

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP JARRELL

In a letter from Bishop Michael Jarrell, he is requesting our support for this year's Catholic Relief Services Collection, one of the most important ways the Catholic community in the United States responds to the needs of those who are suffering, poor, and vulnerable around the world. The Collection's theme, "Jesus in disguise", reminds us of the presence of Christ in every one of our brothers and sisters in need. The collection was scheduled for March 1-2, 2008 in our Diocese but is being held in our parish the weekend of March 15-16, 2008.

To find out how Catholics here are touching lives all over the world, visit the website www.usccb.org/crscollection.

Bishop Jarrell thanks us for our ongoing commitment to "Jesus in Disguise" and for promoting the Catholic Relief Services' Collection of 2008.

**The Lenten 2008 Penance Services
North Region, Diocese of Lafayette.**

Msgr. and the priest in the North Region, in the name of Jesus, welcome you to experience God's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent at the following Penance Services:

St Leo (Leoville)	March 11	6:00-8:00pm
Holy Family (Lawtell)	March 11	7:00pm
St. Charles (Grand Coteau)	March 12	7:00pm
St. Anthony (Krotz Springs)	March 12	7:45pm
St. Landry (Opelousas)	March 17	6:30pm
OLQ of All Saints (Ville Platte)	March 17	6:30pm
St. Anthony (Eunice)	March 17	6:00pm

Prayer for Lent: O God, bless us during this season of spiritual renewal. Fill our minds and hearts with love, that we may be a sign of Jesus to all those living in our midst.

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.
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Mercy and truth will meet; justice and peace will kiss.

Psalm 85

The last four Beatitudes are all based on Psalm 85:10. Ours is a reflective morality. We are to reflect to others the wonders God has done for us, so that people should be able to look at the way we live and say: You are so much like Jesus! That hasn't happened to me lately. How about you? The Beatitudes point to and define a new way of being where we will forgive as we have been forgiven, where we will loosen the bonds of the unfree (beginning with ourselves), where we learn truth from a person, not a formula, where we work for a new order that respects the dignity of each person. In the Gospels Jesus always throws a curve to someone who wants to follow Him. "Sell what you have...", but Peter kept his boat. "Let the dead bury the dead...", interesting suggestion! He wants to know if they and we really mean it. Remembering *that it is an awesome thing to fall into the hands of the Living God*, are we willing to pay the cost of loving and being loved by this God-Man, Jesus of Nazareth?

SUGGESTED ACTIVITY: Go to your holy place and center yourself. We are very near to the week of Christ's great gift to us. Are you ready for the responsibilities that come with accepting that gift? Ask the Spirit to help you know what God may be asking of you and what the cost might be. End with Psalm 84:7ff.

**WEEK OF MARCH 9, 2008
READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING**

Reading I: Ezekiel 37: 12-14

The Lord says: I will open your graves.

Psalm 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

"With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

Reading II: Romans 8:8-11

The life-giving Spirit dwells in us.

Gospel:.....John 11: 1-45.

The Lord says: Lazarus, Come out!

**THEME
New Life in Christ Jesus**

God has the power to open our graves and raise us from them. That power is portrayed mightily in today's Gospel. As the Lord summons Lazarus forth from the grave, let us ask God to allow that summons to reach deeply into our hearts and draw us out of our own tombs where sinful decay has set in. As the sacred word is proclaimed, let us acclaim Christ as resurrection and life.

Question for Children:

How do your actions show that you put faith and trust in Jesus?

Question for Youth:

Lazarus received a second chance at life through Jesus. How have you experienced second chances in your own life?

Question for Adults:

The death from which we are called is healing from those things which bind us and hold us back: memories, fears, rejection, or other such things. What binds you? What keeps you from fully being your own most true self in Christ?

FORMING GOOD STEWARDS

"Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me: yet, not as I will, but as you will" Matt. 26:39

Msgr. Winus Roeten says that when we are in prayer and we hear ourselves saying: "No!" we probably just heard from God. Prayer is not so much about what we say to God, but about what we are willing to hear from God. When we are in true communion with God to discern his will for us he may ask us to do something difficult or unpleasant; something we have not done before; something that may antagonize our family and friends; something involving financial or physical risk. And it is okay, as Msgr. Roeten suggests, if our first answer is "No!" But, if we are good stewards of our prayer life, growing constantly in our communion with God to discern his will, we must ultimately say "Yes!" to God. Only a fool would want to accept the cup that Jesus knew was in front of him. Jesus was no fool. But Jesus was not willing to destroy the communion he had with the Father, so he was willing to accept the cup. What are we willing to hear from God?

Welcome into our Catholic family by the sacrament of Baptism

Kohen Seth Pitre son of Kylie Jo Pitre
and
Drake Vincent Michaud
son of Leo Joseph and Leisa Vincent Michaud

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

March 9th turn your clocks forward 1 hour. Evaluate time for the gift it is, and for the ability it offers for personal growth and expressions. Review what you have experienced in life, thanks to God's gift of time.

PLEASE NOTE

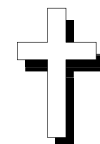
Altar Society members are reminded that ALL are to help with the cleaning and decorating activities on Fri. March 14 (after school Mass); Sat. March 15; Mon. March 17 and March 18. Call your group leader to see what time.

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

Group III.....Irene Soileau, Week of March 15, 2008

Group IV.....Sarah Wagley, Week of March 22, 2008

**MASS
INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE
WEEK**

Saturday, Mar. 8 **4:00 p.m.** Jeanette Lalonde, James E. Martin, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Mrs. Ernest "Neg" Smith, Walford LeBlanc, Jr. (H), Pap Roy (B), Clayton (DA) & Eula Soileau, Alexis, Carl & Curley Lanclous

Sunday, Mar. 9 **8:00 a.m.** Terry & Eula Lavergne, Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Duplechin, Norward Duplechain, Carl Dupre, Jane Dupre, Michael Dupre, Dotsie Edwards, Tristan Estis, Georgia Fiegel, Drake Fontenot, Harold Fontenot, Joseph L. Fontenot, Larry J. Fontenot, Shala Fontenot, Lauren Giminez, George Gremillion, Larry Greer, Ann Guidroz, Elaine L Guillory, Louis Guillory, The T. Guillory Family, Gabrielle Marie Hanson, Benny Hargroder, Brooke Hargroder, David Huckaby, Doris Hudspeth, Austin Jagneaux, Landon James, Agnes Kidder, Nathan Kimble, Brenda Lafleur, Sister Mary Joseph Lafond, Deionne Lalonde, Louis Lanclous, Velma Lanclous, Berchman Lavergne, Dotty Lavergne, Floyd Lavergne, Glenn Lavergne, Renella Lavergne, Dustin Lavoie, Mary Alice LeBlanc, Phyllis Cormier LeBlanc, Ronald Leger, Mildred Lemelle, Tonya Londerno, Thelma Macip, Andre Magallanes, Therese Major, Simone Marcantel, Mary Martin, Jeffery Miller, Shirley Morris, Julie Mouton, Dot Nezat, Katherine Olivier, Craig Ortego, Marty Ortego, Callie Palmer, Linda Pefferkorn, Johnny Pellerin, Yvonne Pellerin, Keith Perry, Mary Perry, Carol Pitre, Irene Pitre, Kermit Pitre, Joey Prather, Kathleen Prather, Gregory Richard, Jim Richard, Melanie Richard, Lilly Richard, Ronald Richard, Larry Roberie, Joseph James Robin, Marie Saucier, Gilfred Savoy Jr., Harold Savoy, Jane Smith, Geneva Soulier, Eddie Stanford, Aaron Stelly, Annabelle Stelly, Erika Stelly, Rodney & Viola Stelly, Melanie Stoute, Jeanette Tatman, Adolph Taylor Sr., Mrs. Titard, Lena Trahan, Ryan Trahan, Pierre Troclair, Trista Venable, Lou Vidrine, Charlene Ruffino Whaley, Ivan Winn, Wayne Wyble

5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church

Parishioners, Lee Martin

Monday, Mar. 10 **12:10 p.m.** Wayne Wyble

Tuesday, Mar. 11 **12:10 p.m.** Gloria Miller

Wednesday, Mar. 12 **12:10 p.m.** Loretta Marcantel, Ernie & Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly & Mickey Hollier

Thursday, Mar. 13 **12:10 p.m.** Edith W. Roy

Friday, Mar. 14 **12:10 p.m.** Arsent Manuel

Saturday, Mar. 15 **4:00 p.m.** Ollie & Buddy Bordelon, Jeanette Lalonde, James E. Martin, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, St. Ange Fournier Jr., Walford LeBlanc J. (H), Hazel Reed

Sunday, Mar. 16 **8:00 a.m.** Teddie Beaug, Martin J. St. Amand, Youle and Therese Fontenot, Hilary Dupre, Clay (DA) & J.C. (B) Billeaudeau

10:00 a.m. Tom Hammil, Quentin R. Joubert, Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Anna Ruth DaGian, Edith W. Roy, Lena LaBorde Doucet, Lawrence Wiltz, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe

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**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\$8,340.90
Maintenance Repair Fund\$1,784.75
BSA\$5.00

*Every Gift
Comes From
Above.*



Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND COLLECTION
WEEKEND OF MARCH 16**

The Catholic Relief Services Collection

Help a hungry child eat, a war-torn nation build peace, and a refugee make a new life.

REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon., Mar. 10	6:00 p.m.	Hi School Religion
Tues., Mar. 11	6:30 p.m.	RCIA
	6:00 p.m.	Catholic Daughter Meeting
Wed., Mar. 12	6:00 p.m.	CCD Testing
Thurs., Mar. 13	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:30 p.m.	KC Meeting
Fri., Mar. 14	6:00 p.m.	Way of The Cross
	7:00-9:00 p.m.	RCIA Retreat
Sat., Mar. 15	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	RCIA Retreat

O.C. CORNER

The O.C. Spring Fair is now underway on the school campus. Please bring the family out to enjoy! Chicken dinners are available this Sunday (March 9) in the cafeteria from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. A blood drive will be held on campus this Thursday morning. Please come in to give blood! Good luck to all of the students participating in the District Literary Rally next Saturday at LSU in Eunice.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Donations for Easter Flowers are being accepted. Donations can be made in memory of a deceased loved one, In Thanksgiving, or for a living person. You can drop your donation in the donation basket at mass with information who or what the donation is for or just bring it to Valentin Hall during office hours.....Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Bonnie Amy, Marie Amy, Angela Aymond, Dorothy Beaug, Dusty Bellard, Shirley Bellard, Dougie Bergeron, Katherine Bertrand, Gloria Berzas, M/M Nathan Berzas, Stephen Berzas, Mary Aline Bihm, Lillie Briggs, Jared Broussard, Brad Campesi, Shirley R. Chachere, Lucy Chapman, Leslie Chatham, Estelle Chautin, Dona Clary, Logan Comb., Norma Cortez, Shelton Daigle, Angela Dautrueil, Hilda Deballion, Lillian Delafosse, J.C. Diesi, Sharon Doucet, Connie Duffy, Landon James Duplechin, Norward Duplechain, Carl Dupre, Jane Dupre, Michael Dupre, Dotsie Edwards, Tristan Estis, Georgia Fiegel, Drake Fontenot, Harold Fontenot, Joseph L. Fontenot, Larry J. Fontenot, Shala Fontenot, Lauren Giminez, George Gremillion, Larry Greer, Ann Guidroz, Elaine L Guillory, Louis Guillory, The T. Guillory Family, Gabrielle Marie Hanson, Benny Hargroder, Brooke Hargroder, David Huckaby, Doris Hudspeth, Austin Jagneaux, Landon James, Agnes Kidder, Nathan Kimble, Brenda Lafleur, Sister Mary Joseph Lafond, Deionne Lalonde, Louis Lanclous, Velma Lanclous, Berchman Lavergne, Dotty Lavergne, Floyd Lavergne, Glenn Lavergne, Renella Lavergne, Dustin Lavoie, Mary Alice LeBlanc, Phyllis Cormier LeBlanc, Ronald Leger, Mildred Lemelle, Tonya Londerno, Thelma Macip, Andre Magallanes, Therese Major, Simone Marcantel, Mary Martin, Jeffery Miller, Shirley Morris, Julie Mouton, Dot Nezat, Katherine Olivier, Craig Ortego, Marty Ortego, Callie Palmer, Linda Pefferkorn, Johnny Pellerin, Yvonne Pellerin, Keith Perry, Mary Perry, Carol Pitre, Irene Pitre, Kermit Pitre, Joey Prather, Kathleen Prather, Gregory Richard, Jim Richard, Melanie Richard, Lilly Richard, Ronald Richard, Larry Roberie, Joseph James Robin, Marie Saucier, Gilfred Savoy Jr., Harold Savoy, Jane Smith, Geneva Soulier, Eddie Stanford, Aaron Stelly, Annabelle Stelly, Erika Stelly, Rodney & Viola Stelly, Melanie Stoute, Jeanette Tatman, Adolph Taylor Sr., Mrs. Titard, Lena Trahan, Ryan Trahan, Pierre Troclair, Trista Venable, Lou Vidrine, Charlene Ruffino Whaley, Ivan Winn, Wayne Wyble

Please help update our list. If any name is omitted and should be on the list, please call if anyone is well enough to be taken off the list, 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.....

MARRIAGE PROGRAM

Marriage Program is being presented by Mr. Paul Leblanc, LCSW, BCD. Mr. Leblanc has been counseling married couples for many years. He will offer ideas on how to communicate and solve problems that will assist in re-connecting marriages. The program is being offered through the Diocese of Lafayette:
Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.
Place: Fusilier Auditorium, Immaculata, 1408 Carmel Dr., Lafayette.
No set fees, donations accepted.

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE FOR THOSE AFFECTED WITH CANCER

Dearest protector, St. Jude, my companion, you are the bearer of abiding hope. I place myself in your care as I bear the cross of cancer. I trust that you walk with me, and give me courage when I am afraid; strength when I grow weary, hope when it seems all is lost. Most faithful patron, never leave my side. May our friendship remind me always of the love God offers to each of His faithful children, and the healing He provides to all those who believe in His saving power. We pray this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen...

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
NEXT SUNDAY PALM SUNDAY.
PALMS WILL BE BLESSED AT ALL MASSES.**

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY MASS AT 12:10 P.M.

EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY– MASS 6:00 p.m.
GOOD FRIDAY CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION (no mass) 6:00 p.m.
SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL 8:00 p.m.
SUNDAY EASTER DAY MASSES 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. (NO 5:00 p.m. AFTERNOON MASS)

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Church.....World Peace
Chapel Souls in Purgatory