

**World Marriage Day  
Msgr. Romero**

Last Sunday was World Marriage Day. This day is set aside on the second Sunday in February to honor the faithfulness and joy of daily married life. Because last Sunday was also the first Sunday of Lent, we were not able to highlight it in the bulletin as bulletin space was given to Lent and an examination of conscience.

I call your attention to a website sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at [www.foryourmarriage.org/](http://www.foryourmarriage.org/) www.foryourmarriage.org. This website has several useful articles and suggestions. There is a video selection on "What have you done for your marriage today?" This selection has different people sharing what they have done. There is another selection in regard to "Tips for your marriage". Currently these tips are courtesy of Susan Vogt, MA, CFLE. Here are samples:

**February 10** (World Marriage Day) Renew your vows today. "I \_\_\_ again take you, \_\_\_, to be my wife/husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life."

**February 9** Jesus laid down his life for us. We lay down our lives when we put our spouse's needs or comfort before our own.

**February 8** Christian marriage is not a 50-50 contract. It's a covenant, which means that each spouse promises to give 100%.

**February 7** Fasting from sweets or junk food can be a prayer prompt. Reinforce each other by making a commitment to give up the same pleasure food for six weeks.

**February 6** It's Lent. Instead of "giving up" something, consider "giving in." Is there some way you can yield to your spouse today?

There are other selections. I encourage married couples to explore this website. I encourage married couples to keep growing in their sacrament of marriage. Keep following the way of love.

**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.

**Sister B DeRouen, O. Carm.**  
Second Sunday of Lent

The Creator-God of control—who can manipulate and exploit the very order of creation—does not exist.

We are called, wrote T.S. Eliot, to sit among the rocks. Strange line from the poet; strange verse from Matthew. Yet, if there is any Beatitude to which we can all relate, it is the one that blesses our mourning. We all know pain, physical and spiritual, and we spend millions of dollars trying to get rid of it. Jesus tells us to enter into our pain where He waits to give us comfort. Pain has much to teach us if we are not afraid to let it. What pains us? In addition to death and violence, physical diminishment, war, jealousy, and hatred, there is the dismay that has to come from the recognition of our God's generosity compared to our stinginess. Blessings are signs that God is with us, even—perhaps especially-- in our pain and mourning.

Suggested activity: Bring a nail into your holy place and keep it in your hand during this prayer time. Lower the lights if you can,

and center yourself. When you are ready, in your imagination, go and sit among the rocks, where Jesus waits. Let Him gently reveal Himself to you, then invite Him into your deepest place of mourning. Close by reading 2Corinthians 1:3-4. (You might want to keep your nail with you for the week.)

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17, 2008  
READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING**

Reading I	Genesis 12: 1-4a The call of Abraham
Psalms	33 "Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you."
Reading II	2 Timothy 1:8b-10 Bear your share of hardship for the gospel.
Gospel	Matthew 17: 1-9 Jesus is transfigured.

**THEME  
TRANSFIGURATION  
WITH THE SPIRIT OF JESUS LIVING WITHIN US, WE  
WILL BE TRANSFORMED**

In baptism, the Lord blesses us and makes of us a great and holy nation. Too often we forget the promises we made in baptism. Lent is our annual sojourn of remembrance. We spend forty days preparing to renew our baptism promises at Easter. Today's gospel of the Transfiguration gives us a glimpse—early in the Lenten season—of the reason for our hope. We whose sins are washed clean through baptism are given the promise of eternal glory with our Lord. Let today's word open our hearts to this saving message.

**Question for Children:**  
Share about a time when you felt especially close to God or Jesus.

**Question for Youth:**  
Have you ever had a "mountain top" experience where you felt exceptionally close to God? How was your life changed by that experience?

**Question for Adults:**  
Perhaps this reading calls us, not to cling to the familiar, but to leave the comforts of this parish and reach out to the world around us. In your neighborhood or community, who is waiting to hear the Good News?

**FORMING GOOD STEWARDS  
"Rise, and do not be afraid."  
Matthew 17:8**

Jesus spoke these words to Peter, James and John, prostrated before him in fear after seeing him transfigured and conversing with Moses and Elijah. Tradition holds that the Transfiguration occurred atop Mt. Tabor, a cone shaped, craggy, mountain that juts up from the floor of the Jezreel Valley and overlooks Armageddon, the place of the final battle between good and evil. Lest we be too harsh on the three disciples for their fear and mis-interpretation of the event, let us confess that we would probably have been half way down the craggy mountain before Peter spoke his first word. We constantly engaged in our own Armageddon—our personal struggle between good and evil, trying to fulfill our responsibility to be all that God created us to be and to do all that God gave us the talents, abilities and gifts to do, sometimes succeeding, sometimes failing. When we lay prostrate before Jesus, filled with fear and anxiety, we hope to hear him say, Rise and do not be afraid." And then, "Good and faithful steward, come into my kingdom."

**DEACON CLINT TRAHAN**

Deacon Clint will attend 4:00 p.m. mass and 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. masses on February 23rd and 24th. He will present the homily at these masses.

**MASS  
INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE  
WEEK**

<b>Saturday, Feb. 16</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Daniel Lagrange Sr., Ollie & Buddy Bordelon, Jeanette Lalonde, Lafond-Kaufmann Family, James E. Martin, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Joyce Lasseigne, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, St. Ange Fournier, Jr.
<b>Sunday, Feb. 17</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	James P. Dugal, Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Hilary Dupre
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>		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, Lena Laborde Doucet
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>		St. Landry Church Parishioners, Lee Martin
<b>Monday, Feb. 18</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	Edith Wyble Roy
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 19</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	Earlis Vidrine, The Family of Olivia Layne Jones
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 20</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	Terry & Eula Lavergne, Bobbie (B), Julie & Ruth Mouton, Ronnie & Steve Ardoin & The Ryder Family
<b>Thursday, Feb. 21</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	Lizzie Joubert, Melissa Joubert
<b>Friday, Feb. 22</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	Judy M. LeJeune (DA), Ruby & Joseph Lalonde
<b>Saturday, Feb. 23</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Eddie Beaugh (B), Jeanette Lalonde, Carl Lanclous, James E. Martin, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine
<b>Sunday, Feb. 24</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Irl White, Hilary Dupre
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>		Quentin R. Joubert, Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Anna Ruth DaGian, Edith Wyble Roy, Edward Valin (B), Anna Pham (D.A.)
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>		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 .....	\$4,215.50
Maintenance Repair Fund .....	\$358.00
BSA .....	\$902.00
Ash Wednesday .....	\$1,049.83

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**Thank you for your generosity!**

**SECOND COLLECTION  
WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 17  
Opelousas Catholic Foundation**

**REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK**

Wed. Feb. 20	6:30 p.m.	1st Penance
Thurs. Feb. 21	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Fri. Feb. 22	6:00 p.m.	Way of The Cross and Benediction
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Retreat through Sunday

**O.C. CORNER**

The O.C. middle/high school library is holding its annual Book Fair, beginning this week with a PTO meeting preview on Wednesday. The fair will continue February 21, 22, 25, 26 and 27th .Book Fair information may be viewed by clicking on its link on Edline.

Registration is now in full swing for the 2008-09 school year. Call the bookkeeper at 942-5404 ext. 101 for more information. Join in the excitement as O.C. plans to transform its campus beginning this summer!

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS  
(FEBRUARY 2008)**

General: That the mentally handicapped may not be marginalized but respected and lovingly helped to live in a way dignifying of their physical and social conditions.

Mission: That Institutes of Consecrated Life, so flourishing in mission countries, may rediscover the missionary dimension and faithful to the radical choice of Gosepl counsels, be generous in bearing witness to Christ and proclaiming Him to the ends of the earth.

**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 Debailon, 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 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 Laffleur, Sister Mary Joseph Lafond, Deionne Lalonde, Louis Lanclous, Dottie Lavergne, Glenn Lavergne, Lillie Mae Lavergne, Ranella Lavergne, Dustin Lavoie, Mary Alice Leblanc, Phyllis Cormier Leblanc, Ronald Leger, Tonya Londerno, Thelma Macip, Andre Magallanes, Georgia F. Malveaux, Mary Martin, Kelly McCormick, Samuel McCormick, Frank Miller, Jeffrey 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.....

**RETURNED TO CHRIST THROUGH DEATH**

The St. Landry Church parishioners offer prayers and sincere condolences to the families of: LIZZIE JOUBERT; MELISSA JOUBERT; CAROL PITRE, OLIVIA LAYNE JONES, AND SIMON SOILEAU

**PARISH LENTEN MISSION**

WHEN: March 3rd , 4th, 5th, 2008  
TIME: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
PLACE: ST. LANDRY CHURCH  
TOPIC: INTRODUCTION TO THE DIVINE LESSON: GOD'S WORD  
PRESENTER: SISTER CHRISTINE GRIGGS, O. CARM.

**THANK YOU FRIENDS OF THE BEREAVED**

Thank you for the food you provided to our family and friends.  
THE ST. ANGE FOURNIER FAMILY

**VOCATION SUPPER FOR YOUNG MEN**

DATE: Tuesday March 25, 2008  
TIME: 6:30 P.M.  
LOCATION: Bishop Michael Jarrell's Residence  
CONTACT: Director of Vocations, (337) 261-5690  
DEADLINE TO REGISTER....March 20, 2008

**DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Couples who have been married 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years will be honored on Sunday March 9, 2008 2:00 p.m. St. Peter Church, 108 St. Peter Street, New Iberia. Application forms are available at the entrance of the church.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

Church.....First Confession Students  
Chapel..... Graham Johnson Family

**LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY**

**Group VII.....**Gwen Fruge, Week of February 23, 2008  
**Group I.....**Alverda Deshotels, Week of March 1, 2008