

YEAR OF ST. PAUL



PAUL A CONCERNED FATHER FROM THE LETTERS OF ST. PAUL

“So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. As you know, we dealt with each of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory” (1 Thessalonians 2:8-12). [See also: Ephesians 5:1-2; 1 Corinthians 4:14-16; 2 Corinthians 11:9-11]

REFLECTION

Paul’s work among the various Christian communities did not end with his preaching there. Through his letters, in which he addressed the Christians he had taught, Paul reveals his tender heart. Paul wishes the best for those whom he has begotten as his “children” through the proclamation of God’s saving message. Paul’s greatest desire is that they persevere in living the message they received.

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PRAYER

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

PAINTING IN VALENTIN HALL

We have just completed updating two offices, the entrance hall and chapel in Valentin Hall with new color and painting. I take this time to thank the staff, parishioners and friends who helped with this project. Your donation of time and energy in painting, and in some cases your donation of paint are appreciated. The work done in July is a show case example of what can be done in interior decoration. Home and Garden Television could use us as an example of what to do. Many thanks to everyone who gave a helping hand. Msgr. Romero

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“I give generously, and good returns to bless me many times over.”

As I give, I also receive. This applies not only to observable, material giving, but also to the giving of my time, talent, treasures and consideration of others. Such giving may not be as evident, but the return is there for me.

I may bring joy to someone in one particular instance and receive joy in a completely different circumstance. In helping a friend find a job, I can realize an opportunity for growth in my own career. After sharing compassion with someone, I find I feel more understood in another area of my own life.

I am grateful for all chances to share with others. I cannot give my good away, for it returns to bless me many times over.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING Week of August 3, 2008

- Reading I Isaiah 55: 1-3
Come to the Lord
- Psalm 145 “The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.”
- Reading II Romans 8: 35, 37-39
Nothing can separate us from God’s love.
- Gospel Matthew 14: 13-21
The people ate and were satisfied.

THEME

God Answers All Our Needs

Sisters and brothers, each week we gather at the table of the Lord to be nourished and strengthened. Today the prophet Isaiah summons us: “Listen, that you may have life.” The very words we hear proclaimed today have the power to bring us life. Let us be attentive, especially to the Gospel reading that recounts the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Let us pray that we will be nourished by the fullness of God’s saving word.

Question for Children:

What are the ways that Jesus shows he loves you?

Question for Youth:

Jesus was very attentive to his followers. He cared for them and for their needs. What are your needs? What can Jesus do to help you?

Question for Adults:

In your experience, what “false obstacles” have you or people you know experienced separating them from Christ? Things such as divorce? Or marrying outside the church? Or not attending Mass? Or others.

FORMING GOOD STEWARDS

“You yourselves, give them something to eat. MT 14:16

All four Gospels record that thousands of men, not including women and children, were fed after Jesus took bread, broke it, and distributed it to the people. The blessing and breaking of bread will occur again at the Last Supper when Jesus institutes the Eucharist. Jesus is seeking to do more than feed a large crowd for one afternoon. Pope Benedict XVI, in his Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Sacramentum Caritatis, describes it this way: “The Eucharistic mystery thus gives rise to a service of charity toward neighbor, which consist in the very fact that, in God and with God, I love even the person whom I do not like or even know...Keeping in mind the multiplication of the loaves and fish, we need to realize that Christ continues today to exhort his disciples to become personally engaged: ‘You yourselves, give them something to eat.’ Each of us is truly called, together with Jesus, to be bread broken for the life of the world”. Now you know.

INSTALLATION OF NEW PASTORS

We welcome Father Austin Leger this weekend at all Masses as I install new pastors in the North Region. These are Father Brian Taylor at St. Augustine Church in Basile; Father Darren Elridge at St. Mathilda Church in Eunice; and Father Bryce Sibley at St. Ann Church in Mamou. Please pray for these new pastors and parishioners. Many thanks! Msgr. Romero

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

- Group IIIIrene Soileau, Week of Aug. 9, 2008
- Group IVSarah Wagley, Week of Aug. 16, 2008

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

- 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, Lily & Mickey Hollier, Lawrence Wiltz, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Carl Lanclos, Elizabeth Puckett
- 5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Hugues J. Comeaux, Lee Martin
- Monday, August 4 12:10 p.m. Walter Baillio (BD), Walfred LeBlanc Jr.
- Tuesday, August 5 NO MASS
- Wednesday, August 6 12:10 p.m. Dotsy Edwards, Mamie Lowe
- Thursday, August 7 12:10 p.m. Charles Adam Herbert, Ruby Pitre
- Friday, August 8 12:10 p.m. Quentin Joubert (BD), Norma Cortez
- Saturday, August 9 4:00 p.m. Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. & Wally, M/M Clayton Titard, Jeanette Lalonde, James E. Martin, James Palmer, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, M/M St. Ange Fournier Sr., Anna & St. Ange Fournier Jr.
- Sunday, August 10 8:00 a.m. Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, M/M/Ezra Martin & Denise Hull (DA), M/M Kossuth Doucet, M/M Conrad O. Martin, Mayance Dupre (DA), Carol Pitre, Betty “Nan” Valin, Brett (B) & Jill Bouillion (WA) & Raphael Fontenot (B)
- 10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Quentin Joubert, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Mary Manouvrier Parker (BD) & A.J. Manouvrier Jr. (BD), Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe
- 5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Wesley Guidroz (BD), Lee Martin, Maurice 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\$5,040.76
- Maintenance\$413.00
- Opelousas Catholic Foundation.....\$1,118.71
- Bishop’s Services Appeal\$5.00

Every Gift Comes From Above.



Thank you for your generosity!

REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK

- Monday, Aug. 4 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting
- Thursday, Aug. 7 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Pre-Baptism Class

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, Marie Amy, Leola Arnaud, Ella Attole, Mary Bertha Attole, 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, Rick Carter, Leslie Chatham, Estelle Chautin, Peggy Chelette, Logan Comb, Lisa Curley, Angela Dautrueil, M/M Billy Dean, Hilda Deballion, Lillian Delafosse, Sal Diesi, 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 Giminez, 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 Troclair, Trista Venable, Lou Vidrine, Gene Williams, Ivan Winn, Wayne Wycle

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

PLEASE HELP!

We are in need of lectors for all Masses to proclaim the Word of the Lord. Please telephone Irene Soileau @ 948-8873 for more information.

RETURNED TO CHRIST THROUGH DEATH

The St. Landry Church Parishioners offer prayers and sincere condolences to the family of: JOSEPH MERVIN ORTEGO

O Lord, grant to those who have died the joy of your presence, and for us who are living, the happiness of knowing this.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

To the Thomas Schexnayder and Burke Reed families for their generous donation in memory of their loved ones.

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>

GRIEF WORKSHOP IN OPELOUSAS

August 4, 11, & 18 @ 6:00pm
Facilitated by Patricia LaFleur, LCSW, ACSW, LMFT, CCGG, counselor in private practice in Opelousas.

For more information or to register phone: 237-1332- ext. 2267 or ext. 2265

SANCTUARY LIGHT

- ChurchA Good School Year For All
- Chapel For The Homebound

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