

**Family Life Expresses
the Life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monsignor Romero**

On this the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph we are reminded of our own calling to let the Holiness of the Holy Family live in our own family life. Family Life is the environment where our calling to follow Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior finds expression. It is in family life that we grow and develop our potential for good or bad. It is so important we strive to let God be the center of our family and let God lead us in good growth.

I would like to point out the need for Family Prayer in home life. Family Prayer is a connection to church life. When Dad and Mom gather together with their children in prayer, Jesus is present and family life joins church life in becoming a "school of prayer". It is here children see that God is important to Dad and Mom. It is here children see following God's way of life is what we do in our family. It is here Dad and Mom exercise their own baptismal priesthood by both coming to God in prayer and leading their own children in their relationship with God.

I would also like to point out the need for Family Meals in home life. I am told that families need to have at least five (5) family meals each week for the dynamics of family life to be effective. These meals could be breakfast, lunch, or dinner. It could be any combination of meals. The important thing I am told is that families gather together spending time together. During the meal, talk about life, current events, work and school, family, neighbors, etc. It is good to do more than five family meals a week. But if a family does not do a minimum of five meals, then the dynamics of family life do not have a chance to work effectively.

In this way, the whole family "falls in love" with God and grows in his love. The whole family appreciates each other in God's love and is able to reach out to each other in love. A special bond and communion grows between family members. Parents are able to influence the innermost depths of their children's hearts and leave an impression that the future events in their lives will not be able to destroy them. Their children begin to understand themselves as a person made in God's image and begin to see the Christian meaning of being a person. By making family prayer and family meals part of their lives, families increase their strength and spiritual unity. Families experience and partake in God's communion of life. Families have a special happiness and peace. Families have a deep appreciation of each other's good points and weak points. Families encourage each other and forgive each other. Families are better Christians and are Good News in our society.

Prayer for Families

Almighty God, you set the solidarity in families; we commend to you the homes where your people dwell. Remove from us all bitterness and pride and fill us with the love of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Mr. Dwayne Joubert Advances
in Deaconate Formation**

Deacon Jim Kincel, Director of Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Lafayette has informed me that of the forty-one men chosen to advance to the Aspirants for the Deaconate Formation

Program, Mr. Dwayne Joubert, parishioner of St. Landry Church, is one of them. We thank God for this blessing and ask all parishioners to pray for Mr. Joubert and his family as he continues with classes and other aspects of formation.

**WEEK OF DECEMBER 30, 2007
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING**

Reading 1: Sirach 3: 2-7, 12-14
Revere your father and bring comfort to your mother.

Psalm 128
Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Reading II Colossians 3: 12-21
Clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy.

Gospel: Matthew 2: 13-15, 19, 23
Out of Egypt I have called my son.

THEME: We honor the relationships of Parents and Children.

Today's readings are filled with all kinds of images for family life. From the ideals set forth in the first and second readings to the story of the Holy Family's moment of crisis in the Gospel, we are given much to ponder. As the holy word is proclaimed, let us pray that our families will be strengthened and inspired by the examples of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Question for Adults:
We are invited to let the word of Christ dwell within us and direct our daily lives. Which one of the life-style suggestions in these reading speaks most loudly to you?

Question for children:
When is it the hardest for you to obey your parents?

Pictorial Directory

We ask parishioners to make appointments for the Pictorial Directory.

- Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free directory and a complimentary 8x10 Custom Natural Portrait.
- You will come to church only once for photography and for portrait viewing.
- The program is available at no cost to the church budget.
- If you wish to purchase extras, the portraits come with a 100% Satisfaction Guarantee.
- Whether you decide to dress formal or casual, you will want to make the most of this opportunity.

The Scheduled Dates for Photography and Portrait Viewing are: January 22, 23, 24, 26 29, 30, February 8 and 9. The times for picture taking are usually from 2:00 p.m. or 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. or 9:30 p.m. On January 26 and February 9 the times are from 10:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m.

Please make an appointment at one of the tables at the entrance of the church. We have two more Sundays to make an appointment.

**MASS
INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE
WEEK**

Saturday, December 29 4:00 p.m. Velma & Patsy Gail Boss, Dorsey Quebedeaux Sr., Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Jeanette Lalonde, Donald Fontenot, Arcade & Ada Fontenot and Armille & Lucille Fontenot, Irene Dugal
Sunday, December 30 8:00 a.m. Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Jack Benson Sr., Quentin R. Joubert, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. Doris H. Phiippe
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Lee Martin
Monday, NEW YEAR'S EVE . . 5:30 p.m. Terry and Eula Lavergne
Tuesday, NEW YEAR'S DAY . . 9:00 a.m. Jake Graffagnino, Bobbie, Julie & Ruth Mouton, Kim, Ronnie & Steve Ardoin and the Ryder Family, Joseph & Ruby Lalonde, M/M Guy Elder and daughters, Irene Dugal, Mayance Dupre
Wednesday, Jan. 2 12:10 p.m. Donald M. St. Amand (B), Wayne & Bonnie Wyble (W.A.)
Thursday, Jan. 3 12:10 p.m. Loretta Marcantel
Friday, Jan. 4 12:10 p.m. Terry & Eula Lavergne, Teddy J. Meaux, Clyde Pitre, Lawrence, Lilly (BD) and Mickey Hollier, Ernie & Steven McKinney
Saturday, Jan. 5 4:00 p.m. Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Florence Fournier, Jeanette Lalonde, Ollie & Buddy Bordelon, Wayne Dupre (D.A)
Sunday, Jan. 6 8:00 a.m. James P. Dugal, M/M John FaKouri, John, Jr., and Jacob, Howard & Mable Richard, Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Alton & Elizabeth Joubert
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Jack Benson, Sr., Ernie McKinney & Steven, Quentin R. Joubert, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Bobbie, Julie, & Ruth Mouton, Ronnie & Steve Ardoin and The Ryder Family, Margie FaKouri, Carroll Bertinot
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners

**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\$5,084.88
 Maintenance Repair Fund\$465.00
 A/C Repair St. Landry Church 12/23/07.....\$166.75
 O.C.S. Foundation Fund\$635.00
 Christmas Collection.....\$4,845.78
Thank you for your generosity!

Every Gift Comes From Above.

REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK

Jan. 1	is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Mon. Dec. 31	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
5:30 p.m.	ANTICIPATED MASS IN CHURCH
Jan. 1	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
9:00 a.m.	Mass In Church
Thurs. Jan. 3	HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Fri. Jan. 4	Choir Practice and Baptism Class
Sat. Jan. 5	Eucharistic Adoration - Valentin Hall
8:00 a.m.	1st Saturday Mass in Valentin Hall

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
 Weekend Dates: January 18, 19 & 20
 February 29, March 1 & 2; April 18, 19 & 20
 May 23, 24 & 25; June 20, 21 & 22; August 1, 2 & 3, October 3,4, & 5, November 14,15 & 16.
 PLACE: Acadiana Baptist Center, Richard
 TIME: Friday, 7:00 p.m. to Sun. 3:30 p.m.
 COST: \$150.00 (Subject to change)
 MAXIMUM 25 Couples
 INFORMATION Call (337) 991-9386 after 6:00 p.m. or E-mail "mailto:ceedouet@yahoo.com" ceedouet@yahoo.com.

PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH
 O God, you have made us the Church of your dear Son. Make our parish a family of one heart and mind in love toward you. Grant that our common life and work may be a good example to all. Guide our pastor and his assistants in their work. Acknowledge the intercessions of St. Landry our patron; and keep us secure in your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.....Amen.....

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 Blhm, 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 Laflleur, Sister Mary Joseph Lafond, Deionne Lalonde, Louis Lanolos, Harold Lastrapes, Glenn Lavergne, Lillie Mae Lavergne, Ranella 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, Gilfred Savoy, Jr., 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 Troclair, 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

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK
JANUARY 13-18, 2008**

Let us all pray for the perseverance of the men from our Diocese who have responded and are responding to God's call, also pray that many more will respond with a generous heart in response to God the Father, for the Benefit of the Faith of our people in Acadiana. Let us pray specifically for Mr. Blaine Clement of Eunice, Mr Keith Landry of Henderson and Mr. Clint Trahan of Kaplan who are to be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 12, 2008 at St. John Cathedral.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Almighty and everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in you, hear us on behalf of your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that being restored to health they may render thanks to you in your church. Through Christ our Lord.....Amen.....

PARISHIONERS ENTERING THE HOSPITAL AND THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL

Remember the area hospitals do not have a Catholic Chaplain. When your priest is called to anoint the sick, he may not be able to respond immediately, depending on his schedule. We ask you if a parishioner is scheduled for surgery, please contact Msgr. J. Robert Romero for anointing before entering the hospital or if an in-patient call a day or so before the scheduled surgery. Call Msgr. Romero or the Parish Office if it is an emergency and he will try to accommodate you. THANK YOU!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Circle of Friends (For those who are separated, divorced or widowed),
 Date: January 7, 2008
 Place: Immaculata Center (John XXIII)
 Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 Holy Hour for Vocations,
 Date: January 7, 2008
 Place: Saint Patrick Church, Lafayette
 Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 Sign Language Class
 Date: January 8, 2008
 Place: Deaf Action Center
 Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 Saint Landry Walk for Life
 Date: January 19, 2007
 Place: (Begins at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church and ends at the New Life Center)
 Time: 10:00 a.m.
 Vocation Supper for Women
 Date: January 22, 2008
 Place: Immaculata Center (Bishop's Residence)
 Time: 6:30 p.m.

SANCTUARY LIGHT
 Church.....Souls in Purgatory
 Chapel..... In Thanksgiving

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY
Group I.....Alverda Deshotels week of January 6, 2008
Group II.....Pap Roy week of January 13, 2008