

**YEAR OF ST. PAUL**

Father, in the fullness of time you sent your Son to us. We pray with St. Paul, whom we honor in this special Year:



Help our Holy Father and all ministers of the Church to stand "firm in one Spirit, with one mind struggling for the faith of the Gospel" (Phil 1:27).

Be with all in authority, that they may "discern what is the will of God, what is good, pleasing and perfect" (Rom 12:2) so that the God of peace may be with them (Phil 4:9).

Encourage parents and families to "rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer" (Rom 12:12).

Strengthen those who suffer in mind, heart or body. Let them realize the present burden of their trial "is producing for them an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison" (two Cor 4:17).

Uphold the poor, the sick, those trying to cope with unemployment, financial concerns, misfortunes, and sorrow; convince them that "all things work for good for those who love God" (Rom 8:28).

Do not let us "be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving" (Phil 4:6) let us present our requests to you, confident that you will answer them.

Amen.

SOURCE: NOVENA PRAYER BY CARMELITE MASTERY, LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

**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 on New Year's Day.

We welcome the following families to our Parish Family. They have become members in the last few months.

Stephanie and Jodie White and Children  
Edwin and Priscilla Vidrine and Son

**STEWARDSHIP EXPRESSIONS**

**December 28th Feast of the Holy Family**

Honoring Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary and Joseph as the Holy Family, we can model our family after their same faithful love of God and willing response to His call.

**December 31st. New Years Eve & World Peace Meditation Day**

Express gratitude to God for the blessings realized throughout 2008. Review stewardship efforts from 2008 to identify opportunities and need for improved/enhanced expression in 2009.

Pray and ponder how best to live as a peacemaker in 2009.

**READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING**

**Week of Dec. 28, 2008**

Reading I Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3  
The Lord's promise to Abram and Sarah is fulfilled.

Psalm 105 "The Lord remembers his covenant forever."

Reading II Hebrews 11:8, 11-12  
The faith of our ancestors.

Gospel Luke 2:22-40  
Simeon and Anna see the Lord.

**THEME**

**Families grow through good times and bad**

Two elderly couples are presented to us in today's Scripture readings: Abram and Sarah, and Simeon and Anna. The common thread that weaves through each of these people's stories is that they longed for something in their advanced age. For Abram and Sarah it was a child. For Simeon and Anna, it was to behold the Messiah. Perhaps the message of these wonderful stories is that for people of faith, often what we long desire comes only after a very long wait. As the word of God is proclaimed today, let us draw inspiration from the great faith and patience showed by Abram, Sarah, Simeon, and Anna.

**Question for Children:**

Why is it important for you to obey your parents or guardians?

**Question for Youth?**

God chose to be among us in the person of Jesus. How does having a God who knows what it means to be human effect the way you pray or think about God?

**Question for Adults?**

Whether single, married, or divorced, how does Paul's advice ring true in your own life? Choose one of his suggestions and share how it touches your life.

**FORMING GOOD STEWARDS**

**"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace."  
Luke 2:22-40**

How was your Christmas? Did you get what you wanted? Was everybody happy with the gifts you gave them? Have you returned all of the presents you received that you did not want or do not fit? Did you spend some time with Jesus? Do we realize and appreciate his role and importance in our lives? Do we understand that a constantly growing intimate relationship with Jesus is a tremendous gift? St. Luke tells us about Simeon, a righteous and devout man who awaited the consolation of Israel. Eight days after the first Christmas, the Birth of Jesus, Joseph and Mary brought him to the Temple to perform the custom of the law. Simeon sees Jesus and realizes that the Lord had fulfilled his promise not to let him see death until he had seen Christ the Lord. Simeon had received a tremendous gift. The gift of awareness of who and what Jesus is in our lives and a constantly growing intimate relationship with him is the real gift of Christmas. It is a gift we should cherish and share with others.

**MASS INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE WEEK**

**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 Biennu, Deanna Dohmann Chachere, M/M James G. Firmin, Sr. (WA), John Kewley, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Kourtney Valin Rose, Bill Lee

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

**Monday, December 29 . . . . . 12:10 p.m.** Walfred LeBlanc, Jr., Jack Andrus

**Tuesday, December 30 . . . . . 12:30 p.m.** NO MASS

**Wednesday, December 31 . . . . . 5:30 p.m.** Marcylee Thibodeaux, M/M Morgan Goudeau, Jr., M/M William Jarrell, Sr., Melanie Anne Jarrell, Anthony Roppol, Tony Fontenot (BD) & Fly.

**Thursday, January 1 . . . . . 9:00 a.m.** Quentin Joubert, Terry & Eula Lavergne, Hilary Dupre & Carolyn Arnaud, Mayance Dupre, Anthony Lavergne

**Friday, January 2 . . . . . NO MASS OFFICE CLOSED**

**Saturday, January 3 . . . . . 4:00 p.m.** Walfred LeBlanc, Sr. & Wally, Ludy David Latiolais (BD), Wayne Dupre (DA), M/M Clayton Titard, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, James Palmer, Jeanette Lalonde, Donald J. St. Amand, Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward & Allen Jr., Clement & Nazel Vidrine, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Joyce & Lisa Bertrand

**Sunday, January 4 . . . . . 8:00 a.m.** Howard and Mable Richard, Betty "Nan" Valin, Joey Prather, Hilary Dupre (DA), Youle & Therese Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, Alton & Elizabeth Joubert, Pat Artall (BD) & Fly., Ryan Fisher (BD)

**10:00 a.m.** . . . . . Ernie & Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly (BD) & Mickey Hollier, Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Quentin Joubert, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Biennu, Carl Lanclos, Deanna Dohmann Chachere, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe

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

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

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**Second Collection for week of Jan. 4  
MAINTENANCE REPAIR FUND**

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

WHAT: Engaged Encounter  
WHEN: January 9-11; March 6-8  
April 24-26  
CONTACT: The Rizzutos' @ 984-7954

WHAT: Open House  
WHERE: St. Ignatius, Grand Coteau  
CONTACT: 662-3325

WHAT: Friends Day  
WHEN: January 17—9AM-Noon  
WHERE: 421 1/2 Carmel Dr., Lafayette,La.

WHAT: Marriage Encounter Weekend  
WHEN: February 6-8 in Baton Rouge  
March 13-15 in Slidell  
CONTACT: Larry or Sandra Waguespack  
225) 766-5798 OR 1-800-586-5469

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Mason Alsandor, Bonnie Amy, 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 Dautreuil, 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 Margaret Higginbotham, Doris Hudspeth, Annie & Austin Jagneaux, Logan Joubert, Agnes Kidder, Brenda Lafleur, Richard Lafleur, Laura Lanclos, Raymond Lashute, Bradley Lastie, Dotty & 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 Paternostro, 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*

**FROM PARENT TO CHILD**

"I gave you life, but I cannot live it for you;  
I can teach you things, but I cannot make you learn;  
I can give you direction, but I cannot be there to lead you;  
I can allow you freedom, but I cannot account for it;  
I can take you to church, but I cannot make you believe;  
I can teach you right from wrong, but I cannot always decide for you;  
I can teach you to share, but I cannot make you unselfish;  
I can teach you respect, but I cannot force you to show it;  
I can advise you about friends, but I cannot choose them for you;  
I can advise you about sex, but I cannot make you pure;  
I can tell you about drugs; but I cannot say no for you;  
I can warn you about sins, but I cannot make your morals;  
I can teach you how important all life is, but you will have to want to learn and have respect for the unborn that I teach;  
I can love you as a child; but I cannot make your place in God's family;  
I can pray for you, but I cannot make you walk with God;  
I can teach you about Jesus, but I cannot make Him your Lord;  
I can tell you how to live, but I cannot give you eternal life.  
Anonymous source

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN MARRIAGE  
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Must register no later than Jan. 23, 2009. The ceremony will be held on Feb. 2009. Come by the office to register or for more information.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

Church .....Peace and blessings in the New Year  
Chapel.....Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

**ALTAR SOCIETY**

**Group III**.....Irene Soileau, Week of Jan. 3, 2009  
**Group IV** .....Sarah Wagley, Week of Jan. 10, 2009