

YEAR OF ST. PAUL



PAUL, APOSTLE OF GOD'S LOVE FROM THE LETTERS OF ST. PAUL

"If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing." (1 Corinthians 13:1-3) [See also: Romans 8:38-39; 1 Corinthians 13:4ff; Ephesians 1: 3-4]

REFLECTION

St. Paul is truly the apostle of love. He well understood that nothing he could say or do, however mighty or impressive, could be of any worth if devoid of love. St. Paul's encounter with incarnate Love in Christ, who died for humanity, so enflamed his heart with the fire of God's love, that he never tired of proclaiming it to others. True charity toward our brothers and sisters is the yardstick of an authentic Christian life.

PRAYER

St. Paul, help us to witness to our love for God through a charity that goes beyond the limits of our comfort and security.

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

UPDATES AND THANK-YOU

Msgr. Romero

First, we received the property and liability insurance for this fiscal year. This year it is \$39,320. This is an increase of last year's \$35,125. We were able to pay it in full. I appreciate parishioner's dedication and sacrifice as your donations have allowed us to pay our bills. Thank-you!

Second, the report of the Bishop's Services Appeal dated June 30, 2008 tells us that our parishioners have donated a total of \$25,241.59 to the appeal for the 2007-2008 drive. Once again, I appreciate your sacrifice and love for God and Church in this important appeal. Thank-you!

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ON AUGUST 15, 2008

We celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15, 2008. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. The mass schedule on Friday is 8:40 a.m. for Opelousas Catholic, 12:10 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. for parishioners. These masses will be in church.

TIDBIT

Kids need "Vitamin C":
Confession
Communion
Confirmation
Christ

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING Week of August 10, 2008

- Reading I 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Elijah recognized God in the tiny whispering sound.
- Psalm 85 "Lord, let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation."
- Reading II Romans 9:1-5
Paul speaks the truth in Christ.
- Gospel Matthew 14:22-33
Jesus walks on the sea.

THEME

If we believe, we will be saved.

The final line of today's Gospel---"Truly, you are the Son of God"---was uttered by the apostles after the Lord Jesus calmed the seas. Today's scripture readings invite us to ponder the ways that the Lord has been made present to us in our own lives and circumstances. Let today's sacred word inspire us to recognize the Lord in times of great turmoil, as well as in times of tranquility.

Question for Children?

What does God's voice sound like when you pray and listen to Jesus?

Question for Youth?

In today's Gospel, Peter began to walk on the water when he was focused on Jesus. He began to sink when he got distracted by the storm.

What is your life like when you are focused on Jesus and your relationship with God?

How is it different when you get caught up in other things?

Question for Adults?

What have been your experiences of hearing God speak in "tiny voices" rather than in the winds and earthquakes of life?

FORMING GOOD STEWARDS

"Oh you of little faith, why do you doubt? Mt. 14:32

Today's Gospel account of Jesus appearing to the apostles walking on the water follow immediately after last Sunday's Gospel story about thousands of people eating their fill after Jesus takes bread, blesses it, and distributes it to the people. After stepping out of the boat to approach Jesus Peter starts to sink. He pleads to Jesus who lifts him up after chastising him for his lack of faith. It is tempting to be critical of Peter for losing faith in Jesus. But Peter did get out of the boat and step onto the water in violation of all he had experienced during a lifetime of working on the water as fisherman. That took a great act of faith. But a single act of faith in Jesus is not sufficient for a true disciple. We must constantly renew and demonstrate our faith in Jesus as the Incarnate Word of God and our faith in ourselves as children of God made in his image. As disciples we are stewards of that faith, responsible for making it grow and mature.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Adult religious education classes will be starting September 2nd in Valentin Hall. Registration starts at 6:30 PM. Anyone interested in learning about the teachings of the Catholic Church is welcome.

For more information call Deacon John W. Miller at (337) 942-2911.

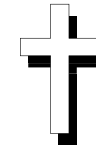
Classes will be held on Mondays @ 6:30pm in Valentin Hall.

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

Group IVSarah Wagley, Week of Aug. 16, 2008

Group VBetty Leleux, Week of Aug. 23, 2008

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

- 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, Burke Reed
- 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. & Doris H. Philippe
- 5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Wesley Guidroz (BD), Lee Martin, Marise Martin, Elizabeth Puckett
- Monday, August 11 12:10 p.m. Hugues J. Comeau, Norma Cortez
- Tuesday, August 12 NO MASS
- Wednesday, August 13 12:10 p.m. Terry & Eula Lavergne, Walfred LeBlanc, Sr. (DA) & Wally, Mamie Lowe, Bryan Joubert (BD) & Fly.
- Thursday, August 14 12:10 p.m. Dotsy Edwards
- Friday, August 15 12:10 p.m. Hilary Dupre & Carolyn D. Arnaud, Marcylee Thibodeaux
- 5:30 p.m. Charles Adam Herbert
- Saturday, August 16 4:00 p.m. Ruth Mouton (B), Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Mayance Dupre (B), Walfred LeBlanc, Sr. & Wally (BD), M/M Clayton Titard, Jeanette Lalonde, James E. Martin, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Tom Schexnayder, Sal Diesi
- Sunday, August 17 8:00 a.m. Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Irl White, Carol Pitre, Betty "Nan" Valin, Burke Reed
- 10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Quentin Joubert, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Ena & Ernest McKinney, T.C., Eleanor & Atwood Quirk, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Carl Lanclos
- 5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Lee Martin, Elizabeth Puckett

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\$5,570.45
Maintenance Fund.....\$1,317.21

Thank you for your generosity!

Every Gift Comes From Above.



REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK

- Monday, Aug. 11 6:00 p.m. Cemetery Tour
Committee Meeting
- Thursday, Aug. 14 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. KC Meeting
- Friday, Aug. 15 8:40 a.m. School Mass
Feast of the Assumption of Mary
- 12:10 p.m. Mass in Church
- 5:30 p.m. Mass in Church

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>

ATTENTION PARENTS

All St. Landry Church Parishioner students who will be in the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades this school year are asked to register for high school religion classes which will begin in the Fall. If you have a child in the 11th grade please register he/she as well for Confirmation classes.

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY

If you have time and would be interested in sewing prayer blankets, please contact Trista Littell @ 261-5607. Thank you!

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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, Ward Courville, Lisa Curley, Angela Dautrueil, M/M Billy Dean, Hilda Deballion, Lillian Delafosse, Sal Diesi, Sharon Doucet, Val Duffy, Carl Dupre, Jane Dupre, Jesse Dupre, Michael Dupre, Georgia Fiegel, Drake Fontenot, Harold Fontenot, Joseph L. 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, Doris Hudspeth, Annie & Austin Jagneaux, Frazier Jordan, Taylor Jordan, Agnes Kidder, Brenda Lafleur, Melissa Lanclos, Raymond Lashute, Dotty & Floyd Lavergne, Glenn Lavergne, Renella Lavergne, Dustin Lavoie, Mary Alice LeBlanc, Phyllis Cormier LeBlanc, Tony Leger, Tonya Londerno, Thelma Macip, Andre Magallanes, Therese Major, Mary Martin, Byron Miller, Jeffery Miller, Shirley Morris, Julie Mouton, Dot Nezat, Craig Ortego, Marty Ortego, Cameron Ozenne, Callie Palmer, Johnny Pellerin, Gentry Peltier, Tracie Peltier, Keith Perry, Mary Perry, Irene Pitre, Ruby Pitre, Joey Prather, Kathleen Prather, Frances Reed, Melanie Richard, Ronald Richard, Joseph James Robin, Ruby Romero, Myrtle Guidry-Roussel, Rose Ryder, Marie Saucier, Harold Savoy, Jane Smith, Elaine Soileau, Aaron Stelly, Annabelle Stelly, Erika Stelly, Melanie Stoute, Adolph Taylor Sr., Russell Thibodeaux, Lena Trahan, Ryan Trahan, Pierre Trosclair, Lou Vidrine, 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

AROUND THE DIOCESE

- Community of Jesus Crucified**
Lafayette, La.
Incredible Explosion of Spirit: World Youth Day
August 16, 2008
9:00am—Noon
Special Guests Who Attended Sydney World Youth Day.
- 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
- Vocation Supper for Young Women**
Bishop Jarrell's Residence
August 26, 2008, 6:30pm
Phone: 261-5690 to register
August 19, 2008 Last day to register
- Our Lady of the Oaks**
Grand Coteau, La.
Women's Retreat
September 11-14, 2008
Phone: 662-5410

TRUTH BE KNOWN

- STAN'S DOWNTOWN 116 E. Vermillion St.
Lafayette, La.
- FOR ADULT CATHOLICS (21 OR OLDER)
- MEET ONCE A MONTH 1ST. TUESDAY
- 6:30 P.M. CHIT CHAT/GET ACQUAINTED
- 7:00 P.M.—7:45 P.M. SPEAKER
- MORE INFO PHONE: 578-1212 STEPHEN GAUTHIER
- 280-4539 JEFF SAVORS

SANCTUARY LIGHT

ChurchSouls in Purgatory
Chapel Special Intention

