

YEAR OF ST. PAUL



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

"But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies". (2 Corinthians 4:7-10). [See also: Ephesians 3:13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:12; 2 Timothy 2:1-2]

REFLECTION

St. Paul clearly recognizes his human frailty, but this is not a source of discouragement for him. Rather, he rejoices in those very weaknesses, which make the power of God working in him all the more apparent. The sufferings St. Paul endures are his share in the sufferings of Christ and, through them, a living of the Paschal Mystery.

PRAYER

Saint Paul, help us value and respect every human person as created in the image of God, and to unite our daily sufferings to the salvific sufferings of Christ.

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

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 31, 2008

- Reading I Jeremiah 20:7-9
God's word has brought me derision.
- Psalm 63 "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."
- Reading II Romans 12:1-2
Discern what is the will of God
- Gospel Matthew 16:21-27
Take up the cross and follow the Lord.

THEME

The cross is a way that leads to true life.

Today, the prophet Jeremiah cries out in anguish to the Lord. Even though he has grown weary, he knows that he must speak out again in the name of the Lord. Saint Paul reminds us to discern the will of God for us, what is pleasing and perfect in God's sight. Jesus focuses on what that will is for his disciples and for us: all who follow him must be willing to take up the cross. We often find this challenge too difficult to accept. Let today's sacred word give us the strength we need to respond to the Lord's call.

Question for Children:

What is hard for you to do to follow Jesus?

Question for Youth?

In order to follow Jesus, we have to do hard things, to carry our own crosses. What is a cross that you are carrying right now? In what ways can you ask Jesus to help you with your cross?

Question for Adults?

Jesus gives us the core truth to life and eternal happiness—the cross. Name the cross that you carry. How is it bringing you closer to God?

FORMING GOOD STEWARDS

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." Mt. 16:24

It is unlikely that Jesus could get elected to public office in the United States, or anywhere else. Denying ourselves, being more concerned about the needs of others than our own, even to the point of some inconvenience or risk, is an attitude and experience uncommon in our western culture of instant gratification and self aggrandizement. Peter, out of sincere concern for Jesus, tried to dissuade him from going to Jerusalem to fulfill his mission. Jesus calls him "Satan" and says he is thinking like men, not God. Jesus responds to Peter, not in anger, but disappointment. Despite all Jesus had taught them, all they had seen, his disciples, including the "Rock", did not understand that loving our neighbor as ourselves requires that we discern God's will for us, whatever the inconvenience or risk, and use God's great gift to us of free will to choose to do God's will. Peter eventually discerns God's will for him and does it. So must we!

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.

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

- Saturday, August 30 4:00 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, Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward & Allen Jr., Joyce & Lisa Bertrand
- Sunday, August 31 8:00 a.m. Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Carol Pitre, Walfred LeBlanc, Jr., Betty "Nan" Valin, Burke Reed, Wanda & Mayance Dupre (WA)
- 10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Quentin Joubert, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Elizabeth Puckett, Ann Tuminello (DA), Ruby & Joseph Lalonde
- 5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Lee Martin, Newton Bihm
- Monday, September 1 NO MASS - OFFICE CLOSED
- Tuesday, September 2 NO MASS
- Wednesday, September 3 12:10 p.m. Dotsy Edwards, Dwayne Joubert (B) & Fly.
- Thursday, September 4 12:10 p.m. Terry & Eula Lavergne
- Friday, September 5 12:10 p.m. Ethel & Teddy Meaux & Lou Ella Lognion
- Saturday, September 6 4:00 p.m. M/M Robert Going Sr., Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. & Wally, Sr. Mary Joseph Lafond, M/M Clayton Titard, Jeanette Lalonde, James E. Martin, Angela & Martin Cosgrove, Tom Schexnayder, M/M A J DaGian, Rada Bono (B) & Fly.; Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward, Allen, Jr., Alex Robertson (DA), Rena Arceneaux, Joyce & Lisa Bertrand
- Sunday, September 7 8:00 a.m. M/M John FaKouri, John, Jr. & Jacob, Howard & Mabel Richard, Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Alton & Elizabeth Joubert, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Irl White, Carol Pitre, Betty "Nan" Valin, Burke Reed, Marie Delahoussaye (B) & Fly., Eddie Stanford (B), Frank Lebleau
- 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 Fly.; Lawrence Wiltz, Carl Lanclos, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe
- 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.

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REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK

- Monday, Sept. 1 Office Closed - Labor Day
- Tuesday, Sept. 2 6:30 p.m. RCIA
- Thursday, Sept. 4 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice
6:30 p.m. Pre-Baptism Class
- Friday, Sept. 5 12:10 p.m. First Friday
- Sat., Sept. 6 8:00 a.m. First Saturday

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR WEEK OF 7 SEPT.
ST. LANDRY CHURCH MAINTENANCE REPAIR FUND**

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. A safe Environment Session will be presented to the students and parents
The children are not automatically registered!
If you have a child in the 11th grade please register he/she as well for Confirmation classes.

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 Debillion, 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, Richard 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, Mistic & Prudhomme Families, Byron Miller, Jeffery Miller, Shirley Morris, Julie Mouton, Dot Nezat, Craig Ortego, Marty Ortego, Cameron Ozenne, Gene Paillet, 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, James Vidrine, 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

Msgr. Melancon invites anyone in the OC family who would like a class mass in the school chapel for a special intention to please call John Braham, OC Director of Religious Ed. @ 942-5404, ext. 126.

Entertainment Books 2009 are now available through the OC Development Office. There are NEW offers and families can save hundred of dollars with this \$25 book. Call the Development Office @ 942-5404 ext. 105.

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BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL

In the coming weeks Catholics in every parish in the Diocese of Lafayette will hear about the Bishop's Services Appeal.
Our local Diocesan Church is comprised of 121 church parishes and missions serving 300,000 Catholics from all walks of life in 8 civil parishes.
You will be asked to participate in the Bishop's Services Appeal. Supporting the Bishop's Services Appeal is a vital sign of our unity in Christ as we reach out in faith to love one another in Jesus' name. Supporting this special appeal is also a meaningful way of expressing our gratitude to God for his many blessings, by fulfilling our stewardship responsibility to share our gifts in justice and love with others.
PLEASE RESPOND TO THIS VITAL APPEAL.

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 VII.....Gwen Fruge, Week of Sept. 6, 2008
Group I.....Alverda Deshotels, Week of Sept. 13, 2008