

**Appreciations  
From Msgr. Romero**

I take this time [March 25, 2008] to thank everyone who helped in the care of the church environment for Lent and Easter. It seemed Lent arrived so quickly and Easter was here before we realized. I offer many thanks to all who worked so hard in cleaning and caring of the church. Your efforts are outstanding.

I also appreciate the good numbers of people who came to weekday masses at 12.10 p.m. during Lent. The Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament were most beautiful.

Also the Lenten Mission with the theme of "Introduction to the Divine Lesson: God's Word" was a good way to begin praying the *Lectio Divina*. This is a special way of using the Bible for prayer. Sister Chris Griggs was outstanding in her explanation and in helping us apply this special way of praying. I especially liked the mixture of generations who attended. Sister helped us read a passage first picking a word, then read the passage a second time choosing a phrase or a sentence. Then we read the same passage a third time, selecting a sentence. After reflecting on this sentence for five minutes, we strived to express God's message to us in a few words. When we are able to use this method of prayer frequently during the week and also journal each message, we see over time how God is bringing us to a deeper level of holiness.

The Easter Triduum's servers did a good job. The lectors were especially outstanding in their ministry as well as the extraordinary ministers of communion. The music ministers were on over load as they were present for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. By the time Easter Sunday arrived, they were burnt out.

Those who participated in the washing of the feet were Andrew Bacon, Renee Briggs, Evan Cosgrove-Richard, Kelli Courville, Floyd Darby, Ethel Darby, Brandy Simon Dufour, Briana Lee Dufour, Brett Michael Dufour, Anne Hollier, Morganne Ned, Ashley Rider, and Sarah Louise Stelly. If you counted 13 people, you counted correctly. You would have to have been there to understand why 13 were present this year. Thank you each and every one who participated.

We had a large participation in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) this year. As a result, at the Easter Vigil, the following were confirmed: Daniel Carriere; Kelli Courville; Andrew Curley (and 1st Communion); John Deville, Jr. (and 1st Communion); Bryon Higginbotham; Shelby Higginbotham; Tiffany Higginbotham; Robert LeBlanc; Jackie Melancon; Ashley Richard; Susan Richard; Ashley Rider; Dustin Robin. Congratulations to them are in order and a prayer for them: "May God's life be strong in them. May their deeds show the life of Jesus to others. May those who know them, give praise to God and come to God because of them. Amen."

**FORMING GOOD STEWARDS**

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures for us." Despite an amazing flurry of archaeological activity in the Holy Land, especially around Jerusalem, archaeologists have not located Emmaus. St. Luke says it was 7 miles from Jerusalem. Nine sites northwest of Jerusalem are vying to be the "village of Emmaus." Yet, it is not the location that will make it significant; it is the event---the Risen Jesus teaching two of his disciples all of the passages in the Old Testament that referred to him. What an incredible experience, especially when they recognized him after "He took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them." We have the New Testament and Tradition, the completion of God's Revelation of Himself to us. Every time we participate in the Eucharist, Jesus, in the person of our priest, takes bread, says a blessing, breaks it and gives it to us. Oh, how our hearts should be burning within us, no matter where we are. If not, we may need to

spend more time walking with Jesus by reading Scripture, wherever we are.

**Pilgrimage to Turkey as the Cradle of Christianity  
(March 26 – April 9, 2008)**

**By Msgr. Romero**

I write this update before I leave for Turkey. On Friday, we completed our tour of the seven churches of the Book of Revelations with our visits to Pergamum and Thyatira. We continued toward Alexander Troas where St. Paul had the vision to go to Macedonia and where he set sail with St. Luke. We were overnight in Assos where a young person fell out of the window while St. Paul was preaching. On Saturday, April 5, 2008 we go to Bursa where we stop for the night. To our knowledge, St. Paul traveled in the area on his way to Alexander Troas. Bursa was the first Ottoman Capital and is a silk trade center and an automobile center. On Sunday, we head to Istanbul stopping first in Nicaea [today called Iznik]. This is where the Nicene Creed was written. We will be in Istanbul until we leave for home on Wednesday. While in Istanbul, I hope to say mass in the Catholic Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, where Pope Benedict XVI said mass. I also hope to say mass in St. Anthony Church where Blessed Pope John XXIII said mass for almost 10 years while he was the Vatican Ambassador to Turkey. I will remember you in these masses. We also hope to see Aya Sofya (Church of the Holy Wisdom), the Blue Mosque, the Topkapi Palace, and the Dohlmabache Palace. Istanbul is important as this is where four councils of the church were held in the section historically named Constantinople and one council held in the section historically named Chalcedon, across the Bosphorous. Istanbul is a large city located in both Europe and Asia.

**WEEK OF APRIL 6, 2008  
READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING**

Acts 2:14, 22-23	It was impossible for Jesus to be held by death.
Psalm 16	"Lord, you will show us the path of life".
1 Peter 1:17-21	We were saved by the precious blood of the bread.
Luke 24:13-35	They recognized Him in the breaking of the bread.

**THEME**

The risen Lord is made present in this holy place in many ways: in the persons gathered there, in the sacrament of the Eucharist, in the persons of those who minister to us, and in the living word of God proclaimed today. Let us be mindful of these ways that we experience Christ in this holy place. As the word of God is proclaimed, may our hearts burn within us as we discover anew the presence of Christ in this sacred word.

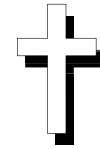
**POINTS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION**

1. Early Christians lived "in common." To what concrete expression of common life do you think the Spirit is guiding you?
2. An early believer once said: "I believe; help my unbelief!" (Mk 9:24). Are you afraid to doubt your faith?

**APRIL 2008 STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITIES**

April 13--World Day of Prayer for Vocations: The latest church statistics show that the number of priests and seminarians in the world continues to increase, but not as fast as the general Catholic population. Let us unite with others around the world to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Celebrate and recognize those who have responded to God's call for a vocation. How might you serve to nurture a possible vocation in another?

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**



<b>Saturday, Apr. 5</b> .....	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	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., Mary Baillio (B)
<b>Sunday, Apr. 6</b> .....	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	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.
<b>10:00 a.m.</b> .....		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
<b>5:00 p.m.</b> .....		St. Landry Church Parishioners, Lee Martin
<b>Monday, Apr. 7</b> .....	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	Roy Whipp, R.S. "Sol" Reed
<b>Tuesday, Apr. 8</b> .....	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	No Mass
<b>Wednesday, Apr. 9</b> .....	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	Anna Ruth Halphen
<b>DaGian, Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward &amp; Allen Jr.</b>		
<b>Thursday, Apr. 10</b> .....	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	Janet Boatman, Dotsy Edwards
<b>Friday, Apr. 11</b> .....	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	Loretta Marcantel; Shirley Chachere
<b>Saturday, Apr. 12</b> .....	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Jeanette Lalonde, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, St. Ange Fournier Jr., Alexis, Carl (DA) & Curley Lanclos, Lee, Vivian & Kristie Artigue, Walfred "Wally" LeBlanc Jr., Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward & Allen Jr.
<b>Sunday, Apr. 13</b> .....	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Eddie Beaugh, Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Hilary Dupre, Janis Courville & Fly.
<b>10:00 a.m.</b> .....		Bill & Mary Manuel (WA), Quentin R. Joubert, Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Ernie & Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly & Mickey Hollier, Lena Laborde Doucet, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. And Doris H. Philippe, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas and Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu
<b>5:00 p.m.</b> .....		St. Landry Church Parishioners, Dotsy Edwards

**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 .....	\$3,898.03
Maintenance Fund.....	\$285.00
O.C.S.. Foundation Fund .....	\$57.00
BSA .....	\$5.00
Catholic Relief .....	\$5.00
Holy Land .....	\$49.00
Church A/C Repair Fund .....	\$14.50

*Every Gift Comes From Above.*

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK**

Monday, April 7	6:00 p.m.	Hi School Religion
Tuesday, April 8	6:00 p.m.	CDA
Wednesday, April 9	5:00 p.m.	Altar Society
	5:30 p.m.	1st Communion
Thursday, April 10	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:00 a.m.	KC Meeting
Saturday, April 12		HAPPY BIRTHDAY CURT

**O.C. CORNER**

Congratulations to the twenty 7th grade students who qualified for the Duke University Talent Search program due to their outstanding achievement test scores and overall grade point averages.

*Looking for "Angels!"* The Annual Angel Appeal Drive is now in progress. May God bless the generosity in our community!

The drawing for the \$10,000 raffle will be held on April 16th during the school's P.T.O. meeting. Contact any O.C. parent for more information

**ST. LANDRY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
GRADES 1-8 SCHOOL OF RELIGION  
SUMMER SCHEDULE**

**8:00am - 12:00pm**  
**JULY 14th-17th and JULY 21st-24th.**

**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 Londerno, 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 Pefferkorn, 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. Titard, 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*

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

God our father, your love guides every moment of our lives. Accept the prayers and gifts we offer for our sick brothers and sisters; restore them to health and turn our anxiety for them into joy. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

**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

**Etoufee Festival**  
April 25-27  
Little Flower School Grounds  
754-5912 for more info.

**IHM Home School & Parent Conference**  
Saturday, May 4---9AM---4:30PM  
Cajundome Convention Center  
More info. e-mail: lafayette@ihmconference.org

**Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament**  
July 4---July 6  
Religious Ramblers  
Bonnie Wyble @ 942-6940

**Portugal/Italy Trip**  
Nov.9th---Nov. 20th  
Fr. Mark Ledoux, Spiritual Director  
Contact: Bonnie Wyble 942-6940 or 945-2267

**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

**TO TRIUNE GOD AFTER RECEIVING EUCHARIST**

God my creator, Breathe on me again, Renew me---Refresh me, Extend my abilities, Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, Flow through every fiber of my being, Keep me well, Oh Holy Spirit use me....Amen

**THANK YOU FRIENDS OF THE BEREAVED**  
**From The Shirley Chachere Family**

Thank you for the mass requested and also for your support and kindness during our time of need.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

	Church.....Souls in Purgatory	
	Chapel..... Servicemen in Iraq	

**LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY**

**Group VII.....**Gwen Fruge, Week of April 12, 2008

**Group I.....**Alverda Deshotels, Week of April 19, 2008