

YEAR OF ST. PAUL



SERIES ON ST. PAUL

Since Pope Benedict has chosen this year as the Jubilee Year of St. Paul, we will be offering a series of four talks on the Life and Teachings of St. Paul on the Tuesdays of November from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Msgr. Paul Metrejean will give these presentations in Our Lady of Mercy Catechetical Hall.

The topics to be covered will be:

Nov. 18 The Two Adams: Law & Grace; Flesh and Spirit, Death and Life

Nov. 25 The Day of the Lord—Paul's teaching on second coming and the resurrection of the Body.

PARISHIONERS ENTERING THE HOSPITAL

The area hospitals DO NOT have a Catholic Chaplain. When your priest is called to anoint the sick, he may not be able to respond immediately, depending on his schedule or appointments.

We ask if a parishioner is scheduled for surgery, please contact Msgr. Romero for anointing BEFORE entering the hospital or if already in the hospital, call a day or so before the scheduled surgery.

If it is an emergency, please call Msgr. or the office. Thank You!

BSA FOLLOW UP SUNDAY

Many in the Diocese have responded generously to the Bishop's Services Appeal. This has enabled:

- poorer parishes to remain open.
- the Diocese to provide sacraments and maintain Catholic presence in faith communities.
- children from all walks of life to receive Catholic teachings in a Christ centered environment. These very children are the hope of our future and the future of the Church.
- chaplains to care for the ill, the elderly, the lonely, the dying, the grieving and those in prison.
- family life to be strengthened and the young to be kept active and engaged in the faith.
- elderly priests to be able to enjoy a peaceful and dignified retirement.
- our seminarians to be well educated to effectively serve and minister in parishes and other apostolates.

These are but a few examples of how your generous pledges will be placed in the service of Jesus Christ.

The parish goal is to have every family participate to the best of their ability. If you have not yet taken the opportunity to respond we ask that you do so now. There are envelopes at all doors of the church for your convenience.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING  
Week of Nov. 16, 2008

Reading I Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31  
The value of a worthy woman is beyond measure.

Psalm 128 "Blessed are those who fear the Lord."

Reading II 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6  
The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

Gospel Matthew 25: 14-30  
The parable of the talents.

THEME

Christ calls us to use our gifts for the Reign of God

While we await the coming of the Lord, we are entrusted with responsibilities according to our gifts. We are the bride of Christ, and our bridegroom desires that we be as the worthy wife found in the book of Proverbs, a woman who reaches out her hands to the poor and extends herself to the needy. In today's Gospel, we find a master who entrusts his servants with various responsibilities. Not all the servants prove to be worthy of that trust. Let us pray that we may be found to be good and faithful servants on the day of the Lord.

Question for Children:

Can you name one talent or gift that God has given to you? Can you tell how you have used it?

Question for Youth?

Name three talents that you have. How can you use these talents in the next week to make someone's life better?

Question for Adults?

Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, can you describe how you are using your own gifts to enrich the reign of God?

FORMING GOOD STEWARDS

"Well done my good and faithful servant..."  
Matthew 25:14-30

In golf a short putt is called a gimmee. In tennis, a high, lofting return near the net is called a lob. In baseball, four balls will get you a walk. And in basketball, a ball passed to a tall forward or center over the goal is called a slam-dunk. For a writer seeking to convey a message about the nature and consequences of being a good steward, today's Gospel reading is a gimme, a lob, a walk and a slam dunk. We can learn that God created each of us with a vast array of talents, abilities and gifts, and free will to choose to accept and use them for ourselves and for others; or to reject them. What an awesome God! What an awesome gift! What an awesome responsibility! What an awesome reward for being a good steward! But what an awesome consequence for failing to be the good stewards God expects us to be. Take some time this week to reflect several times on the Gospel passage for today. How have we done with our stewardship? Can we do more?

FUNDRAISER FOR RYAN TRAHAN

PROJECT WALK

Fr. Clint Trahan's brother, Ryan, was involved in an accident last year, which has left him paralyzed. To help with medical expenses a raffle fundraiser is being held.

Family and friends will be selling tickets after all Masses NEXT weekend.

Please be generous.

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 15 ..... 4:00 p.m. Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Walfred LeBlanc, Sr. & Wally, M/M Clayton Titard, James E. Martin, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, M/M St. Ange Fournier, Sr., Anna & St. Ange Fournier Jr., Allen Hudspeth, Sr., Van, Edward & Allen Jr., Tricia Guidroz (BD), Joyce & Lisa Bertrand, Jessie Dupre, Alex Robertson

Sunday, November 16 ..... 8:00 a.m. Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Carol Pitre, Betty "Nan" Valin, Joey Prather  
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, Daniel Lagrange Sr., Bill Gallagher, Lucille Baillio

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

Monday, November 17 ..... 12:10 p.m. Special Intention

Tuesday, November 18 ..... NO MASS

Wednesday, November 19 ..... 12:10 p.m. Terry & Eula Lavergne, Bobbie, Julie (BD), Ruth Mouton, Ronnie & Steve Ardoin, The Ryder Fly.

Thursday, November 20 ..... 12:10 p.m. Norma Cortez Deballion & Joseph

Friday, November 21 ..... 12:10 p.m. Cory Bertrand

Saturday, November 22 ..... 4:00 p.m. Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Velma & Patsy Gail Boss, Walfred LeBlanc, Sr. & Wally, M/M Clayton Titard, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Tom Schexnayder, Allen Hudspeth, Sr., Van, Edward & Allen, Jr., Bernice & Alexis Lanclos (WA), Carl, Curley & Velma Lanclos, Joyce & Lisa Bertrand, Alex Robertson, Elizabeth Puckett

Sunday, November 23 ..... 8:00 a.m. Martin J. St.Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Irl White, Carol Pitre, Betty "Nan" Valin, Eddie Beaug, Joey Prather

10:00 a.m. .... Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Richard, Quentin Joubert, R. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Oscar (BD & DA) & Agnes Roy, Ernie & Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly & Mickey Hollier, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Bill Gallagher

5:00 p.m. .... St. Landry Church Parishioners, 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 .....\$5,169.26  
Maintenance Fund & Repair Fund .....\$297.00  
Bishop's Services Appeal .....\$1,423.80

Thank you for your generosity!

Every Gift Comes From Above.



AROUND THE DIOCESE

WHAT: Vocation Supper for Young Men  
WHERE: Bishop's Jarrell's Residence  
WHEN: December 3, 2008 6:30PM  
CONTACT: Director of Vocations—261-569

REMINDER

Start thinking about your donation for flowers at Christmas time as well as to the Doll & Toy Fund. Suggested donation for flowers is \$20.00

FLOWERS FOR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The flower arrangements used this past weekend for the anniversary celebration, were a donation by the Soileau Family in memory of their Father and Brother, Jimmy Soileau.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mason Alsandor, 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, Estelle Chautin, Peggy Chelette, Logan Comb, Franklin Courville, Ward Courville, Lisa Curley, Shelton Daigle, Robert Danaher, Angela Dautrueil, M/M Billy Dean, Hilda Deballion, Lillian Delafosse, Sue Deville, Sal Diesi, Sharon Doucet, Carl Dupre, Jesse Dupre, Michael Dupre, Raymond Dupre, Wands Dupre, Georgia Fiegel, Harold Fontenot, Joseph L. Fontenot, Dempsey Fuselier, Lauren Gimenez, George Gremillion, Larry Greer, Ann Guidroz, Elaine L Guillory, Louis Guillory, The T. Guillory Family, Gabrielle Marie Hanson, Brooke Hargroder, Sydney Harmon, Carlos Hebert, Eugene Hebert, Glenn Hebert, Andrea Hernanndez, Glenda Hicks, Doris Hudspeth, Annie & Austin Jagneaux, Agnes Kidder, Brenda Lafleur, Richard Lafleur, Raymond Lashute, Bradley Lastie, Doty & Floyd Lavergne, Glenn Lavergne, Renella Lavergne, Dustin Lavoie, Mary Alice LeBlanc, Phyllis Cormier LeBlanc, Therese Leger, Tony Leger, Tonya Londero, Andre Magallanes, Therese Major, Mary Martin, Mistic & Prudhomme Families, Byron Miller, Jeffery Miller, Shirley Morris, Julie Mouton, James Naquin, 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, Ronald Richard, Joseph James Robin, Ruby Romero, 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, Pierre Troclair, James Vidrine, Lou Vidrine, Wayne Wyble and Ivy Zerangue

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

Opelousas Catholic students from kindergarten through 12th grade are enjoying a "Can the Principal" contest this week by collecting canned goods for the needy. Please call the school at 942-5404 if you would like to contribute.

OC parents are reminded about the PTO meeting on Wednesday evening at 6PM in the school cafeteria. A "Harvest Mass" will be celebrated on Friday at 8:40 a.m. in St. Landry Catholic Church.

REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK

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| Monday, Nov. 17      | 6:00 p.m.  | Religious Education   |
| Tuesday, Nov.18      | 6:30 p.m.  | RCIA  |
| Wednesday, Nov.19    | 6:30 p.m.  | Parent Meeting for 1st. Confession & 1st. Communion in Church |
| Thursday, Nov. 20    | 5:30 p.m.  | Choir Practice  |
| Saturday, Nov. 22... | 4:00 p.m.  | Project Walk. Fundraiser                                      |
| Sunday, Nov. 23      | 8:00 a.m.  | Project Walk. Fundraiser                                      |
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|                      | 7:00 p.m.  | City-Wide Thanksgiving Service @ St. Marks Methodist Church.  |

TRUST

Even in the darkest moments of our lives, we know that God is never absent. St. Paul reminds us that "in everything God works for good with those who love him." (Rom. 8:28)

Pope Benedict XVI in his address to the bishops of Sri Lanka...May 7, 2005

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Church .....Newly Elected Officials  
Chapel ..... The Lonely and Forgotten

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

Group IV .....Sarah Wagley, Week of Nov. 22, 2008

Group V .....Betty Leleux, Week of Nov. 29, 2008