

**Review of the Liturgical Guidelines
From the Third Edition of the Roman Missal
Msgr. Romero**

Recently we reviewed the guidelines of the third edition of the Roman Missal. These guidelines were first presented in 2003. In this review, I would like to pointout two guidelines:

- “Before the liturgy begins, it is commendable that silence be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to devoutly celebrate the sacred action” (GIRM #45). That is why we strive to have no singing practice within 5 minutes of mass. I encourage parishioners to please try to be in church before 5 minutes before mass. The spirit of the missal calls us to prepare our hearts for the sacred meeting at mass.
- “The sign of reverence before the reception of the Body of Christ and before the reception of the Blood of Christ is a bow of the head, not kneeling or genuflecting or some other action (GIRM #160). I have noticed some parishioners remembering to do this simple bow. Yet it seems I have noticed a large minority of parishioners who forget to do this. Please come to communion with a heart ready to receive Jesus. Let our posture show this readiness. Remember: “we bow our heads as the person in front of us is receiving Communion, then we step forward and receive, either in the hand or on the tongue. We bow our heads again before we partake of the Precious Blood.” Let us all do this especially in preparation of the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ on May 25th.

Dedication of Flag Poles

Next Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. mass we welcome all Veterans and especially P.O.W./M.I.A. Veterans to mass as we celebrate Memorial Day. After the 10:00 a.m. mass we have a ceremony dedicating the new flag poles at Father Lafleur’s Monument. On the North Side of the Monument there will be four flags. On the center flag pole will be the American Flag and the P.O.W./M.I.A. Flag. On one side of the center flag pole will be the State of Louisiana Flag and on the other side will be the Acadiana Flag. On the South Side of the Monument will be a single flag that being the Flag of Vatican City State representing the Holy See.

The granite marker on the north side in front of the American Flag and the P.O.W./M.I.A. Flag will say: TO HONOR ALL POW & MIA; WOODMEN OF THE WORLD LODGE 47; VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 2485; KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & AUXILIARY COUNCIL 1173; AMERICAN LEGION POST 45; MR. & MRS. MARTIN A. ROY, SR.; CORNELIUS & JEANETTE DUPRE; OPELOUSAS, LA; MEMORIAL DAY, 2008.

The granite marker on the South Side in front of the Papal Flag will say: TO HONOR LT. FATHER J. VERBIS LAFLEUR; KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3409; KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11270; MITCHEL & LAURA DARBONNE; SHELTON & LUCETTE LAFLEUR; EUEL DARBONNE; SHELTON DARBONNE; BILL & MARGUERITE LOWE; MR. & MRS. ELTON DOUCET; REV. MR. ARTHUR & LOU ELLA LOGNION; MOST REVEREND BISHOP JULES B. JEANMARD.

I thank all who gave for this worth while project and especially thank the Knights of Columbus Council 1173 for overseeing the project.

SPECIAL DAYS TO CELEBRATE IN MAY

- May 18** Visit your Relatives Day – Enjoy the bond of family and heritage. Learn more about one another.
May 20 World Peace Day – Pray as a family for peace in our world, for leaders of countries, and for those serving in the military or in

other positions fostering peace in our world. Discuss how peaceful living begins and is practiced first in the home. Think of contributions each family member can make toward establishing peace.

**Week of May 18, 2008
Readings for Faith Sharing**

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| Reading I | Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9 | A merciful and gracious God |
| | Daniel 3:52-55 | “Glory and praise for ever!” |
| Reading II | 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 | Encourage one another and live in peace. |
| Gospel | John 3: 16-18 | God sent his only Son into the world to bring us life. |

**THEME
The Mystery of the Trinity
Father, Son, Holy Spirit**

We bless and thank God for the power of the saving word proclaimed in our midst today. Through the word we know that God created us in goodness. Through the word we know that God has redeemed us and saved us from our sins. Through the word we know that the Holy Spirit sanctifies and strengthens us. Let us open our hearts to the power and presence of God in the holy word.

Question for Children: When people love each other, how do they treat each other?

Question for youth: The Trinity is celebrated today. How would you describe your relationship with God the Father? With Jesus? With the Spirit?

Question for Adults: If you were to encourage the members of your own parish to live as a “community of love,” which is how we define the Trinity, how would you advise them to live? Use St. Paul’s list of exhortations as your starting point.

FORMING GOOD STEWARDS

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
 “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!” 2 Cor. 13:13

At the beginning of our celebration of the Eucharist we sign ourselves in the names of our Triune God and the priest, in persona Christi, greets us with the words from St. Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians. We proclaim our belief in Three Persons in One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Their eternal and mutual relationship of Giver, Given and Gift is a witness and a challenge to us to share in that relationship with them and with each other; with all others. The Mystery of the Trinity invites us to acknowledge that we are a gift from God; all that we are, He has given to us for ourselves, and for us to give to others. As giver, given and gift, we share in the life of the Trinity and we make present to others the Mystery of the Trinity. Being a cheerful and joy filled giver begins with being grateful for what we have been given. And so we begin our celebration of the Eucharist, “In the name of.....”

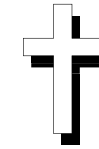
PRE-HURRICANE SEASON PRAYER SERVICE

Hurricane season will begin June 1. The Opelousas Ministerial Alliance and the Diocese of Lafayette are sponsoring the yearly ecumenical prayer service at Holy Ghost Catholic Church, on Wednesday, May 21 @ 6:30pm.

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

- Group VI**Norma Hargroder, Week of May 24, 2008
Group VII.....Gwen Fruge, Week of May 31, 2008

**MASS
INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE
WEEK**

Saturday, May 174:00 p.m. Jeanette Lalonde, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. & Wally, Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward & Allen Jr.
Sunday, May 188:00 a.m. Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Hilary Dupre, Carol Pitre, Walfred LeBlanc Jr., Emily Darby
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Quentin R. Joubert, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Houston Richard, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Elizabeth Puckett
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church
 Parishioners, Terry & Eula Lavergne, Lee Martin
Monday, May 1912:10 p.m. Loretta Marcantel, Judy M. LeJeune (B)
Tuesday, May 20 NO MASS
Wednesday, May 2112:10 p.m. Irvin J. Dupre (B), Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward & Allen Jr., Sol & Katherine Reed
Thursday, May 2212:10 p.m. Anna Ruth Halphen DaGian
Friday, May 2312:10 p.m. Dotsy Edwards
Saturday, May 244:00 p.m. Jeanette Lalonde, James Martin, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, St. Ange Fournier Jr., Velma & Patsy Gail Boss, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. & Wally, Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward & Allen Jr.;
Sunday, May 258:00 a.m. Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Theresa Fontenot, Ezra & Velma (B) Martin & Denise Hull, Hilary Dupre, Carol Pitre
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Quentin R. Joubert, Ernie & Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly & Mickey Hollier, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Marcylee Thibodeaux (BD), Mary Manouvrier Parker, Ronnie (DA), Steve, Kim & John Ardoin, Bobbie, Julie & Ruth Mouton & The Ryder Family, John LeDoux, Jerry & Sylvia Chauvin (WA), Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Elizabeth Puckett
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church
 Parishioners, Lee Martin, Charles Adam Herbert

**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

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| Total Offertory Collection | \$6,573.01 |
| Maintenance Fund..... | \$506.00 |
| BSA | \$924.61 |

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SECOND COLLECTION
Week of May 25, 2008
 Opelousas Catholic Foundation Fund

REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK

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| Monday, May 19 | 6:30 p.m. | Come Lord Jesus Anniversary Mass |
| Wednesday, May 21 | 9:00 a.m. | Fr. Lafleur Committee Meeting |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Pre-Hurricane Prayer Service Meeting at Holy Ghost |
| Thursday, May 22 | 5:30 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| Friday, May 23 | 8:15 a.m. | K-5 Awards |
| Sunday, May 25 | 11:00 a.m. | Dedication of Flag Poles |

**WELCOME INTO OUR CATHOLIC FAMILY
BY THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

AVA ELIZABETH EMONET
 DAUGHTER OF
 Kristin James and Haley Jo Devillier Emonet
 AND
 LONDON JAMES DUPLICHAN
 SON OF
 Cody James and Cassey Bourgeois Duplichan

FRIENDS OF THE BEREAVED
 The family of EDDIE STANFORD expresses thanks for the lovely card and food, saying it was greatly appreciated.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Bonnie Amy, Leola Arnaud, Dorothy Beaugh, Dusty Bellard, Shirley Bellard, Dougie Bergeron, Katherine Bertrand, Gloria Berzas, M/M Nathan Berzas, Stephen Berzas, Mary Aline Bihm, Lillie Briggs, Jared Broussard, Lucy Chapman, Leslie Chatham, Estelle Chautin, Logan Comb, Norma Cortez, Shelton Daigle, Sr., Angela Dautrueil, Hilda Deballion, Lillian Delafosse, J.C. Diesi, Sharon Doucet, Connie Duffy, Landon James Duplechlin, 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, Annie & Austin Jagneaux, Frazier Jordan, Taylor Jordan, Agnes Kidder, Nathan Kimble, Brenda Lafleur, Deionne Lalonde, Ludy Latiolais, Berchman Lavergne, Dotty & Floyd Lavergne, Glenn Lavergne, Renella Lavergne, Dustin Lavoie, Mary Alice LeBlanc, Brenda Lee, Phyllis Cormier LeBlanc, Ronald Leger, Tonya Londerno, Thelma Macip, Andre Magallanes, Therese Major, Simone Marcantel, Mary Martin, Byron Miller, Jeffery Miller, Laura Miller, Shirley Morris, Julie Mouton, Dot Nezat, Katherine Olivier, Craig Ortego, Marty Ortego, Cameron Ozenne, Callie Palmer, Linda Pefferkorn, Johnny Pellerin, Yvonne Pellerin, Keith Perry, Mary Perry, Irene Pitre, Kermit Pitre, Joey Prather, Kathleen Prather, Gregory Richard, Melanie Richard, Lilly Richard, Ronald Richard, Joseph James Robin, Marie Saucier, Harold Savoy Jane Smith, Aaron Stelly, Annabelle Stelly, Erika Stelly, Rodney & Viola Stelly, Melanie Stoute, Jeanette Tatman, Adolph Taylor Sr., Flo Thibodeaux, Lena Trahan, Ryan Trahan, Pierre Trosclair, Trista Venable, Lou Vidrine, Charlene Ruffino Whaley, Gene Williams, 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

O.C. CORNER
 Congratulations to eighth grade students Aryanna Prasad who was honored with the Junior High Viking Award and Alexis Ardoin for the Overall Highest Average Award during their recent Junior High Academic Awards Ceremony.
 Parents are reminded that the preschool awards program will be held on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. and the elementary program will take place on Friday at 8:15 a.m.
 Please remember our 150th Anniversary Capital Campaign and our 2008 Angel Appeal Drive! GOD BLESS!

RETURNED TO CHRIST THROUGH DEATH
 The St. Landry Church parishioners offer prayers and sincere condolences to the families of:
 Sr. Mary Joseph Lafond and Mrs. Mary Titard
 O Lord, grant those who have died the joy of your presence, and us who are living, the happiness of knowing this.

RELIGIOUS RAMBLERS
 OUR LADY OF MERCY ALTAR SOCIETY is sponsoring a FUN ONE DAY TRIP ON JUNE 21ST to NATCHITOCHEs. Will leave at 9 a.m. and return at 7 p.m.
 FOR INFORMATION CALL: Bonnie Wyble 942-6940.

RECENTLY CELEBRATED MARRIAGE VOWS
BRYAN JOUBERT AND KYLIE PITRE
 MAY THE LOVE AND TRUST YOU ENJOY GROW EVERMORE IN YOUR LIVES.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
SAFE ENVIRONMENT
CONTINUED EDUCATION CLASS
 St. Landry Church is sponsoring a Safe Environment Continued Education Class on June 11th at 6:30PM in Valentin Hall. **IT IS A DIOCESAN POLICY THAT ALL EMPLOYEES & VOLUNTEERS WORKING WITH CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE MUST ATTEND AN ANNUAL CLASS.**

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Church.....All Those Confirmed in 2008
 Chapel..... Priests and Deacons

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