

YEAR OF ST. PAUL



COMMUNICATOR OF CHRIST CRUCIFIED FROM THE LETTERS OF SAINT PAUL

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know no-one among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God (1Corinthians 2:1-3, 4). [See also: Romans 6:6-11; 1 Corinthians 1:21-25; Galatians 2:19-2]

REFLECTION

As an apostle, St. Paul has no illusion. He does not trust in the eloquence of arguments to convince others of the truth, but on the power of God. St. Paul seeks to ground the hearers of his message not in the allure of human wisdom or a charming manner of speech. Rather, St. Paul seeks to establish them in the Paschal mystery as he communicates the power of God, who accepted the vulnerability of the cross to save humanity.

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

SEMINARIAN JARED SUIRE RETURNS TO SCHOOL

From June 1 Jared Suire has been with us and will be here until July 31 in a summer assignment. He completes his assignment on Thursday and will spend time with his family and then continue to Catholic University of America. There he resumes his studies going into his third year of theology.

I am happy he was assigned to us as he and I are both natives of Abbeville and from the same church parish, St. Theresa.

I find Jared has a lot of energy and puts it to good use. He helped us with the Pauline Year as he conducted a two-day mission on St. Paul. He helped us with the summer program of religion and with the improvements in Valentin Hall.

Working with Jared has been an enjoyment and I know that his talents will be useful in his ministry. He is particularly insightful in understanding different personalities.

I wish Jared continued growth in the Lord Jesus and maturity in living the Gospel St. Paul preached.

Let us all keep him in our prayers. Jared will be ordained in two years.

Msgr. Romero

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

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of July 27, 2008

Reading I 1 Kings 3:5. 7-12
Solomon asks for an understanding heart.

Psalms 119 "Lord, I love your commands."

Reading II Romans 8:28-30
God predestined us to be conformed to the image of the Son.

Gospel Matthew 13:44-52
The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field.

THEME

The Kingdom of God is a treasure beyond price.

In today's first reading the Lord asks Solomon, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Rather than asking for riches and long life, Solomon humbly asks for an understanding heart. This becomes a real treasure for him. In the Gospel, the kingdom of God is compared to a great treasure buried in a field and a pearl of great price. Let us be attentive to the treasures God shares with us through the proclamation of the living word.

Question for Children:

What would you trade from your own things if you could be with Jesus?

Question for Youth:

Today's gospel reminds us that God's kingdom is worth sacrifice.

What do you need to sacrifice in order to follow God in your own life?

Why are you willing to make that sacrifice?

Question for Adults:

Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words what the Reign of God is for you personally, and use a parable to describe it:

"The reign of God is _____?"

FORMING GOOD STEWARDS

"The kingdom of God is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." Mt. 13:44

What treasure would we go sell all of our possessions to buy? It would seem that such a treasure would have to be more valuable than all of our current possessions. Consider Bill Gates; what treasure could possibly be worth more than his many billions of dollars? It is something we all want. It is something we all can have. It is something that will last forever. It is eternal life in an intimate relationship with the Almighty and Eternal God who created us. That is the Greatest Treasure. Jesus has already purchased it for us. We must be careful not to lose it. We must be aware that everything we have comes from and belongs to God. He wants us to use it for our own benefit and enjoyment, but not get so attached to anything that we cannot let it go or use it for others. Bill Gates donates more than \$2,000,000.00 a day to feed, house, clothe and provide health care for millions of people in need. Do you think that he might want the Greatest Treasure?

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

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 and 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
Monday, July 28 12:10 p.m. Anne Guidroz (BD), Richard Williams (BD)
Tuesday, July 29 NO MASS
Wednesday, July 30 12:10 p.m. Dotsy Edwards, Mamie Lowe, Sol Reed
Thursday, July 31 12:10 p.m. Charles Adam Herbert
Friday, August 1 12:10 p.m. Ethel & Teddy Meaux & Lou Ella Lognion
Saturday, August 2 4:00 p.m. M/M Robert Going Sr., Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Walfred LeBlanc, Sr. & Wally, Sr. Mary Joseph LaFond, Mary Titard, Jeanette Lalonde, Martin & Angela Cosgrove
Sunday, August 3 8:00 a.m. M/M John FaKouri, John Jr. & Jacob, Howard & Mable Richard, Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Alton & Elizabeth Joubert, Carol Pitre, Betty "Nan" Valin
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Quentin Joubert, Allen Richard, Francis, Elise & Al Gautreaux & Bart Bernard, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Bobbie, Julie, Ruth Mouton, Ronnie & Steve Ardoin, The Ryder Family, Joyce Bertrand, Ernie (DA) & Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly & Mickey Hollier, Lawrence Wiltz, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Carl Lanclos
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Hugues J. Comeaux, 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\$3,701.25
Maintenance\$332.00
Midwest Flood Victims.....\$745.16
Every Gift Comes From Above.
Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND COLLECTION WEEKEND OF AUG. 3
St. Landry Church Maintenance Fund

REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK
Thursday, July 31 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Friday, Aug. 1 7:00 a.m. FIRST FRIDAY
Saturday, Aug. 2 8:00 a.m. 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration
FIRST SAT. MASS

AROUND THE DIOCESE
Our Lady of the Oaks
Grand Coteau, La.
Weekend Retreat for Women
August 7-10, 2008
Phone: 662-5410
Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center
St. Martinville, La.
Married Couples Retreat
August 15-17, 2008
Phone: 254-8158
Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Baton Rouge, La.
Marriage Encounter Weekend
August 22-24, 2008
Phone: 1-800-586-5469

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE LIVING

Bonnie Amy, Leola Arnaud, Ella Attole, Mary Bertha Attole, Angela Aymond, Dorothy Beauth, 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, Peggy Chelette, 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, Glenda Hicks, 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 Londerno, 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 Ozenne, 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, Ruby Romero, 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 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

THANK YOU
Dear Friends,
We thank you so kindly for the delicious food prepared for us following the funeral.
Manette, or "Mo" as we all called her, adored St. Landry Catholic Church. Any association that she could have with the church was her top priority until her final moments, and I know that your presence & Support for her family would have meant the world to her.
With love and prayers,
The Hargroder Families

RETURNED TO CHRIST THROUGH DEATH
The St. Landry Church Parishioners offer prayers and sincere condolences to the families of:
HARRIS "HORACE" LANCLOS
JOSEPH BURKE REED
O Lord, grant to those who have died the joy of your presence, and for us who are living, the happiness of knowing this.

THOUGHTS FROM MOTHER TERESE
People are often unreasonable and self-centered
FORGIVE THEM ANYWAY
If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives
BE KIND ANYWAY
If you are honest, people may cheat you.
BE HONEST ANYWAY
If you find happiness, people may be jealous.
BE HAPPY ANYWAY
The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.
DO GOOD ANYWAY
Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough.
GIVE YOUR BEST ANYWAY
For you see, in the end, it is between you and God.
IT WAS NEVER BETWEEN YOU AND THEM ANYWAY

SANCTUARY LIGHT
ChurchSafety of All Travelers
Chapel Souls in Purgatory

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY
Group IIPap Roy, Week of Aug. 2, 2008
Group IIIIrene Soileau, Week of Aug. 9, 2008