

YEAR OF ST. PAUL



St. Paul says, "I remember your sincere faith – it dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and I'm certain it dwells in you as well". (2 Timothy 1:5) The Carmelite Nuns at the Monastery of Mary, Mother of Grace, Lafayette, Louisiana invite everyone to join in a novena prayer to St. Therese from September 23 through October 1. This year's novena prayer refers to St. Theresa's parents, Louis and Zélie Matin. Her parents will be beatified together on October 19, 2008.

Novena Prayer

St. Theresa, you said that "the good God gave me a father and mother more worthy of heaven than of earth." This is true but for them, as for everyone, it was a hard struggle to become "worthy of heaven". They had to courageously and perseveringly battle personal faults of quick-temper and hyperactivity, to cope with family worries, the risks of business failure, the burdens of sickness, the terrors of war, the grief of losing four of their nine children and other family members in death, the unceasing confrontation with the prevailing influences of materialism and secularism, disrespect for life and abandonment of God. We can identify with them because we face these and even greater trials and problems, burdens and risks, along with immense challenges to our faith, our families and human life itself. Intercede for us that we may courageously imitate you and your parents in their fidelity, integrity and goodness so as to become "worthy of heaven" after the struggles of earth. I place this intention and my very special intentions ... in your care, confident that you and they will graciously answer them. Amen.

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 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.

Among the many activities, I point out the need of more Lectors and Altar Servers. Also, please consider the "Dinner at Seven" as a good way to bring together parishioners to better know each other. We also are in need of parishioners who can come together as a Youth Ministry Team, working with Ms. Raven Guillory. We would like to establish a new committee called "Ministry of Discipleship". This committee would be a core group to work as a team to promote a welcoming environment in St. Landry Church parishioners.

We have many different ministries. Please consider joining us. Msgr. Romero

Anniversary Celebration

The date of the Church Get-Together celebrating the 100th Anniversary of St. Landry Church Building has been rescheduled to Sunday, November 9, 2008. It will be at the Opelousas Catholic Gymnasium after the 10:00 am. Mass. The tentative schedule of events is to begin at 11:30 a.m. with a half hour program followed by a meal. Parishioners are invited to partake. Different Church groups will provide the various courses of the meal. More details will follow.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING
Week of September 21, 2008

Reading I Isaiah 55:6-9
The ways and thoughts of God are above our own.

Psalm 145 "The Lord is near to all who call upon him".

Reading II Philippians 1:20c-24
Saint Paul rejoices that to live is Christ and to die is to gain.

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16a
"The last will be first, and the first will be last".

THEME

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO ENTER THE REIGN OF GOD

The first words of today's first reading are "Seek the Lord while he may be found/ call him while he is near". In the proclamation of the sacred word we find the Lord, whose justice and compassion reach out to all. Today's Gospel reminds us that it is never too late to seek God's mercy. As the sacred word is proclaimed, let us pray that God's mercy will reach even the hardest hearts in this assembly of faith.

Question for Children:

How do you experience God being generous to you: through your family, friends, school, or parish?

Question for Youth?

This Gospel reminds us that God is always seeking us out and welcoming us into his generous love. Through whom has God reached out to you? Who is always encouraging you to say "yes" to God?

Question for Adults?

Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words how God will treat those who come to be part of the church, even those who come late.

FORMING GOOD STEWARDS
"Are you envious because I am generous?"
Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.
Mt 20:1-16a

In recent years, there have been reports of people forming a line outside of stores and camping out for days, sometimes in very inclement weather, to be the first to buy an electronic game or novelty toy. Imagine the bedlam if the manager of the store announced: "The last will be first, and the first will be last". He would probably live, but would he ever be able to walk again? Jesus had a very succinct way of exposing the pettiness and self-centeredness of human behavior. He was constantly tweaking the noses of the leaders of the Jewish people, and the people themselves, about putting great weight on small things and small weight on great things loving God with our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength; and loving our neighbor as ourselves. He was very persistent. He would not shut up. He was crucified. He is our model, isn't he?

Free Breast Cancer Screening is available to women from 40 to 64 years of age, **who are un-insured or under-insured.** Interested persons can determine eligibility or get more information by calling 337-235-7898 ext. 476. This screening will be performed on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Louisiana Oncology Associates 627 East Prudhomme St., Suite 2; Opelousas, LA.

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 20 4:00 p.m. Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Lee, Vivian & Kristie Artigue, Walfred LeBlanc, Sr. & Wally, M/M Clayton Titard, Jeanette Lalonde, James E. Martin, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Tom Schexnayder, Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward, & Allen Jr., Alex Robertson, Joyce & Lisa Bertrand

Sunday, September 21 8:00 a.m. Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, M/M Conrad O. Martin, Carol Pitre, Betty "Nan" Valin, Burke Reed, Eddie Beaugh

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Quentin Joubert, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Biennu, Suzanne & Richard Williams (WA), Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe

5:00 p.m. Marise Martin, St. Landry Church Parishioners, Lee Martin; Elizabeth Puckett

Monday, September 22 12:10 p.m. Ludy David Latiolais, Norma D. Cortez

Tuesday, September 23 NO MASS

Wednesday, September 24 12:10 p.m. Charles Adam Herbert, Sol Reed

Thursday, September 25 12:10 p.m. Sharon Savoie

Friday, September 26 12:10 p.m. Abbie Babineaux (DA)

Saturday, September 27 4:00 p.m.. Quinton & Jessie Joubert (WA), Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Velma & Patsy Gail Boss., Walfred LeBlanc, Sr. & Wally, M/M Clayton Titard, Jeanette Lalonde, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Tom Schexnayder, Allen Hudspeth, Sr., Van, Howard, & Allen Jr., Alex Robertson, Joyce & Lisa Bertrand

Sunday, September 28 8:00 a.m. Martin J. St. Amand, Ann Tuminello, Youle & Therese Fontenot, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Irl White, Carol Pitre, Betty "Nan" Valin

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Quentin Joubert, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Biennu, Ernie & Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly & Mickey Hollier, Elizabeth Puckett, Burke Reed (BD), Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Jessie Joubert (BD) & Family

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

Confessions: Saturdays 3:00-3:45 p.m.
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

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Maintenance Fund\$400.00
Cath. University of America\$691.04

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REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK

Tuesday, Sept. 23 6:30 p.m. RCIA
Wednesday, Sept. 24 5:00 p.m. Altar Society
6:30 p.m. CCD Parents Meeting of Grades 1-8
Thursday, Sept. 25 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Saturday, Sept. 27 9:00 a.m. Décor Workshop Valentin Hall
4:00 p.m. Ministry Fair
Sunday, Sept. 28 ALL MASSES Ministry Fair

SECOND COLLECTION FOR WEEK OF 27 SEPT.
BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL KICKOFF

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 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, 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, Harold Fontenot, Joseph L. Fontenot, 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, Raymond Lashute, Bradley Lastie, 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, Louis Paternestro, 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, Anna Belle Soileau, 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

United Blood Services will hold a Blood Drive on the OC Campus on Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please stop by and give!

Family and friends are reminded about the Angel Appeal Drive for 2008 that continues until December. In addition, the 150th Anniversary Capital Campaign continues for the revitalization of the school campus. For more information, contact Perry Fontenot, Principal or Kathy Hebert, Development Director for more information.

RETURNED TO CHRIST THROUGH DEATH

The St. Landry Church Parishioners offer prayers and sincere condolences to the family of SHARON SAVOIE

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

AROUND THE DIOCESE

LSUE CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER
Wednesdays: 12:00 p.m. MASS & FREE LUNCH

Fridays: 8:45 -10:45 a.m. Prayer Breakfast
Movie day w/popcorn in afternoons.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS:

Tues., Oct. 7 6:30 p.m. Bishop's Jarrell's Residence
Deadline to register is Sept. 30, 2008.
Contact # is 261-5690

"A WORLD AT PRAYER IS A WORLD AT PEACE"

The Catholic Daughters will lead the rosary every Monday in October at the grotto behind St. Landry Catholic Church. The rosary is a powerful tool to help us achieve peace....within our families...within our world.

All parishioners are invited every Monday in October at 6:00 p.m.

PLEASE BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

ChurchIn Thanksgiving for Protection from Hurricane Gustave & Ike
Chapel Special Intention

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

Group IIIIrene Soileau, Week of Sept. 27, 2008
Group IVSarah Wagley, Week of Oct. 4, 2008