

The Diocese of Lafayette Celebrates
90th Anniversary

It was not Benedict XVI. Instead, it was Benedict XV who created the Diocese of Lafayette on January 11, 1918. We were part of the Archdiocese of New Orleans at that time. Later in the year, Pope Benedict XV appointed Msgr. Jules Jeanmard to be our first Bishop.

The church parishes in the diocese are celebrating this anniversary with a special mass "For the Universal Church" this weekend. Let us appreciate God's actions in our lives and renew our commitment and dedication to Jesus Christ. Let us let the Light of the Gospel not only shine in us; but also through us, let the Light of the Gospel shine in society.

Dr. Charles Bertrand Honored

Dr. Charles Bertrand represented St. Landry Church in receiving the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award. This presentation occurred at the Diocese of Lafayette's special Celebration and Mass on Friday, January 18, 2008 at St. John Cathedral. Congratulations to Dr. Bertrand. Thank you for your good work in helping people.

Special Day of Penance

January 22, 2008 is a Day of Penance in all dioceses of the United States of America. This is a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person. This Day is in conjunction with the Roe vs. Wade Decision of the United States Supreme Court. Violations to the dignity of the human person are more than abortion. It is also rape, racism, euthanasia, and any other action destroying the worth of a human person.

Pictorial Directory

We begin taking pictures for the Directory this week. If anyone has any questions, Bea Beaugh can be reached at 942-2819 or 944-7572.

Children's Liturgy

We are in need of teachers for the Children's Liturgy at the 10:00 a.m. mass. Mrs. Nicole Morrow has volunteered to coordinate the Children's Liturgy, but we need a faculty. Anyone interested please call Mrs. Morrow at 280-3278.

THINKING ABOUT SEPARATION OR DIVORCE?

Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced ray-tru-vay) is French for "found again".

Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even brings reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the February 8-10 program, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit the web site @ www.HelpOurMarriage.com

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,
January 18-25, 2008**

This year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the inauguration of the "Church Unity Octave". This year's theme is "Pray without ceasing" taken from 1 Thess. 5:17.

The full biblical text follows:

But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters... Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without

ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:12a, 13b-18)

Prayer

Lord, make us one: one in our words, that a single reverent prayer might rise before you; one in our yearning and pursuit of justice; one in love, serving you by serving the least of our sisters and brothers; one in longing for your face. Lord, make us one in you. Amen.

Source: Pontifical Council for Christian Unity and the Commission on Faith and Order of the World council of Churches. On the internet: vatican.va

**WEEK OF JANUARY 20, 2008
SPECIAL MASS FOR 90TH ANNIVERSARY of
THE DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE
READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING**

Reading I: Ezekiel 34:11-16
As a shepherd tends his flock, so will God tend us who are his sheep.

Psalm 25: "Remember your mercies, O Lord."

Reading II: 1 Peter 2:4-9
Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.

Gospel: John 21: 15-17
Feed my lambs, feed my sheep.

THEME: Renewal by the Light of the Gospel

"Renew by the Light of the Gospel, the Church of Lafayette. Strengthen the bonds of unity between the faithful and their pastors, that together with Benedict, our Pope, Michael, our Bishop, and the whole college of bishops, your people may stand forth in a world torn by strife and discord as a sign of oneness and peace."

Question for children:

How do you learn from Jesus what is good, what to choose in life, and do you know how much Jesus loves you?

Question for Youth:

When are the times you feel chosen by Jesus?

Question for Adults:

How have you experienced Jesus' love and how do you respond in caring for his sheep – the sheep of your home family, your church family and your social family?

ANNUAL MENS' RETREAT

This year's retreat is from the evening of Feb. 28 through March 3. To Register, call Dr. Lucius Doucet @ 942-4425 on Mon. Tues. or Wed. Deposit is required.

LECTORS PRAYER

Dear Jesus,
Thank You for calling me to be a lector at Your Eucharistic celebrations. Let me take this role seriously and diligently prepare myself for it by studying the sacred texts before Mass and by striving to be a better Christian.
By my physical action of reading, I am the instrument through whom You become present to the assembly in Your Word and through whom You impart Your teachings. Let nothing in my manner disturb Your people or close their hearts to the action of Your Spirit. Cleanse my heart and my mind and open my lips that I may worthily proclaim Your Word.....Amen.....

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

Group III.....Irene Soileau Week of January 27, 2008
Group IVSarah Wagley Week of February 2, 2008

**MASS
INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE
WEEK**

Saturday, Jan. 19 4:00 p.m. Terry & Eula Lavergne, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Ollie & Buddy Bordelon, Frank Greco (B), Jeanette Lalonde
Sunday, Jan. 20 8:00 a.m. James P. Dugal, Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Edward "Lefty" Valin, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Irl White, Hilary Dupre
10:00 a.m. Jack Benson Sr., Quentin R. Joubert, Daniel Lagrange Sr., Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Anna Ruth Halphen DaGian, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Sr. Mary Joseph LaFond D.C. (B), Mercedes "Junie" DeJean
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Lee Martin, Irvin Menard
Monday, January 21 12:10 p.m. No Mass
Tuesday, January 22 No Mass
Wednesday, Jan. 23 12:10 p.m. Terry & Eula Lavergne
Thursday, Jan. 24 12:10 p.m. Jacob Joubert (B) Tom Hammill
Friday, Jan. 25 12:10 p.m. Tom Hammill
Saturday, Jan. 26 4:00 p.m. Terry & Eula Lavergne, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Jeanette Lalonde, Irvin Dupre (WA)
Sunday, Jan. 27 8:00 a.m. Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Hilary Dupre, Lois Frilot Lemelle (DA)
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Quentin R. Joubert, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Anna Ruth DaGian
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Lee Martin, Jon Martin (B)

**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	\$4,163.84
Maintenance Repair Fund	\$399.00
BSA	\$975.52

Every Gift Comes From Above.

Thank you for your generosity!

REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon., Jan. 20		NO MASS - OFFICE CLOSED
Tues. Jan. 22	6:30 p.m.	RCIA
Wed. Jan. 23	5:30 p.m.	1st Penance Class
Thurs. Jan. 24	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sat. Jan. 26	10:00 a.m.	Lady of Mercy Church Safe Environment Re-Certification 2008.
Sun. Jan. 27	5:00 p.m.	Mass - Opening of Catholic Schools Week

**SECOND COLLECTION
WEEKEND OF JANUARY 27
Church in Latin America**

Your gift to the Church in Latin America educates priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders
Trains catechist and youth ministers

RELIGIOUS RAMBLERS

Arkansas Retreat April 18th – 21st
Benedictine Monastery and places of interest.

Alabama July 4th – 6th
Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Pilgrimage to Portugal/Italy....November 9th – 20th.

Many sites in Lisbon, Fatima, Assisi, Siena, Loreto, San Giovanni Rotondo, St. Michael Cave, Mone Cassino, Rome, Papal Audience and more.
Price includes round trip airfare (Lafayette); 1st class hotels; breakfast daily; 6 dinners; deluxe motor coach; English speaking local guides and entrance fees.
\$75.00 discount with deposit BEFORE February 9.
Call Bonnie Wyble: (337) 942-6940

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 Debailon, Lillian Delafosse, Dr. Christopher Doucet, Sharon Doucet, Connie Duffy, Landon James Dupichan, Norward Duplechain, Carl Dupre, Jane Dupre, Michael Dupre, Dotsie Edwards, Emma Grace, Georgia Fiegel, Drake Fontenot, Gloria Dean Fontenot, Harold Fontenot, Larry J. Fontenot, Shala Fontenot, Cameron Franks, Lauren Gimenez, 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 Lanolos, 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, Kermit Pitre, Randy Pitre, Joey Prather, Kathleen Prather, Cindy Quirk, 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 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

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.....

O.C. CORNER

Friends in the community are asked to keep O.C. Senior Ministry students and their chaperones in your prayers as they embark on their trip to Washington, D.C. this weekend for the National Right-to-Life Rally.

Congratulations to the O. C. Teachers of the Year: Jennifer Keeler, elementary; and Julie Edwards, junior high/high school; and the Achiever/Supporter of the Year, Joe Robison.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

The Role of the Laity in the Church
Date January 26, 2008
Place Carmelite Monastery, Lafayette
Time 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Hiroshima-Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Exhibit
Date January 28, 2008
Place Immaculata Center, Lafayette
Time 6:30 p.m.

Day of Prayer and Song for Women
Date February 9, 2008
Place Our Lady of Wisdom Student Center Lafayette, La.
Time 8:00am – 3:00pm
Cost \$15.00 Lunch included
Theme "Missionary Heart, Global Heart"
Contact Charlene 235-0725 or Tanya 257-5800

Come and See Retreat
Date February 14 – 16 (Thurs. – Saturday)
Place St. Joseph Seminary College, Covington

SANCTUARY LIGHT

ChurchPro-Life
Chapel In Thanksgiving

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