

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 20:4:00 p.m. Walfred LeBlanc, Sr. & Wally, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, M/M Clayton Titard, James E. Martin, James Palmer, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Tom Schexnayder, Jeanette Lalonde, Allen Hudspeth, Sr., Van, Edward & Allen, Jr., Clement & Nazel Vidrine, Joyce & Lisa Bertrand

Sunday, December 21:8:00 a.m. Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Velma & Patsy Gail Boss, Carol Pitre, Betty "Nan" Valin, Eddie & Dorothy Beaug (WA), Joey Prather, Eugene, Genie, Jonie & Troy

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Quentin Joubert, Lee (DA), Vivian & Kristie Artigue, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Deanna Dohmann Chachere, Oscar & Agnes Roy

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

Monday, December 22:12:10 p.m. Alphonse Huckaby (BD), Bertha B. Reed (BD)

Tuesday, December 23**NO MASS**

Wednesday, December 24:4:00 p.m. Quentin Joubert, Hilary Dupre & Carolyn D. Arnaud, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Walfred "Wally" LeBlanc, Jr., Ervin & Marcylee Thibodeaux, James E. Martin, Bertha & Marise Martin, Ena & Ernest McKinney & T.C., Eleanor & Atwood Quirk, M/M Clayton Titard, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Daniel Lagrange, Sr., Carl, Alexis, Curley & Velma Lanclos, Dalton Olivier & Jeanette Angelle, Carl Lanclos, Lee Martin, Deacon Carlo Cannatella, Joseph Olan Miller, Alex, James & Agnes Guillory & Henry & Oneza Roy, Harrison & Roy Fontenot Fly., Donat Guillory Fly.

6:00 p.m. Allen Richard, Gilbert Hidalgo & Leonce Richard Fly., Ludy David Latiolais, Ernie & Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly & Mickey Hollier, Ton Schexnayder, Elizabeth Puckett, Sol & Katherine Reed, Raymond "Beedy" Herpin, Raymus, Mary & Geraldine Bellard Herpin, Claiborne Ryder, Hoffman Fly.; Armand & Jeanne Bellard, M/M James G. Firmin Sr., Jeffrey & Volta David Devillier

Thursday, December 25:9:00 a.m. M/M John FaKouri, John, Jr., & Jacob, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Ernest & Basilese Fontenot & Fly., Louis & Emma Brown & Fly., Arthur Fontenot, Terry & Eula Lavergne, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Irl White, Kossuth Doucet Fly., Conrad O. Martin Fly., Mary, Lucille, Walter & Cora Baillio, Bobbie, Julie, Ruth Mouton, Ronnie & Steve Ardoin, The Ryder Fly., Norma D. Cortez, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Cleve, Inez & Darryl Mott, Judy & Lester LeJeaune, Deanna Dohmann Chachere, Gervis (Blackie), Ted & Madelyn Dohmann, Gertie, Chester, Roy & Warren Sebastien, Paul & Cathy Guidry, Mayance Dupre, Clayton & Eula Fly., M/M Joseph A. Fontenot & Fly., Edna & Jules Gaspard & Marilyn Decuir, Harry & Frank Dubord, Burke Guillory & Regina Gleber, Ralph & Blance Little, Ellis & Arista Breaux, Ulysses Breaux & Mazie B. Guidry

Friday, December 26**NO MASS**

Saturday, December 27:4:00 p.m. Walfred LeBlanc, Sr. & Wally, M/M Clayton Titard, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Elizabeth Puckett, Jeanette Lalonde, Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward & Allen Jr., Clement & Nazel Vidrine, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Joyce & Lisa Bertrand

Sunday, December 28:8:00 a.m. Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Carol Pitre, Betty "NAN" Valin, Edward & Gladys Valin, Joey Prather

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Quentin Joubert, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Deanna Dohmann Chachere, M/M James G. Firmin, Sr. (WA), John Kewley, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe

5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Ludy David Latiolais, 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

Regular Offertory Collection	\$5,378.78
BSA.....	\$1,107.15
Immaculate Conception.....	\$627.50
Repair/Maintenance.....	\$162.00

Every Gift Comes From Above.

Thank you for your generosity!

Second Collection for week of Dec. 28
OPELOUSAS CATHOLIC

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mason Alsandor, Bonnie Amy, Jack Andrus, Leola Arnaud, Linda J. Artall, 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, Sharon Doucet, Carl Dupre, Michael Dupre, Raymond Dupre, Wanda Dupre, Georgia Fiegel, Harold Fontenot, Joseph L. Fontenot, Winston 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, Glenn Hebert, Andrea Hernandez, Glenda Hicks, Lauren Maragert Higginbotham, Doris Hudspeth, Annie & Austin Jagneaux, Logan Joubert, Agnes Kidder, Brenda Lafleur, Richard Lafleur, Laura Lanclos, Raymond Lashute, Bradley Lastie, Doty & Floyd Lavergne, Glenn Lavergne, Renella Lavergne, Dustin Lavoie, Mary Alice LeBlanc, Phyllis Cormier LeBlanc, Therese Leger, Tony Leger, Tonya Londerno, 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, Brandon Prudhomme, Frances Reed, Emery Richard, 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 Trosclair, 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

O C CORNER

Opelousas Catholic congratulates eighth grade student, Ty Walton, for being named the "Overall" winner in the recent O.C. Science Fair. His project in the Engineering division was based on the topic of aerodynamics.

Prospective students and parents are asked to mark the date for the O.C. Open House on Tuesday, January 13th, at 5:30 p.m. Please make plans to attend!

The O.C. family wishes a Merry Christmas to all parishioners and thanks everyone for prayers and support throughout the year! God bless!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

WHAT: Advent Concert Series @ Fatima
WHERE: Our Lady of Fatima Church
WHEN: Every Sunday in Advent
CONTACT: Andre Courville @ 232-89457

WHAT: Triduum of Masses @ 6:45 A.M.
WHEN: Dec. 22-23-24
WHERE: Carmelite Monastery in Lafayette

WHAT: 3rd. Annual Priest vs. Seminarian Basketball Game
WHEN: Dec. 29 – 6:00-9:00 p.m.
WHERE: Cathedral - Carmel Gym
COST: \$2.00 Adults
\$1.00 Children

WHAT: Women's Retreat
WHEN: Jan. 23-25, 2009
WHERE: St. Charles Center, Moss Bluff
CONTACT: 369-3819 to register
COST: \$160.00
Fr. Jude Halphen

THANK YOU

Thanks for the delicious meal you provided for me and my family after Gene's services.
Margie Hebert

Thank you for the Masses for Mama. Blessings to all!
Carolyn FaKouri and Family

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING
Week of Dec. 21, 2008

Reading I 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12
The Lord promises to establish a house for Israel.

Psalm 89 "Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."

Reading II Romans 16:25-27
The truth of salvation is manifested to all.

Gospel Luke 1:26-38
The angel Gabriel visits Mary of Nazareth.

THEME

God's Spirit comes to us in ways we least expect.

Today's readings are all about promises made and fulfilled. In the first reading, the Lord God promises David an heir who will make his kingdom firm. In the Gospel that promise is fulfilled as the Blessed Virgin Mary, betrothed to Joseph of the house of David, says "yes" to the invitation to become the mother of Jesus. As the sacred word of God is proclaimed let us echo the words of today's responsorial psalm: "Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."

Question for Children:

If you were to tell someone one thing about Jesus' mother, Mary, what would you say?

Question for Youth?

Gabriele's greeting to Mary was, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." This is God's greeting to each of us; he loves us just as we are.

What are some of your personal strengths that God rejoices in?

Question for Adults?

Name one area of your life where God has surprised you with love, abilities, or even a pregnancy. How is God's Spirit upon you in this dimension of life?

FORMING GOOD STEWARDS

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word." Luke 1:26-38

If you add up all of the words spoken by Mary to the Angel at the Annunciation [30], to Elizabeth at their meeting [122 in the Magnificat], and her comments to Jesus and instructions to the servants at the wedding at Cana, "Do whatever he tells you." Mary is both our Mother and our Model. As Christmas gets feast at Cana [9], she speaks 161 words in all of Scripture. Mary was a woman of few words, at least according to the record. From expressing her lack of understanding about how God would accomplish what the angel announced to her; to her simple, "May it be done unto me according to your word" and her awareness that "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord" to her final instructions to the servants nearer we should all be growing stronger in our willingness to accept the challenges God has in store for us with a simple "May it be done unto me according to your word" so our soul will "proclaim the greatness of our Lord" and we will be ready, without hesitation to "Do whatever he tells you." Now, let us celebrate Christmas.

December 21st. . . World Peace Day and Winter Solstice
Care, respect, and peace efforts towards others begins in the heart and home of each individual. Stewardship projects love through expressions. Reflect love in all actions and words.

YEAR OF ST. PAUL
CHRISTMAS BLESSING



Now is the fullness of time
Now God sends His Son
Born of Mary.
May you welcome Him
With the faith, hope and love
Proclaimed by St. Paul.
So that like St. Paul
Christ will be your Life
This Christmas and throughout the New Year.
Amen.

Merry Christmas!!!

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY
MASS SCHEDULE

CHILDREN'S MASS AND VIGIL MASS

4:00 PM Wednesday Christmas Eve

Instructions for children bringing gifts:

Please process in before Mass with Msgr. Romero.
Be at the inside entrance of the church at least 5 minutes before Mass to line up to come into church.
Please bring a new, unwrapped gift for a child.
As you come into the altar area, bow before the altar and place your gift where you will be shown.
Now go to the pew to be with your family.

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

6:00 PM Wednesday,

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 AM Thursday,
Only Mass on Christmas Day.

New Year's Day Masses/ Mary, Mother of God
December 31, 2008, Wednesday
Anticipated Mass at 5:30 PM
January 1, 2009, Thursday
Mass at 9:00 AM
Only Mass of New Year's Day.

THE ADVENT 2008 PENANCE SERVICES
NORTH REGION, DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE

Church: Our Lady Queen of Angels Church (Opelousas)
Date: Dec. 22nd (Mon.) Time: 6:30 p.m. City-wide Penance Service.

NOTICE

Donations for Poinsettias in Memory of OR in Thanksgiving for will be listed as an insert in the Christmas bulletin, **NOT WEEKLY**. Suggested donation is \$20.00 for 10 inch plants.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

ChurchSol and Katherine Reed
ChapelSpecial Intention

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group IIPap Roy, Week of Dec. 27, 2008
Group III.....Irene Soileau, Week of Jan. 3, 2009