

YEAR OF ST. PAUL



PAUL, AMBASSADOR OF CHRIST FROM THE LETTERS OF ST. PAUL

"We are ambassadors of Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who know no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:10-21). [See also: Romans 5:10-11; Ephesians 2:15-18; Colossians 1:19-23]

REFLECTION

As an ambassador of Christ, St. Paul proclaims the need for reconciliation. St. Paul urges the Christians toward a more profound understanding of the profound mystery of the love of God, who allowed his only Son to die a shameful death on the cross, so that all people might possess eternal life. Jesus Christ opened the road to new life, but we must choose to walk the path of reconciliation.

PRAYER

Saint Paul, help us to live reconciled to God and the Church, so that we may become a sign and means for God's forgiveness to touch the world.

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

A REMINDER FROM ST. LANDRY CHURCH HISTORY

We had a quiet anniversary on August 8, 2008. It was the 100th anniversary of the cornerstone for St. Landry Church. In 1900 a temporary church was completed. In 1902 the task of removing and clearing away the old church was started. In 1903 the foundation was formed with concrete and brick from the old church. On August 8, 1908 the cornerstone was laid. During the winter of 1908-1909 construction of the walls continued and was completed and occupied. On April 2, 1909, the first Friday of April, the first mass was said in the current St. Landry Church. The interior of the church was not completed. Father John Engberink was our pastor who built the church. Father Engberink is buried in the floor of the church near the sanctuary. Monsignor Albert Benedict Colliard followed Father Engberink as Pastor. Monsignor Colliard completed the interior. Monsignor Colliard is buried in St. Landry Cemetery near the cross. Monsignor Broussard was the pastor following Monsignor Colliard. Monsignor Broussard in 1963 had the interior of the church redecorated and air conditioned.

MEMORIAL MASS

The 'Friends of Lt. Fr. Lafleur' request your presence to commemorate the 64th Anniversary of the death of Lt. Father Joseph Verbis Lafleur Chaplain - United States Army Air Corps on Sunday, September 7, 2008 at five o'clock mass Saint Landry Catholic Church Opelousas, Louisiana Celebrant: Msgr. Jefferson DeBlanc

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING Week of August 17 2008

Reading I Isaiah 56:1, 6-7  
The Lord brings foreigners into his house of prayer...  
Psalm 67 "O God, let all the nations praise you!"  
Reading II Romans 11: 13-15  
The call of God is irrevocable.  
Gospel Matthew 15:21-28  
Great is the faith of the Canaanite woman.

THEME

Trust in God and never be afraid to ask God for anything

In today's first reading, God tells the Israelites that foreigners who join themselves to the Lord will be made joyful in God's house. In the Gospel, Jesus recognizes the great faith of the Canaanite woman, who only moments before was rebuked by him. Her persistence gives the Lord Jesus the opportunity to break down commonly accepted barriers of the day. This is a day about inclusion. The scriptures call us to think and act in new ways. Let us be receptive to the transforming power of God's sacred word.

Question for Children:

What is your favorite way to talk with Jesus? What words do you use?

Question for Youth?

Do you trust that God hears your prayers? Do you believe that your prayer makes a difference?

Question for Adults?

When you pray, how do you know that Jesus will really respond?

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 Tuesdays @ 6:30pm in Valentin Hall

MSGR. ROMERO ATTENDING BISHOP'S CONFERENCE

I will be out of the church parish this week attending the annual Bishop's Conference that Bishop Jarrell holds with his Vicars and Director's of the Secretariats. While I am away, Father Austin Leger is saying weekday masses. We ask parishioners to please call the church office when making funeral arrangements. Thanks, Msgr. Romeo

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

Group V.....Betty Leleux, Week of Aug. 23, 2008  
Group VI.....Norma Hargroder, Week of Aug. 30, 2008

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

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, M/M AJ DaGian  
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, Nicholas Artall (BD)  
10:00 a.m. .... Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Quentin Joubert, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvvenu, Ena & Ernest McKinney, T.C., Eleanor & Atwood Quirk, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Carl Lanclous, Joseph "Joey" Prather  
5:00 p.m. .... St. Landry Church Parishioners, Lee Martin, Elizabeth Puckett  
Monday, August 18 ..... 12:10 p.m. Hugues J. Comeaux, Ernie (BD) & Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly & Mickey Hollier, Cleve (DA) & Inez Mott & Jeffrey Miller (BD)  
Tuesday, August 19 ..... NO MASS  
Wednesday, August 20 ..... 12:10 p.m. Dotsy Edwards, Cora Baillio (DA), Mamie Lowe, Tom Schexnayder, Paul Fontenot (BD)  
Thursday, August 21 ..... 12:10 p.m. Charles Adam Herbert  
Friday, August 22 ..... 12:10 p.m. Terry & Eula Lavergne, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. (DA) Philippe  
Saturday, August 23 ..... 4:00 p.m. Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Velma & Patsy Gail Boss;, Walfred LeBlanc, Sr. & Wally, M/M Clayton Titard, Jeanette Lalonde, James E. Martin, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Tom Schexnayder, M/M AJ DaGian, Lee Babineaux (DA)  
Sunday, August 24 ..... 8:00 a.m. Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Carol Pitre, Betty "NAN" Valin, Elizabeth Puckett, Burke Reed  
10:00 a.m. .... Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Quentin Joubert, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvvenu, Oscar & Agnes Roy, Hugues J. Comeaux, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe  
5:00 p.m. .... St. Landry Church Parishioners, Quinton Williams (BD), 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 .....\$5,178.48  
Maintenance Fund.....\$470.00  
Thank you for your generosity!

Every Gift Comes From Above.



REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK  
Thursday, Aug. 21 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice

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.

RETURNED TO CHRIST THROUGH DEATH  
The St. Landry Church parishioners offer prayers and sincere condolences to the families of;  
JOSEPH M. "JIM" ANDRUS  
JOSEPH "JOEY" PRATHER JR.  
O Lord, grant those who have died the joy of your presence, and us who are living, the happiness of knowing this.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Bonnie Amy, Marie 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, 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, Jesse Dupre, Michael Dupre, Raymond Dupre, Georgia Fiegel, Drake Fontenot, Harold Fontenot, Joseph L. 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, Doris Hudspeth, Annie & Austin Jagneaux, Frazier Jordan, Taylor Jordan, Agnes Kidder, Brenda Lafleur, Melissa Lanclous, 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, 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  
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

OC CORNER  
In this first full week of school, Opelousas Catholic will hold an important PTO meeting on Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. In addition, Open House will be held for parents of students in grades kindergarten through 5th grade from 5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. before the PTO meeting. Parents of OC Alumni (graduates of more than 5 years ago) are encouraged to send their children's current mailing address information to the OC Development Office in order for them to receive Homecoming details to be mailed over the next few weeks.

SANCTUARY LIGHT  
Church.....World Peace  
Chapel.....Peace in Families

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