

**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 point out two guidelines:

- (1) "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.
- (2) "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 today.

**POPE BENEDICT'S PRAYER FOR CHINA**

VATICAN CITY, 16 MAY 2008 (VIS) – Pope Benedict XVI has composed a prayer to Our Lady of Sheshan to mark the Day of Prayer for the Church in China, which is due to be celebrated on 24 May.

In a Letter written to the faithful of the Catholic Church in China in May 2007, the Holy Father expressed the hope that 24 May, liturgical memorial of Our Lady Help of Christians who is venerated with such devotion at the Marian shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai, would become a day of prayer for the Church in China.

The full text of the English-language version of the Holy Father's prayer is given below:

"Virgin Most Holy, Mother of the Incarnate Word and our Mother, venerated in the Shrine of Sheshan under the title 'Help of Christians', the entire Church in China looks to you with devout affection. We come before you today to implore your protection. Look upon the People of God and, with a mother's care, guide them along the paths of truth and love, so that they may always be a leaven of harmonious coexistence among all citizens.

"When you obediently said 'yes' in the house of Nazareth, you allowed God's eternal Son to take flesh in your virginal womb and thus to begin in history the work of our redemption. You willingly and generously co-operated in that work, allowing the sword of pain to pierce your soul, until the supreme hour of the Cross, when you kept watch on Calvary, standing beside your Son, Who died that we might live.

"From that moment, you became, in a new way, the Mother of all those who receive your Son Jesus in faith and choose to follow in His footsteps by taking up His Cross. Mother of hope, in the darkness of Holy Saturday you journeyed with unflinching trust towards the dawn of Easter. Grant that your children may discern at all times, even those that are darkest, the signs of God's loving presence.

"Our Lady of Sheshan, sustain all those in China, who, amid their daily trials, continue to believe, to hope, to love. May they never be afraid to speak of Jesus to the world, and of the world to Jesus. In the statue overlooking the Shrine you lift your Son on high, offering him to the world with open arms in a gesture of love. Help Catholics always to be credible witnesses to this love, ever clinging to the rock of Peter on which the Church is built. Mother of China and all Asia, pray for us, now and forever. Amen!"

**SPECIAL DAYS TO CELEBRATE IN MAY**

**MAY 26** This day we remember, with gratitude, those who have served and lost lives in military service to our country.

Check local memorial events and participate in showing respect for these dedicated men and women.

**MAY 30** Day of Prayer and Penance in the State of Louisiana in preparation for Hurricane Season.

**MAY 31** The visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Think of times when visits from a family member or friend were particularly valued. Recall what made these visits special, memorable and treasured experiences. Mary went immediately to visit and assist Elizabeth. Review the times you quickly offered friendship and service to a friend, family member or other person in need. Go, be visiting disciples to ill, injured, home bound and aged friends/family/others.

**Week of May 25, 2008  
Readings for Faith Sharing**

Reading I Dt. 8: 2-3, 14b-16a We live on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
"Praise the Lord, Jerusalem."  
Psalm 147  
Reading II 1 Cor. 10:16-17 The cup we bless and the bread we break are a participation in the Body of Christ.  
Gospel John 6:51-58 Jesus is the living bread come down from heaven.

**THEME**

**The Eucharist is the Center of Our Faith.**

When the people of Israel cried out to God in hunger, God fed them, first with manna in the desert, a holy food that foreshadowed the holy food that the Lord Jesus left as an everlasting gift—his body and blood. Saint Paul reminds us that when we eat and drink of Christ's body and blood, we become his body. Jesus reminds his followers that he is the living bread that came down from heaven. Let our hunger for Christ be satisfied, as he is made present through the proclamation of the sacred word.

Question for Children: How does receiving Holy Communion change how you treat those around you?

Question for youth: Jesus tells us that through the Eucharist we will remain in him and he in us. How does the Eucharist keep you in relationship with Jesus?

Question for Adults: Share one way that the Eucharist connects us as "one body"—how does it change the way we relate to each other?

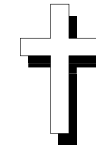
**FORMING GOOD STEWARDS**

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.  
"The bread I will give you is my flesh for the life of the world."  
John 6:51

These were very disturbing words for the Jews, who asked, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Before we judge them too harshly, we should remember that we have the witness of two thousand years of Christians who had great devotion and sacrificed much, often their lives, for their faith in the Real Presence of Jesus. For the Jews listening to Jesus this was a strange concept that produced grotesque images. Today, many Jews, non-Catholic Christians, and non-Christians no longer question our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Some wish to share in our Communion. They appreciate the privilege we have of receiving Christ in His Body and in His Blood, so that we may be strengthened to be His Body and Blood for others in our world. Do we truly appreciate that privilege and are we good stewards of the Body and Blood of Jesus that we receive?

**A Seminarian of the Diocese of Lafayette, Mr. Jared Suire,** has been assigned for the summer months of June and July, 2008 to St. Landry Church. We welcome Jared next Sunday.

**MASS  
INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE  
WEEK**

**Saturday, May 24** .....:4:00 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., James Palmer, Sr. Mary Joseph LaFond, Mary Titard  
**Sunday, May 25** .....:8:00 a.m. Martin J. St.Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Ezra & Velma (B) Martin & Denise Hull, Hilary Dupre, Carol Pitre, Dona Clary  
**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, Keith Prudhomme  
**5:00 p.m.** ..... St. Landry Church Parishioners, Lee Martin, Charles Adam Herbert  
**Monday, May 26** .....OFFICE CLOSED  
**Tuesday, May 27** ..... NO MASS  
**Wednesday, May 28** .....:12:10 p.m. Anna Ruth Halphen DaGian, Dotsy Edwards, Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward & Allen Jr.  
**Thursday, May 29** .....:12:10 p.m. Terry & Eula Lavergne Dotsy Edwards  
**Friday, May 30** .....:12:10 p.m. Therese Fontenot (B), Jeanette Lalonde, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. & Wally, Marcylee Thibodeaux, Sr. Mary Joseph Lafond  
**Saturday, May 31** .....:4:00 p.m. Jeanette Lalonde, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. & Wally, Marcylee Thibodeaux, Sr. Mary Joseph Lafond  
**Sunday, June 1** .....:8:00 a.m. M/M John FaKouri, John Jr. & Jacob, Howard & Mable Richard, Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Alton & Elizabeth Joubert, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Irl White (B), Carol Pitre  
**10:00 a.m.** ..... Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Quentin R. Joubert, M/M Rene (B) Brasseur, Francis, Elise & Al Gautreaux & Bart Bernard, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Bobbie, Julie & Ruth Mouton, Ronnie & Steve Ardoin & The Ryder Family, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Elizabeth Puckett, Joyce Bertrand  
**5:00 p.m.** ..... St. Landry Church Parishioners, Dotsy Edwards, 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 .....	\$4,928.74
Maintenance Fund.....	\$315.00
Religious Education.....	\$852.50
Bishop's Services Appeal .....	\$26.00
O.C.S.....	\$1.00

*Every Gift Comes From Above.*

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
**Week of June 1, 2008**  
St. Landry Church Maintenance Fund

**REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK**

Sunday, May 25	11:00 a.m.	Dedication of Flag Poles
Monday, May 26	OFFICE CLOSED	
Thursday, May 29	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

**COLLECTION FOR CYCLONE VICTIMS IN MYANMAR**  
Bishop Jarrell has asked us to make an appeal for the needs of the victims in Myanmar. Anyone wanting to make a contribution is asked to place it in an envelope with the notation on the outside of the envelope "Myanmar Contribution". These donations will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services. We ask God to bless the victims of Cyclone Nargis and all who suffer from natural disasters.

**O.C. CORNER**  
O.C. takes pride in its graduating class of 2008 and congratulates its top ranking graduates: **Jacob Bihm; Amanda Fontenot; Jessica Reed; JaNae Richard; and Meredith Richard.**  
At the recent Athletic Awards Banquet, the Lady Viking and Viking honors for 2008 went to Lindsey Granger and Jacob Bihm.  
Please pray for all children to have a safe and restful summer!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Bonnie Amy, Leola Arnaud, 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, Lucy Chapman, Leslie Chatham, Estelle Chautin, Logan Comb, Norma Cortez, Angela Dautrueil, Hilda Deballion, Lillian Delafosse, J.C. Diesi, Sharon Doucet, 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, Annie & Austin Jagneaux, Frazier Jordan, Taylor Jordan, Agnes Kidder, Brenda Lafleur, Deionne Lalonde, Berchman Lavergne, Dotty & Floyd Lavergne, Glenn Lavergne, Renella Lavergne, Dustin Lavoie, Mary Alice LeBlanc, Brenda Lee, Phyllis Cormier LeBlanc, Tonya Londero, Thelma Macip, Andre Magallanes, Therese Major, Mary Martin, Byron Miller, Jeffery Miller, Laura Miller, Shirley Morris, Julie Mouton, Dot Nezatz, Katherine Olivier, Craig Ortego, Marty Ortego, Cameron Ozean, Callie Palmer, Linda Pepperkorn, 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, 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*

**RETURNED TO CHRIST THROUGH DEATH**  
The St. Landry Church parishioners offer prayers and sincere condolences to the families of:  
**DONA HEBERT CLARY AND LUDY DAVID LATIOLAIS**  
O Lord, grant those who have died the joy of your presence, and us who are living, the happiness of knowing this.

**AROUND THE AREA**

JUNE 05 Pilgrimage to the Ozarks  
4 day spiritual adventure  
More info: Marie Tregre 291-1933

JUNE 21 Daytrip to Natchitoches sponsored by Our Lady of Mercy Altar Society, June 21  
More info: Bonnie Wyble 942-6940

Friends' Day 9-12 Mass @ noon  
421 1/2 Carmel Ave.  
More info: 896-0524

JUNE 27 "If You Knew the Gift of God"  
Women's Retreat  
Retreat Center, St. Martinville  
More info: 254-8158

Married Couples Retreat  
Our Lady of the Oaks, Grand Coteau  
662-5410

**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.**

**NATIONWIDE MASS SCHEDULE**  
With summer almost upon us, nationwide Mass times and the locations become important. Call 1-800-627-7846 or the internet @ HYPERLINK "http://www.Masstimes.org" for Mass times.

**ATTENTION PARENTS**  
1st Communion pictures are available at Valentin Hall during office hours.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

Church .....	Therese Fontenot
Chapel .....	Those Away From The Church

**LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY**

**Group VII**.....Gwen Fruge, Week of May 31, 2008

**Group I**.....Alverda Deshotels, Week of June 7, 2008