

YEAR OF ST. PAUL



PAUL, SERVANT OF THE GOSPEL FROM THE LETTERS OF SAINT PAUL

"If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission ..." (1 Corinthians 9:16). [See also: 2 Corinthians 4:5-6; Ephesians 3:7-10; Colossians 1:25-27]

REFLECTION

St. Paul acknowledges that his labors in preaching the Gospel are not a reason for him to boast, but duty rooted in his Christian call. He must preach Christ with all his strength, whether the circumstances are favorable or unfavorable. Having received the gift of faith, St. Paul sets out on a lifelong adventure to bring the message of salvation to as many as will hear him, and that is his joy.

PRAYER

Saint Paul, help us to recognize that, as members of the Church, we also share in her mission and must witness to Christ through holy lives and works of justice and charity.

SOURCE: Adapted from NOVENA IN HONOR OF SAINT PAUL by Linda Salvatore Boccia, FSP

TRANSITIONS THROUGH GRIEF WORKSHOP

On Mondays July 21 & 28 and August 4, 11, & 18 at 6:00 P.M.

Facilitated by Patricia Lafleur, LCSW, ACSW, LMFT, CCGG counselor in private practice in Opelousas. More info. - phone 237-1332, ext. 2267.

WANTED!!!

We are in need of lectors for all Masses to proclaim the Word of the Lord.

Please telephone Irene Soileau for more information @ 948-8873

GROTTO FLOWER GARDEN

A donation for the outside prayer garden at the Fatima grotto has been received by Allen & Elaine Guillory and "Gabby" Gabrielle Hanson.

NATIONWIDE MASS SCHEDULE

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

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of July 6, 2008

Reading I Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
God gives repentance for our sins.

Psalms 86 "Lord, you are good and forgiving."

Reading II Romans 8:26-27
The Spirit intercedes for us.

Gospel Matthew 13: 24-43
Let the seeds grow together until harvest.

THEME

THE REIGN OF GOD IS LIKE.....

Friends, through the use of parables the Lord Jesus opens our eyes to new understandings about the kingdom of God. As we listen to the scriptures today, let Saint Paul's words to the Romans reminds us that the Holy Spirit comes to our aid as we prepare to listen to God's word. Let us welcome the action of the Holy Spirit right here and right now.

Question for Children:

What are the things that keep you from being a friend of Jesus?

Question for Youth:

The good and the bad have the same opportunity to rule our life. What are you doing (bad habits, poor choices, etc.) that you need to weed out?

Who can help you with that?

Question for Adults:

How would you describe "the weeds" which have polluted your own faith, or the faith of people whom you know?

FORMING GOOD STEWARDS

"If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them.

Let them grow together until the harvest."

Mt. 13:29-30

Jesus knew his followers would live in a world that is full of temptations to evil, to take the easy way out, to take advantage of others to gain wealth and power. He knew we would be challenged to abandon our efforts to know Him and to imitate Him to the best of our ability. Jesus also knew that one of God's greatest gifts to us is free will—the ability to choose between good and evil; to choose between doing right and doing wrong; to choose between being generous and being selfish. But Jesus taught us by words and deeds that being his follower—a Christian—is not about how much we acquire for ourselves, it is about how much we share with others. God left us in this world with all of its temptations so we could demonstrate our love for him by choosing to discern His will and to do His will. Our God is an awesome God!

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 19 4:00 p.m. Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Lee, Vivian & Kristie Artigue, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. & Wally, Wanda Greenwood (B), M/M Clayton Titard, Jeanette Lalonde, James Palmer, Jessie Benoit, Melanie Jarrell (DA), Barbara Holden (DA)
Sunday, July 20 8:00 a.m. Martin J. St. Amand; Youle & Therese Fontenot; Carol Pitre; Ellis (DA) and Arista Breaux; Betty "Nan" Valin
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Quinton Joubert, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Mary Manouvrier Parker, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Joyce Bertrand, Carl Lanclos
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Elizabeth Puckett, Lee Martin
Monday, July 21 12:10 p.m. Walfred LeBlanc, Jr.
Tuesday, July 22 NO MASS
Wednesday, July 23 12:10 p.m. Terry & Eula Lavergne, Mamie Lowe, Tom Schexnayder
Thursday, July 24 12:10 p.m. Dotsy Edwards
Friday, July 25 12:10 p.m. Hugues J. Comeau
Saturday, July 26 4:00 p.m. Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Velma & Patsy Gail Boss, Walfred LeBlanc, Sr. & Wally, Wanda Greenwood, M/M Clayton Titard, Ludy David Latiolais, Jeanette Lalonde, James E. Martin
Sunday, July 27 8:00 a.m. Karla S. Miller (BD), Martin J. St.Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Irl White, Carol Pitre, Betty "Nan" Valin
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Quinton Joubert, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Mary Manouvrier Parker, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Joyce Bertrand
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Elizabeth Puckett, 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 \$7,338.30, Maintenance \$320.00, A/C Repair Fund \$45.00, Catholic Comm. Campaign \$1,031.96. Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND COLLECTION WEEKEND OF JULY 27 Opelousas Catholic Foundation Fund

REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK: Monday, July 21 8:00 a.m. Summer Religion Program; Tuesday, July 22 8:00 a.m. Summer Religion Program; Wednesday, July 23 8:30 a.m. Confessions for Religion Program; Thursday, July 24 8:00 a.m. Mass For The Closing Summer Religion Program; 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice

IS YOU MARRIAGE IN TROUBLE? Retrouvaille can help. Our next program is scheduled for July 25-27. Call 337-991-9627 or 1-800-470-2230 for more information. All inquiries are confidential.

RETURNED TO CHRIST THROUGH DEATH: The St. Landry Church Parishioners offer prayers and sincere condolences to the family of: NORMA DEBALLION CORTEZ. O Lord, grant those who have died the joy of your presence, and us who are living the happiness of knowing this.

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE LIVING

Bonnie Amy, Leola Arnaud, Ella Attole, Mary Bertha Attole, 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, Jared Broussard, Rick Carter, Lucy Chapman, Leslie Chatham, Estelle Chautin, Logan Comb, Lisa Curley, Angela Dautrueil, M/M Billy Dean, Hilda Deballion, Lillian Delafosse, Sharon Doucet, Val Duffy, Landon James Duplechin, Norward Duplechain, Carl Dupre, Jane Dupre, Jesse Dupre, Michael Dupre, Georgia Fiegel, Drake Fontenot, Harold Fontenot, Joseph L. Fontenot, Shala Fontenot, Wayne Gautreaux, Lauren Gimenez, George Gremillion, Larry Greer, Ann Guidroz, Elaine L Guillory, Louis Guillory, The T. Guillory Family, Gabrielle Marie Hanson, Brooke Hargroder, Sydney Harmon, David Huckaby, Doris Hudspeth, Annie & Austin Jagneaux, Frazier Jordan, Taylor Jordan, Agnes Kidder, Brenda Lafleur, Laura Lafleur, Deionne Lalonde, Melissa Lanclos, Raymond Lashute, Dotty & Floyd Lavergne, Glenn Lavergne, Renella Lavergne, Dustin Lavoie, Mary Alice LeBlanc, Brenda Lee, Phyllis Cormier LeBlanc, Tony Leger, Tonya Londero, Thelma Macip, Andre Magallanes, Therese Major, Mary Martin, Elsie Mayon, Byron Miller, Jeffery Miller, Shirley Morris, Julie Mouton, Dot Nezat, Katherine Olivier, Craig Ortego, Marty Ortego, Cameron Ozonne, Callie Palmer, Linda Pefferkorn, Johnny Pellerin, Yvonne Pellerin, Gentry Peltier, Tracie Peltier, Keith Perry, Mary Perry, Irene Pitre, Ruby Pitre, Joey Prather, Kathleen Prather, Gregory Richard, Melanie Richard, Lilly Richard, Ronald Richard, Joseph James Robin, Rose Ryder, Marie Saucier, Harold Savoy, Jane Smith, Elaine Soileau, Aaron Stelly, Annabelle Stelly, Erika Stelly, Melanie Stoute, Adolph Taylor Sr., Flo Thibodeaux, Russell Thibodeaux, Lena Trahan, Ryan Trahan, Pierre Troclair, 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

RECENTLY CELEBRATED MARRIAGE VOWS: Adam Paul Lavergne and Courtney Lynn Billeaudeau. May the love and trust you enjoy grow evermore in your lives

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE JULY 25, 26 & 27. ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA STIRRING UP THE FLAME (the fire of the Holy Spirit). BEGINS 6:30 p.m. FRIDAY OPENING MASS, EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, AND HEALING SERVICE. SPEAKERS: (FRIDAY) FATHER "MANNY" FERNANDEZ MICHAEL CUMBIE OF FOLEY, ALABAMA, DOTTIE DEGRANDISSUDOL AND FR. GREG CORMIER (SATURDAY) FATHER TOM VOORHIES. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE RENEWAL OFFICE AT 265-3773

THANK YOU: We want to thank you for the delicious food that was sent for our family. It was most enjoyed by everyone and we thank you for your loving acts of kindness. With love, Velma, Burke and Gayle (Family of Betty "Nan" Valin)

SANCTUARY LIGHT: Church.....Melanie Jarrell Chapel..... Volunteers of St. Landry Church

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY: Group I.....Alverda Deshotels, Week of July 26, 2008 Group II.....Pap Roy, Week of Aug. 2, 2008