Diesi, Dr. Christopher Doucet, Sharon Doucet, Landon James Duplichan, Norward Duplechain, Carl Dupre, Jane Dupre, Jim Durio, Emma Grace, Georgia Fiegel, 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, Mary Hidaigo, 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, Jackie Leger, 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

The O.C. faculty and staff thanks the Academic Council for the delicious Thanksgiving dinner provided for them on dismissal day for the Thanksgiving holidays.

The Tasters' Dinner and Auction committee is making big plans for this year's event set for Jan. 30th. Any parents or family members who would like to get involved in some way should call the Development Office at 942-5404, ext. 105.

The Anniversary Capital Campaign is now over \$2,310.00...but still short of the \$3,000,000 goal for Phase I. Please give thanks for Catholic education by supporting this effort today!

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.

DOLL & TOY FUND

As in the past the Catholic Daughters are sponsoring the Doll & Toy Fund for Christmas. New toys are given to needy school children attending school in the City of Opelousas. THE SPIRIT OF LOVE PREVAILS AT CHRISTMAS. Let's support this worthy cause! Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation; Send a check payable to Doll & Toy Fund, c/o Janis Courville, 1826 Edwards Street, Opelousas, La. 70570. We welcome donations of NEW toys which can also be brought to Valentin Hall during office hours. Any inquiries call 942-2959.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

	Church	World Peace
	Chapel	Souls in Purgatory

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