

ADVENT WREATH

The Advent Wreath is a very old tradition, probably originating in the time of the Renaissance in middle European Countries. Today many churches and families create their own version and use it in their preparation for the coming of Jesus.

Traditionally, the wreath is made of four candles in a circle of evergreens. Three candles are violet and the fourth is rose, but four white candles or four violet candles can also be used. Each day at home, the candles are lighted, perhaps before the evening meal—one candle the first week, and then another each succeeding week until December 25th. A short prayer may accompany the lighting.

Here is a way for families to pray around the Advent Wreath:

On Saturday before the first Sunday of Advent, the family gathers to bless the wreath.
Prayer: O God, who sanctifies all, bless this wreath and grant that we may use it to prepare for the coming of the baby Jesus and that we may receive abundant grace, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

1st week, 1 candle is lighted at mealtime
Prayer: O Jesus come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the danger of sin and saved by your grace. Amen.

2nd week, 2 candles lighted at mealtime
Prayer: O Lord excite our minds that we may prepare for your son and be made worthy to welcome him with love. Amen.

3rd week, 3 candles lighted at mealtime, 1 rose color
Prayer: Jesus we await you, help us to be more loving with all your people. Amen.

4th week, 4 candles lighted at mealtime
Prayer: Come Jesus Come, and bring peace and joy which can only result from love of you. Amen.

The Advent 2007 Penance Services North Region, Diocese of Lafayette

Church: Sacred Heart of Jesus (Ville Platte)
Date: Dec. 3rd (Monday) Time: 6:00 p.m.
City-wide Penance Service.

Church: St. Charles Borromeo Church (Grand Coteau)
Date: Dec. 12th (Wednesday)
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Church: St. Ann (Mallet)
Date: Dec. 12th (Wednesday) Time: 7:00 p.m.
Parish Mission: St. Ann (Mallet) Dates: Dec. 10th, 11th, & 12th (Mon., Tues., & Wed.)
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Church: St. Anthony of Padua (Eunice)
Date: Dec. 17th (Monday) Time: 6:00 p.m.
Tri-Parish Penance Service.

Church: Our Lady Queen of Angels Church (Opelousas)
Date: Dec. 17th (Monday) Time: 6:30 p.m.
City-wide Penance Service.

Church: St. Bridget Church (Lawtell)
Date: Dec. 20th (Thursday) Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, December 8, 2007 is a Holy Day of Obligation celebrating the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses are at 5:30 p.m. on Friday for anticipated mass and at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday.
- 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
- Religious Education Families attend 10:00 a.m. mass as a group on Sunday, December 9, 2007.
- 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.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT WEEK OF DECEMBER 2, 2007 READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Reading I	Isaiah 2:1-5 They shall beat their swords into plowshares.
Psalm 122	“Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.”
Reading II	Romans 13:11-14 Now is the hour to awake from sleep.
Gospel	Matthew 24:37-44 The Son of Man will come at an hour you least expect.

THEME: BE PREPARED

The rich feast of Advent scriptures is spread before us today as we hear the prophetic words of Isaiah. His vision of God's kingdom challenges us to work for peace and justice. In a time when war grips too many areas of our world, let us allow these words to prompt us to be real peacemakers in our homes, our places of work and in our neighborhoods. As the sacred word of God is proclaimed, let us be alert, awaiting the very presence of Christ.

Question for children:
Jesus tells us to always be prepared for His coming. Name some ways you can prepare for Jesus. For example, doing chores at home; praying; being nice to my brothers, sisters, friends or classmates.

Question for youth:
In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the thief coming in the night and how the home-owner needs to be prepared no matter what. In your young life how are you preparing for Jesus? What examples in your life have helped you prepare for Christ and how do you hope to follow these examples?

Question for adults:
As you think of the thief coming in the night, what do you see in yourself that might interfere with your making God the center of your life? What things can you change that will help you prepare for the thief? If the thief came, in what way would you be ready and in what way would you be lacking?

LET US GIVE THANKS

We give thanks to God for protecting us from all hurricanes during the 2007 hurricane season. We thank our Blessed Lady for interceding to her Son for our protection.

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

- Group III.....Irene Soileau week of December 9, 2007
- Group IV.....Sarah Wagley week of December 15, 2007

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

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 Fontenet, Arcade & Ada Fontenet, Armille & Lucille Fontenet, 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 Fontenet, 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

Monday, December 3 12:10 p.m. Loretta Marcantel

Tuesday, December 4 No Mass

Wednesday, December 5 12:10 p.m. Hazel Latiolais

Thursday, December 6 12:10 p.m. Terry & Eula Lavergne

Friday, December 7 5:30 p.m. Anticipated Mass Ethel L. Meaux & Lou Ella Lognion, Teddy J. Meaux, Clyde Pitre

Saturday, December 8 8:00 a.m. Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Mr. & Mrs. Hensley Hargroder & Family

4:00 p.m. Tom Hammill, Ernie & Steven McKinney, Dorsey Quebedeaux Sr., Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Florence Fournier, Jeanette Lalonde, Joseph & Ruby Lalonde, M/M Guy Elder & Daughters, Quentin Joubert, Oliver & Dully Fruge, Sterling & Louise Zerangue & Janet Lalonde, Al Mequet, Yves Kidder, Irene Dugal

Sunday, December 9 8:00 a.m. Ezra (B) & Velma Martin & Denise Hull (B), Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenet, Maius, Myra & Chester Rozas

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Gerry Allen, Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward & Allen Jr., Mary Manuel, Jack Benson Sr., Quentin R. Joubert, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe

5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, 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\$5,560.89
Maintenance Repair Fund\$320.00
O.C.S. Foundation Fund\$657.61
I.C.O.N.\$336.50
A/C Repair St. Landry Church 11/25/07\$101.00

Every Gift Comes From Above.

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 9TH Bishop's Services Appeal

REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK		
Mon., Dec. 3	6:00 p.m.	Hi School Religion
	6:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council
		Christmas Social
Tues., Dec. 4	6:30 p.m.	RCIA
	6:30 p.m.	Bishop's Men's Vocational Supper
Wed., Dec. 5	9:00 a.m.	Fr. Lafleur Com. Meeting
Thurs., Dec. 6	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Pre-Baptism Class
Fri., Dec. 7	7:00 a.m.	FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION NO 12:10 p.m. MASS
	5:30 p.m.	Anticipated Mass In Church
Sat., Dec. 8	8:00 a.m.	First Saturday & Feast of The Immaculate Conception Mass In Church

RETURNED TO CHRIST THROUGH DEATH
The St. Landry Church parishioners offer our prayers and sincere condolences to the family of GLENN VIDRINE.

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 Dautrueil, Helda Debailon, Lillian Delafosse, Sal Diesi, Dr. Christopher Doucet, Sharon Doucet, Landon James Duplichan, Norward Duplechain, Carl Dupre, Jane Dupre, Jim Durio, Emma Grace, Georgia Diegel, Drake Fontenet, Larry J. Fontenet, Shala Fontenet, 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 Hidalgo, 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 Londemo, 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

OC CORNER

O. C. is proud of alumna Layaille Layette (1984) creator and author of children's books, has worked in the field of education and has served as a special advisor to the U.S. Secretary of Education. She recently visited our second and third graders.

Students who recently enjoyed special days as a result of Tasters' Auction 2007 were Allison Purser, "cheerleader for a day", David Labbe and Conner Breaux, "water boys for a day. This School Year's event set for January 30th.

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF

\$ 50.00	M/M John FaKouri, John Jr., and Jacob
\$ 30.00	Raymus, Mary & Beedy Herpin & The Hoffman Family
\$ 15.00	M/M C. J. Duhon
\$ 15.00	M/M Shelton Lafleur
\$ 15.00	M/M Mitchel Darbonne
\$ 15.00	Lt. Fr. Verbis Lafleur
\$ 15.00	Earl and Roger Lafleur
\$ 15.00	Agatha D. Lafleur
\$ 15.00	Meline P. Darbonne
\$ 15.00	Elaine Darbonne
\$ 15.00	Mayance Dupre

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 Courvelle, 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.

WELCOME INTO OUR CATHOLIC FAMILY BY THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
AMELIA MARGARET DOUCET
daughter of Dr. Andre H. and Michelle H. Doucet

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Church ...In Thanksgiving for so many Blessings
ChapelFor World Peace