

**The Advent 2007 Penance Services  
North Region, Diocese of Lafayette**

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.

**Advent Prayer:**  
Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan you sent a messenger to prepare people's hearts for the coming of your Son. Help me to hear his words and repent of my sins, so that I may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for Him, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

**Come to us, Emmanuel  
An Advent Examination of Conscience**

Come to us, O Root of Jesse  
Do I honor my family and friends? Am I a good listener? Can I share openly and honestly, trusting those who are signs of God's love for me?

Come to us, O Key of David  
Am I honoring my religious heritage? Do I spend time trying to grow in my knowledge and understanding of my faith?

Come to us, O Light from the East  
Does my day start or end with a prayer – even a brief one – to God? Can I set time during the day or once a week for spiritual reading or reflection?

Come to us, O King of the Nations  
Am I concerned about others? Do I look beyond my own walls, the boundaries of my city or my country to see how I can try to bring God's justice and peace to the world?

Come to us, O Emmanuel  
God-among-us, we watch and wait for the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Come to dwell among us, now and forever. Amen

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
WEEK OF DECEMBER 16, 2007  
READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING**

Reading I Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10 The desert will rejoice and bloom.

Psalms 146 "Lord, come and save us."

Reading II James 5: 7-10 Be patient

Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11 The blind recover their sight, cripples walk, lepers are cured, and deaf hear.

**THEME  
GOD'S KINGDOM IS AT HAND—IT IS JESUS!**

As our celebration of Christmas nears, we stand in the tension between a world longing for peace and justice, and the coming reign of God, when there will be no more tears, no more war, no more violence. As we await the coming of this kingdom, let today's sacred word fill us with hope.

Question for Adults:  
What is there in this promise from the Prophet Isaiah that gives

you hope? How have you seen this promise fulfilled in Christ?

Question for youth:  
During this Advent season, how are you preparing for Jesus' coming?

Question for children:  
Why is Christmas such a time of happiness for people?

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

4:00 p.m. Monday Christmas Eve CHILDREN'S MASS  
Instructions for Children bringing gifts. Please process in before mass with Msgr. Be at the entrance of the church ready to process in before mass begins. Please bring a new unwrapped child's gift.  
6:00 p.m. Mon. Christmas Eve CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS  
9:00 a.m. Tues. Christmas Day Mass  
(The only mass on Christmas Day)  
There will be no afternoon mass on Christmas Day in Opelousas.

**NEW YEARS HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

5:30 p.m. Mass Monday New Years Eve  
9:00 a.m. Mass...Tuesday New Years Day  
(The only Mass on New Years Day)  
There will be no afternoon mass on New Years Day in Opelousas.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MESSAGE**

To all the parishioners of ST. LANDRY CHURCH, your local Knights of Columbus Council 1173 would like to wish everyone a happy and holy holiday season. May God bless all of us with HIS love and kindness.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

74 is the average age of retirement from compensated ministry. 19,521 religious have less than 20 percent of the amount projected for retirement and health care. 5,452 religious need skilled nursing care. \$49,850 is the average annual cost of skilled nursing care for a religious. 94 percent of donations aid elderly religious. To donate by mail: Make your check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious. Please do not mail cash. Telephone (202) 541-3215 Address: National Religious Retirement Office 3211 Fourth Street NE Washington DC 20017-1184

**THANK YOU FRIENDS OF THE BEREAVED**

Thank you for the Mass Offering and all your prayers.....The Chuck Fontenot Family

**ENGAGED COUPLES**

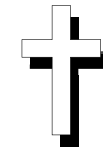
Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend in preparation for your marriage. Upcoming weekend dates are Jan. 18-20, Feb. 29-Mar. 2, Apr. 18-20. For other dates and to learn more or to register call Tom and Geraldine Rizzuto at (337) 984-7954.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Hidden in the obscurity of this sacred host, You challenge me, humble Lord. In this thin, semblance of bread, You are all in all, and through You all things came into being. What wondrous love moved You to this sacrificial gift which gives me the reason and the means to fall more deeply in love with You. I believe that You are present, here and now, The True Manna that feeds all humanity. I adore You, Godhead, here in hiding, "Lost all lost in wonder, at the God Thou art!"(Adoro Te)

...Clare Ruff

**MASS  
INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE  
WEEK**

**Saturday, December 15** ..... 4:00 p.m. Tom Hammill, Dorsey Quebedeaux Sr., Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Florence Fournier, Abbie Babineaux (B); Jeanette Lalonde; Carl Lanclos; Donald Fontenot; Arcade & Ada Fontenot & Armille & Lucille Fontenot, Daniel LaGrange Sr., Irene Dugal  
**Sunday, December 16** ..... 8:00 a.m. M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Irl White; Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, James P. Dugal, Lou & Joe Arceneaux  
10:00 a.m. .... Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenue, Gerry Allen, Jack Benson Sr., Quentin R. Joubert, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J & Doris H. Philippe, Lawrence, Lilly & Mickey Hollier, Ernie & Steven McKinney, M/M Herbert Oge, Charles "Chuck" Fontenot, Velma Richard, Roy H. Fontenot (B)  
5:00 p.m. .... St. Landry Church Parishioners, Lee Martin  
**Monday, December 17** ..... 12:10 p.m. Loretta Marcantel  
**Tuesday, December 18** ..... No Mass  
**Wednesday, December 19** ..... 12:10 p.m. Terry & Eula Lavergne  
**Thursday, December 20** ..... 12:10 p.m. Terry & Eula Lavergne  
**Friday, December 21** ..... 12:10 p.m. Lee (DA), Vivian & Kristie Artigue; James E. Martin  
**Saturday, December 22** ..... 4:00 p.m. Velma (DA) & Patsy Gail Boss, Bill & Birdie Moreau, Dorsey Quebedeaux Sr., Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Florence Fournier, Jeanette Lalonde, Donald Fontenot, Arcade & Ada Fontenot & Armille & Lucille Fontenot, Yves Kidder, Irene Dugal  
**Sunday, December 23** ..... 8:00 a.m. Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Theresa Fontenot, Sam & Helen Guillory  
10:00 a.m. .... Gerry Allen, Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Agnes & Oscar Roy, Jack Benson Sr., Alexis Lanclos, Archie & Becky Sebastien, Quentin R. Joubert, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe  
5:00 p.m. .... St. Landry Church Parishioners, Lee Martin, Carl Lanclos

**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**

Immaculate Conception.....\$799.06  
Total Offertory Collection .....\$4,718.46  
Maintenance Repair Fund .....\$185.00  
O.C.S. Foundation Fund .....\$8.00  
A/C Repair St. Landry Church 12/09/07.....\$1.00  
BSA .....\$766.79

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Comes From  
Above.*



**Thank you for your generosity!**

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF  
DECEMBER 23  
Opelousas Catholic Foundation**

**REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK**  
Mon., Dec. 17 6:00 p.m. Hi School Religion  
6:30 p.m. City-wide Advent Penance Service  
Tues., Dec. 18 6:30 p.m. R.C.I.A.  
Wed., Dec. 19 HAPPY BIRTHDAY - Deacon John Miller  
Thurs., Dec. 20 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

**WELCOME INTO OUR CATHOLIC FAMILY  
BY THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
Hunter Joseph Brasseux  
son of Randy & Marjorie Castille Brasseux  
Austin Colt Lalonde  
son of Joshua & Tara Istre Lalonde

**2008 CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE**  
Special thanks to American Bank and Trust Company for providing the calendars for St. Landry Catholic Church parishioners.

**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, Dr. Christopher Doucet, Sharon Doucet, Landon James Duplichan, Norward Duplechain, Carl Dupre, Jane Dupre, Michael Dupre, Dotsie Edwards, 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 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, Lillie Mae Lavergne, Ranelia Lavergne, Dustin Lavoie, Phyllis Cormier Leblanc, Jackie Leger, Ronald Leger, Tonya Londerno, Thelma Macip, Andre Magallanes, Georgia F. Malveaux, 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, Edith Roy, Marie Saucier, Harold Savoy, 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

**O.C. CORNER**

Congratulations to the O.C. Desktop Publishing class who competed with other state schools in the La. High School Technology Challenge and placed third in this state contest!  
The O.C. Tasters' Dinner and Auction evening is set for Jan. 30th. Tickets are now available for \$30 per person and would make wonderful Christmas gifts! Call the school at 942-5404 ext. 105 by Friday.  
In the spirit of Christmas, please remember the O.C. Anniversary Capital Campaign for campus revitalization nearing its funding deadline for Phase I. Call the school for more information.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF:**

- \$25.00 M/M Lee Artigue & Kristie; M/M Emile Fontenot
- \$20.00 Carl Lanclos
- \$20.00 John & Etheline Meche
- \$20.00 The Savage Family
- \$15.00 Tracy & Bob Batton
- \$15.00 Eddie Beaugh
- \$15.00 Waldon & Audwin Donatto
- \$15.00 Youle & Therese Fontenot
- \$15.00 Gaines & Trosclair Families
- \$15.00 Lessie & Colbert Collins and Cliff Wagley
- \$15.00 Audrey & Earl Gardiner

**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.

**RETURNED TO CHRIST THROUGH DEATH**

The St. Landry Church parishioners offer our prayers and sincere condolences to the family of  
Corrine Cipriano Tortorice  
O Lord, grant those who have died the joy of your presence, and us who are living, the happiness of knowing this.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**  
Church.....Preparing for Christ's coming  
Chapel .....In Thanksgiving

**LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY**  
**Group V** .....Betty Leleux week of December 22, 2007  
**Group VI**...Norma Hargroder week of December 29, 2007