

**EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE
The Psalms of Lent**

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
(Ps. 51:3/Ash Wednesday)

In addition to my own sins, am I aware of sinful structures in my community and my relationships? Do I bring all these sins to the throne of grace? What steps can I take to make my relationships and my community more Christlike?

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness.
(Ps. 51:4/Lent I)

Do I have God's goodness of heart to look beyond others' faults? Am I willing to help or walk with those who struggle to overcome some sinful behavior? Can my family, friends, coworkers or class mates see God's mercy in my daily life?

Let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
(Ps. 33:22/Lent II)

Is my attitude toward God one of trust? Do I really believe that God's mercy is freely given, or do I think that I have to perform penitential acts in order to "make" God act mercifully? Can I rely on the Lord and not myself?

If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.
(Ps. 95:8/Lent III)

Have I truly opened my ears, mind, heart, and life to the voice of God? Do I take time to discern the many ways that God speaks to me and to others? Will I keep God's voice selfishly to myself or will it spur me on to my own acts of mercy, compassion and forgiveness?

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
(Ps. 23:1/Lent IV)

How tied down am I by the things of this world? Do I mistakenly think that my position or possessions are signs of God's favor? What do I need to surrender in order to be more aware that the Lord alone is everything I need, that all else is a gift?

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
(Ps. 130:7/Lent V)

Do I completely and joyfully accept and believe in God's mercy? Or do I think that God somehow always holds on to my sins, even when I've been forgiven? Can I celebrate God's mercy by giving joyful witness to the gospel?

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturdays 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Weekdays: 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

City Wide Penance Service – March 17, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.
St. Landry Church

Parishioners are asked to come to confession before Wednesday, March 19, 2008. The last day for confession before the Easter Vigil is on Wednesday, March 19, 2008. The Easter Vigil begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday, March 20, 2008. Confessions are suspended during the Easter Vigil. Confessions resume on Easter Monday, March 24, 2008.

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10, 2008
READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING**

Reading 1: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
The Lord God planted a garden in Eden.

Psalms 51: "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned."

Reading II: Romans 5:12-19
In Adam all die. In Christ all live.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11
Jesus fasted forty days and forty nights.

**THEME
WHAT IS LENT?**

Lent is a journey of repentance marked by the sharing of sacred stories central to our faith. Today we enter the desert with the Lord. In the weeks to come we will climb the mountain of Transfiguration with him. Soon after, we will witness him with the Samaritan woman at the well. Then, as Lent draws toward Easter, we will witness the Lord heal the blind man and stand in wonder as the Lord raises Lazarus from the dead. But first, sisters and brothers, we must follow the Lord into the desert of repentance, which our scriptures invite us to do now.

Question for Children: What do you plan to do during Lent this year as a way of showing you want to grow closer to Jesus?

Question for Youth: Jesus was tempted by the devil. How are you tempted? What helps you resist these temptations?

Question for Adults: When you yourself pause to be alone with God, what distracts and prevents you from dwelling in that? Busyness? The demands of life? TV? The internet?

FORMING GOOD STEWARDS

"Command that these stones become bread"

Matthew 4:2

In Ch. 2 of his book, Jesus of Nazareth, Pope Benedict XVI reflects on the temptation of Jesus:

This demand for proof is a constantly recurring theme in the story of Jesus' life' again and again he is reproached for having failed to prove himself sufficiently; for having failed to work that great miracle that will remove all ambiguity...and we make the same demand on God and Christ and his Church throughout the whole of history. "If you exist God, we say, "then you will just have to show yourself." Then, in a challenge to examine our own conscience, Benedict asks, is there anything more tragic, is there anything more opposed to belief in the existence of a good God and a Redeemer of mankind, than world hunger?

Jesus left to us the responsibility to preach his message and to carry on his mission. St. Francis of Assisi challenged us to "Preach the Gospel to all the world and if necessary, use words." Are we like the devil who tempted Jesus by demanding a sign. Or, are we a living sign that Jesus is the Redeemer, our Redeemer?

Lent 2008

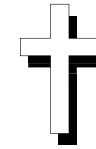
Sister B. DeRouen, O. Carm.

First Sunday of Lent

The Beatitudes offer a vision of what we might become. Is it hard for you to let God be God? For 90% of us it is (and I suspect the other 10% lie about it). We all want control over our lives, to be in charge. From Adam and Eve on down, we search for a way to do that. We go looking for God in all the wrong places. Not finding what we think we want, we create our own God instead. Notice that the First Commandment and the First Beatitude stress the same thing. That should tell us something. Old Testament or New, the first step begins with becoming poor in spirit, admitting we need God.

Suggested activity: Being poor in spirit has nothing to do with our income. It has to do with control. Being economically poor is not usually a good thing. Being poor in spirit is essential. In your holy place, after you center, look again at those addictions that the Spirit surfaced for you. Which one made you most anxious and uncomfortable? Why? Spend this week being aware of this addiction and asking for the grace to let God be God, especially of your addictive behavior.

**MASS
INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE
WEEK**

Saturday, Feb. 9 4:00 p.m. Bill & Birdie (DA) Moreau, Ernie & Steven McKinney, Jeanette Lalonde, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Alcedo Guillory, Joyce Lasseigne
Sunday, Feb. 10 8:00 a.m. Martin J. St.Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Irl White, Hilary Dupre
10:00 a.m. Tom Hammill, Quentin R. Joubert, Wilfred, Annette, Raymond & Marian Smith, Carl Fontenot, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Cora Baillio
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Lee Martin
Monday, Feb. 11 12:10 p.m. Loretta Marcantel
Tuesday, Feb. 12 12:10 p.m. Earlis Vidrine
Wednesday, Feb. 13 12:10 p.m. Terry & Eula Lavergne, Koby Joubert (B)
Thursday, Feb. 14 12:10 p.m. Mary Manuel, Ruth Mouton, Ernie & Steven (DA) McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly & Mickey Hollier
Friday, Feb. 15 12:10 p.m. Ronnie & Steve (DA) Ardoin, Bobbie, Julie & Ruth Mouton & The Ryder Family
Saturday, Feb. 16 4:00 p.m. Daniel Lagrange Sr., Ollie & Buddy Bordelon, Jeanette Lalonde, Lafond-Kaufmann Family, James E. Martin, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Joyce Lasseigne
Sunday, Feb. 17 8:00 a.m. James P. Dugal, Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Hilary Dupre
10:00 a.m. Tom Hammill, Quentin R. Joubert, Ronnie & Steve (B) Ardoin, Bobbie, Julie & Ruth Mouton & The Ryder Family, Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, 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.
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Your Stewardship To God

Total Offertory Collection\$5,158.45
 Maintenance Repair Fund\$1,877.00
 BSA\$40.00
 O.C.S. Foundation Fund.....\$5.00
 Church in Latin America\$81.50

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**WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 17
Second Collection
O.C.S. Foundation Fund**

REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Feb. 10 10:00 a.m. CCD Attend As A Group
 Mon., Feb. 11 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council
 Tues. Feb. 12 6:00 p.m. Catholic Daughters Meeting
 Wed. Feb. 13 5:00 p.m. Altar Society Meeting
 5:30 p.m. 1st Confession Class
 Thurs. Feb. 14 9:00 a.m. Lafleur Committee
 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice
 7:00 p.m. KC Meeting
 Fri. Feb. 15 6:00 p.m. Way of The Cross and Benediction

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.

O.C. CORNER

New students for the 2008-2009 school year at Opelousas Catholic can register beginning Monday, February 11th. Call the bookkeeper at 942-5404 ext. 105 for more information.
 Congratulations to seventh grader Toria Smith for placing first in the recent Junior Beta District Day Spelling Bee.
 O.C. thanks all staff, students, family and friends who made Catholic Schools Week a fun and successful one! May God continue to bless Catholic education!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the sick in the **PARISH:** Bonnie Amy, Evelyn Batton, Dorothy Beaugh, Dusty Bellard, Shirley Bellard, Dougie Bergeron, Katherine Bertrand, Gloria Berzas, Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Berzas, Stephen Berzas, Mary Aline Bihm, Brad Campesi, Clifton Boast, Jared Broussard, Waddad Buttross, Deanna D. Chachere, Shirley R. Chachere, Lucy Chapman, Leslie Chatham, Estelle Chautin, Dona Clary, Joel & Catherine Comeaux, Shelby Constantine, Kirt Cormier, Norma Cortez, Shelton Daigle, Angela Dautrueil, Helda Debailion, Lillian Delafosfe, 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, 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 Jagneau, Brenda Laffleur, Sister Mary Joseph Lafond, Deionne Lalonde, Louis Lanclos, Glenn Lavergne, Lillie Mae Lavergne, Ranella Lavergne, Dustin Lavoie, Phyllis Cormier Leblanc, 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, 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, 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., Mrs. Titard, Lena Trahan, Ryan Trahan, Pierre Trosclair, Amy Veillon, Cody Vidrine, Lou Vidrine, Charlene R. Whaley 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.....

THANK YOU FRIENDS OF THE BEREAVED

We thank you for the food and service provided to us following the funeral of our mother, Edith Roy, on Jan. 21, 2008. THE ROY FAMILY
 The Friends of the Bereaved extend their appreciation to the Roy Family for their generous donation.

KNIGHTS OF COUNCIL # 1173

We wish to encourage all of you who have thought about joining the Knights to do so. It is a great organization and we do many things to help St. Landry Church.
 If interested please call any of our Knights or call Louis Fay at 594-8198. We will be glad to answer any and all questions. God Bless all of you and stay healthy.

IN THANKSGIVING

\$30.00 donation in thanksgiving to ST. ANTHONY for answered prayers.

SPANISH MASS

Date: February 16, 2008
 Time: 6:00 p.m.
 Place: St. Ann Church in Mamou
 A Social will be held after the Mass.

OFFICE OF JUSTICE AND PEACE

All are invited to come and learn more about the work of Catholic Relief Services and Global Solidarity and meet Thomas Awiapo, Senior Program Officer, CRS Ghana
 TUESDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2008 at 6:30 P.M.
 RSVP: OFFICE OF JUSTICE & PEACE (337) 261-5545
 Immaculata Center, Marian Hall, Diocese of Lafayette
 His story is a remarkable one. Orphaned before the age of ten, he was left on his own to struggle for survival. Mr. Awiapo is a graduate of the University of Ghana and holds a Masters degree in Public Administration from California State University at Hayward.

SANCTUARY LIGHT
 Church.....Anna Ruth Halphen GaGian
 Chapel..... Jenna Joubert Family

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY
Group VI...Norma Hargroder, Week of February 16, 2008
Group VII.....Gwen Fruge, Week of February 23, 2008