

YEAR OF ST. PAUL



PAUL, PRISONER FOR CHRIST FROM THE LETTERS OF ST. PAUL

“Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am in chains...” (Ephesians 6:18). [See also: Ephesians 4: 1-3: 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Philippians 1:7-8]

REFLECTION

In the midst of all sort of difficulties, St. Paul manifested firm hope and trust in God. But St. Paul also recognized his human weakness and the need for the prayers of his fellow Christians, so that he might proclaim the Gospel despite the personal hardship and dangers it involved. Though prison walls and iron chains deprived St. Paul of freedom, he declared that “the word of God is not chained”. (cf. Timothy 2:9)...

PRAYER

Saint Paul, help us to courageously profess our faith in Christ and the Church and to remember in prayer those who suffer for their faith.

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

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

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Financial Report: Next Weekend at all masses, a member of the Church Financial Committee will give a report concerning the fiscal year ending July 31, 2008.

CLEAN-UP DAY AT VALENTIN HALL: See announcement on the bulletin's next page. The date is SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 AT 8:00 AM

Ministry Fair: We have scheduled a Ministry Fair for the Weekend of September 27/28. As last year, different Church ministries will have booths and materials on display in the entrance of the church. Parishioners are asked to visit these and to consider joining one of these ministries. Our church has many activities for involvement. Please join us.

Church Get-together: As we are celebrating the St. Landry Church Building's 100th Anniversary, we are planning a church get-together on Sunday, November 16, 2008. More information will follow.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of August 24, 2008

Reading I Is. 22: 19-23 God places the key of David's house on the shoulders of Eliakim.

Psalms 138 “Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.”

Reading II Rom. 11:33-36 To God be glory forever.

Gospel Matt. 16:13-20 Peter is promised the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

THEME

GOD IS CREATING A CHURCH BUILT ON ROCK

Today, Jesus poses a question to his disciples. That same question is posed to us: “Who do you say that I am?” Each week we are fed at the table of the word of God. Each week we grow closer to the Lord Jesus, make present in that word. Let us be especially attentive today and acknowledge, with Saint Peter, that Jesus is “the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Question for Children:

What are three things you know about Jesus?

Question for Youth:

Today's Gospel is about identity of the revealing of Jesus' true self. How difficult is it to you to reveal your true self? What holds you back from being who God created you to be?

Question for Adults:

If Jesus turned and asked you the same question, who would you say he is? How would you describe Jesus to someone who did not know him?

FORMING GOOD STEWARDS

“But who do you say that I am?” Mt. 16:15

Jesus retreats with his disciples to the forested hills and refreshing streams of the region near Caesarea Philippi (in Syria) for some private time with them to reflect on what they have seen and heard. After asking what others say about him, he asks his disciples “But who do you say that I am?” Despite a lifetime of religious, social and family influences that prevented others from recognizing Jesus as the Messiah, Simon Peter accepts responsibility for his own faith and declares, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus uses the occasion to give Peter (The Rock) responsibility for preserving and passing on that faith to others. As a consequence of our baptism we each have a share in that responsibility to preserve and pass on that faith. To do so we need a mature and constantly growing faith. How would we answer Jesus if he asks, “But who do you say that I am?” What would we say to others who ask, “Who is Jesus?”

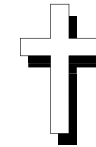
ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

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.

PRAYER TO PROTECT CHILDREN

O Angels of God, from heaven so bright, watching beside my children to lead them aright: Fold your wings round them, and guard them with love. AMEN.

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

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 A.J. DaGian, Lee Babineaux (DA), John E. Meche (DA), Allen Hudspeth, Sr., Van, Edward & Allen, Jr.

Sunday, August 24 8:00 a.m. Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Carol Pitre, Betty "NAN" Valin, Elizabeth Puckett, Burke Reed, Joey Prather

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Quentin Joubert, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvendu, Oscar & Agnes Roy, Hugues J. Comeaux, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe

5:00 p.m. Quinton Williams (BD), St. Landry Church Parishioners, Lee Martin

Monday, August 25 12:10 p.m. Lee, Vivian, & Kristi (BD) Artigue, Walfred LeBlanc Jr.

Tuesday, August 26 NO MASS

Wednesday, August 27 12:10 p.m. Wilson & Ruth Mouton (WA) Dotsy Edwards

Thursday, August 28 12:10 p.m. Charles Adam Herbert

Friday, August 29 12:10 p.m. Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Walfred LeBlanc, Sr. & Wally, Clayton (DA) & Mary Titard, Jeanette Lalonde, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, M/M A. J.DaGian, Joseph Andrus

Saturday, August 30 8:00 a.m. Martin J. St.Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, CarolPitre, Walfred LeBlanc Jr., Betty "Nan" Valin, Burke Reed

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Quentin Joubert, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvendu, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Elizabeth Puckett

5:00 p.m. Lee Martin, St. Landry Church Parishioners, Newton Bihm

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 \$4,174.67 Maintenance Fund \$440.00 Feast of the Assumption \$863.82

Thank you for your generosity!

Every Gift Comes From Above.



REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK

Thursday, Aug. 28 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice Friday, Aug. 29 8:40 a.m. OC Elem. Mass

NATIONWIDE MASS SCHEDULE

When traveling, nationwide Mass times and the locations become important. Call 1-800-627-7846 or the internet @ HYPERLINK "http://www.Masstime.org" www.Masstime.org Information for people with disabilities is also available on the web-site.

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 October 6. The children are not automatically registered! If you have a child in the 11th grade please register he/she as well for Confirmation classes.

RECENTLY CELEBRATED MARRIAGE VOWS

HOLLIE MARIE MARTEL & JERMY SCOTT GREENE and EMILY LOUISE LUCITO & DAVID BENJAMIN SMITH

May the love and trust you enjoy grow evermore in your lives.

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, Shelton Daigle, 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 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 Londermo, Thelma Macip, Andre Magallanes, Therese Major, Mary Martin, Mistic & Prudhomme Families, 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, Brandon Prudhomme, 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

OC CORNER

Parents of OC students in grades 6-12 are reminded to attend Open House on Wednesday, Aug. 27 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Get into the football spirit by attending the Kiwanis Football Jamboree on Thursday night! Tickets are available at OC. May God bless and protect the teams.

Parents, grandparents, family and friends are reminded to send in the UPC labels from Community Coffee and Campbell's products as well as box tops from General Mills. Recyclable materials may be brought to the St. Landry Parish Recycling Center and applied to OC's account. EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS!

FRIENDS OF THE BEREAVED

Our sorrow in the loss of "Burke" is somewhat easier to bear because of your kindness. The food that you sent was greatly appreciated.

Your sympathy at this time was a great comfort to all of us. Thank you. Burke Reed Family

DÉCOR WORKSHOP FOR THE NORTH REGION

The St. Landry Church Altar Society is sponsoring a Décor Workshop for the North Region discussing the appropriate adornment for the House of the Lord. The workshop will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 9:00 a.m.-12 noon in Valentin Hall. To register please call Jackie Griffin @ 831-2621

CLEAN-UP DAY AT VALENTIN HALL

Come with cleaning supplies: rags, sm. step ladder, buckets, mops, brooms and elbow grease! We're concentrating on the kitchen and dining room. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 AT 8:00 AM

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Church.....Souls in Purgatory Chapel..... Special Intention

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

Group VI.....Norma Hargroder, Week of Aug. 30, 2008 Group VII.....Gwen Fruge, Week of Sept. 6, 2008