

**THE SPIRITUALITY OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY REQUIRES WE DO THE FOLLOWING:**

- To observe this feast we should commence a Novena to the Divine Mercy on **Good Friday**, the Novena includes special intentions for each day and is concluded with the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.
- Celebrate the feast on the first Sunday after Easter.
- Come to Jesus with a humble and contrite heart, repent of all our sins.
- Firmly trust in the Divine Mercy of Jesus.
- Go to confession within seven days before or within seven days after the feast, as approved by the Church.
- Receive Holy Communion on the Day of the Feast.
- Venerate the image of Divine Mercy.

Be merciful as God is merciful. Practice works of Mercy, physically by helping others or spiritually by prayers of intercession.

**ACTS OF MERCY TAUGHT BY THE CHURCH**

**The Corporal Works of Mercy** are feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned, and burying the dead.

**The Spiritual Works of Mercy** are admonishing the sinner, instructing the ignorant, counseling the doubtful, comforting the sorrowful, bearing wrongs patiently.

**ST. LANDRY CHURCH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

Three positions on the St. Landry Church Pastoral Council will soon complete their terms. These are Mr. Charles Dore, Doctor Lucius Doucet, and Mr. Darryl Wagley. We ask parishioners to please begin a spiritual discernment to nominate new members. A nomination committee is being established with Ms. Yvonne Normand as the chair. The schedule for nominations and elections will be given later. The first task is to ask God in prayer who should be nominated.

**PILGRIMAGE TO TURKEY (March 26 – April 9, 2008) Msgr. Romero**

While continuing the pilgrimage to Turkey with the theme “Why turkey? Cradle of Christianity”, I write you before I leave. On Divine Mercy Sunday we are in Goreme, Cappadocia. Tomorrow, Monday, we go to Iconium presently called Konya. We pass through Galatia and near towns of Derby, Lystra, Phrygia, Pisidian Antioch. On Tuesday, we continue to Pamukkale where on the way we will visit Hieropolis where St. Philip was martyred and where a martyrrium memorial is built. We also hope to visit Colossae and Laodiceae [one of the seven Churches of the Book of Revelation]. On Wednesday we continue our visits to the churches of the Book of Revelation with Philadelphia, Sardis and Smyrna. Smyrna is called Izmir today. We remain in Izmir for two nights. On Thursday, we visit Ephesus another church of the Book of Revelations and where the House of Mary, the Basilica and

tomb of St. John the Apostle are. I hope to celebrate mass in Ephesus and will remember you there.

It was in Ephesus that the church defined Mary to be the “Mother of God”. On Friday we continue our journey to Pergamum, Thyatira, [two churches of the Book of Revelations] and on to Alexander Troas where St. Paul had the vision to go to Macedonia as well as where he set sail with St. Luke. We will stay for the night at Assos where St. Paul preached a long sermon and someone fell out of the window. On Saturday, we start for Nicene but stop for the night in Bursa. On Sunday, April 6, 2008 we get to Nicaea and pray the Nicene Creed, the Profession of Faith, we say every Sunday. It was at Nicaea we began understanding God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. From Nicaea we continue to Istanbul for three nights.

**WEEK OF MARCH 23, 2008 READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING**

Acts 2:42-47: Those who believed shared all things in common.  
Psalm 118: “Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.”

1 Peter 1:3-9: God has given us birth.  
John 20:19-31: My Lord and My God!

**THEME**

**Jesus Gives us the Power of the Holy Spirit**

In imitation of the first Christians, we now devote ourselves to listening to the teaching of the apostles. Let our hearts rejoice with glorious joy as we hear the familiar Gospel story of Thomas, the apostle who doubted. As we are nourished at the table of the word, let our response be the same as that of Thomas. With joy, let us acclaim the risen Christ with these words: “My Lord and my God!”

**Question for Children:** Even though you can’t see him with your eyes, how do you “see” Jesus in others?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit and gave us the power to forgive sins. How do you offer forgiveness to your friends and family? How do you seek forgiveness for yourself?

**Question for Adults:** When and how do you experience the “new birth” which we are given in Christ? When someone has forgiven you? When you have forgiven others? When you celebrate reconciliation? At other times?

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

On Saturday, April 12, 2008, we will be hosting the event called “Walk a Mile In Her Shoes” based on the old saying that you don’t know what someone has been through until you have walked a mile in their shoes. The walk will begin and end in front of the St. Landry Parish Courthouse with registration beginning at 8 a.m. The walk will begin at 9:00 a.m. We need you to obtain a pair of high heel shoes (2” high or greater), and dress comfortably. We encourage you to bring your children, your families, and your friends to cheer you on. We are walking a mile in women’s shoes to help raise awareness and to urge more men to help end sexual violence. A donation of \$10.00 per walker will be accepted with the proceeds going to the center for community education.


**MASS INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, Mar. 29** ..... **4:00 p.m.** Jeanette Lalonde, Anna Ruth Halphen DaGian, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, St. Ange Fournier Jr., Marcy Thibodeaux, Velma & Patsy Gail Boss  
**Sunday, Mar. 30** ..... **8:00 a.m.** Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Hilary Dupre, Marcy Thibodeaux  
**10:00 a.m.** ..... Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Quentin R. Joubert, Anna Ruth Halphen DaGian, Lena Laborde Doucet, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu  
**5:00 p.m.** ..... St. Landry Church Parishioners, Lee Martin, Shirley Chachere  
**Monday, Mar. 31** ..... **12:10 p.m.** Henri Fontenot (B) & Fly., Henry & Lillia (A) Fontenot, Dotsy Edwards  
**Tuesday, Apr. 1** ..... **12:10 p.m.** No Mass  
**Wednesday, Apr. 2** ..... **12:10 p.m.** Terry & Eula Lavergne, Ernie & Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly and Mickey Hollier  
**Thursday, Apr. 3** ..... **12:10 p.m.** Anna Ruth Halphen DaGian, Lena LaBorde Doucet (B), Doris H. Philippe (B)  
**Friday, Apr. 4** ..... **12:10 p.m.** David Mark Miller, Ethel L. & Teddy J. Meaux and Lou Ella Lognion, J.Y. Fontenot (B) & Fly.  
**Saturday, Apr. 5** ..... **4:00 p.m.** Jeanette Lalonde, Ruth Mouton (DA), Ernie McKinney & Steven, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Going, Sr., Carl Lanclos, James E. Martin, Irvin J. Dupre, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Walfred (Wally) Leblanc, Jr.  
**Sunday, Apr. 6** ..... **8:00 a.m.** Mr. & Mrs. John FaKouri, John Jr. & Jacob, Howard & Mable Richard, Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Alton & Elizabeth Joubert, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Hilary Dupre, Harold Doucet, Belva Fontenot (B) & Fly.  
**10:00 a.m.** ..... Quentin R. Joubert, Bobbie, Julie & Ruth Mouton, Ronnie & Steve Ardoin, Ryder & Fly., Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Allen Richard, Francis, Elise & Al Gautreaux & Bart Bernard, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Oscar & Agnes Roy  
**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., Wed., Thurs., Fri.**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
**Your Stewardship To God**  
 Total Offertory Collection .....\$3,998.40  
 Easter Offering .....\$789.00  
 Maintenance Repair Fund.....\$281.00  
 BSA .....\$27.00  
 O.C.S.. Foundation Fund .....\$601.97  
*Every Gift Comes From Above.*  
  
**Thank you for your generosity!**

**REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK**  
 Monday, March 31 6:00 p.m. Hi School Religion  
 Wednesday, April 2 5:30 p.m. 1st Communion Class  
 Thursday, April 3 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice  
 Friday, April 4 7:00 a.m. 1st Friday Adoration  
 Saturday, April 5 NO 1st Saturday Mass

**O.C. CORNER**  
 The O.C. business office reports that registration for 2008-09 is closed for most elementary classes, and there are a few openings remaining in the junior high and high school grades. Those who have not yet registered are encouraged to do so. Call the school at 942-5404 ext. 101.  
 Springtime is a great time to start recycling! Please bring your recyclable materials to the St. Landry Parish Recycling Center, and ask them to apply it to O.C.’s account.  
 Keep the O.C. children in your prayers as they begin their Stanford achievement tests this week.

**THANK YOU FRIENDS OF THE BEREAVED**  
 The families of DOROTHY EDWARDS and R.S. (SOL) REED thank you for your support and kindness during their time of need. They greatly appreciate the food that you provided.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Bonnie Amy, Marie Amy, Leola Arnaud, Angela Aymond, Dorothy Beaugh, Dusty Bellard, Shirley Bellard, Dougie Bergeron, Katherine Bertrand, Gloria Berzas, M/M Nathan Berzas, Stephen Berzas, Mary Aline Bihm, Lillie Briggs, Jackie Artigue Bordelon, Jared Broussard, Brad Campesi, Lucy Chapman, Leslie Chatham, Estelle Chautin, Dona Clary, Logan Comb., Norma Cortez, Shelton Daigle, Angela Dautrueil, Hilda Debillion, Lillian Delafosse, J.C. Diesi, Sharon Doucet, Connie Duffy, Landon James Duplechin, Norward Duplechain, Carl Dupre, Jane Dupre, Michael Dupre, Tristan Estis, Georgia Fiegel, Drake Fontenot, Harold Fontenot, Joseph L. 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, Sydney Harmon, David Huckaby, Doris Hudspeth, Austin Jagneaux, Landon James, Frazier Jordan, Taylor Jordan, Agnes Kidder, Nathan Kimble, Brenda Lafleur, Sister Mary Joseph Lafond, Deionne Lalonde, Louis Lanclos, Berchman Lavergne, Dotty Lavergne, Floyd Lavergne, Glenn Lavergne, Renella Lavergne, Dustin Lavoie, Mary Alice LeBlanc, Phyllis Cormier LeBlanc, Ronald Leger, Mildred Lemelle, Tonya Londero, Thelma Macip, Andre Magallanes, Therese Major, Simone Marcantel, Mary Martin, Byron L. Miller, Jeffery Miller, Theo Frank Miller, Shirley Morris, Julie Mouton, Dot Nezat, Katherine Olivier, Craig Ortego, Marty Ortego, Callie Palmer, Linda Pfefferkorn, Johnny Pellerin, Yvonne Pellerin, Keith Perry, Mary Perry, Irene Pitre, Kermit Pitre, Joey Prather, Kathleen Prather, Gregory Richard, Jim Richard, Melanie Richard, Lilly Richard, Ronald Richard, Joseph James Robin, Marie Saucier, Harold Savoy, Jane Smith, Eddie Stanford, Aaron Stelly, Annabelle Stelly, Erika Stelly, Rodney & Viola Stelly, Melanie Stoute, Jeanette Tatman, Adolph Taylor Sr., Mrs. Titarid, Lena Trahan, Ryan Trahan, Pierre Trosclair, 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

**FLOWERS FOR EASTER**  
 Thank you for your generosity!  
**IN MEMORY OF:**  
**\$15.00 John & Eteline Meche**  
**\$15.00 Bertmance & Celestine Lanclos**  
**\$20.00 John FaKouri Family**  
**\$20.00 Andrepont, Courville & Marks Families**  
**\$25.00 Gaines & Trosclair Families**  
**\$100.00 The Lafleur Family**

**FORMING GOOD STEWARDS**  
 Celebrate love, hope, joy, relationships, promise, and new life. Share the story and meaning of Easter with children. Reflect an excitement for the relationship you have with Jesus. Demonstrate discipleship with communications, visits, gifts, loving expressions—all to include others in the celebration of Christ’s resurrection. Be a minister of Christ’s love in daily living. Live as a good steward of God’s gifts.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**  
**Dining Around:** A monthly social outing with others who have lost loved ones.  
 April 20 Nimbeaux’s Restaurant  
 May 18 Blue Dog Café  
 Third Sundays of the month @ 11:00 a.m.  
 Contact Mollie Vincent for more info @ 898-0592  
**Living Life after the Loss of a Child:**  
 Thursday, April 10 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.  
 Hospice of Acadiana Conf. Center  
 2600 Johnston St. Suite 200, Lafayette  
**Pilgrimage to Russia & Fatima:**  
 Fr. Michael Russo will lead a pilgrimage to Portugal, Sept. 18 through 27th with an optional extension to Russia through Oct. 2nd. For more info, phone Our Lady of Fatima Church in Lafayette@232-8945

**ST. LANDRY CATHOLIC CHURCH GRADES 1-8 SCHOOL OF RELIGION SUMMER SCHEDULE**  
**8:00am - 12:00pm**  
**JULY 14th-17th and JULY 21st-24th.**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**  
 Church .....Safety For All Travelers  
 Chapel..... All Those Who Have Left The Faith

**LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY**  
**Group VI** .....Norma Hargroder, Week of April 5, 2008  
**Group VII**.....Gwen Fruge, Week of April 12, 2008