

**YEAR OF ST. PAUL**

**LOGO OF THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL**



The CHAIN represents St. Paul's imprisonment in Rome.

The SWORD symbolizes his martyrdom by beheading.

The BOOK represents his writings.

The CROSS-symbolizes Jesus Christ.

The TONGUE OF FLAMES refers to the Holy Spirit.

2008-2009 are the dates of the Pauline Year.

29VI represents June 29, the last day of the Pauline Year and the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.

**PARISH MISSION CLUB**

With the January 2009 church support envelopes, we have an extra envelope entitled "Parish Mission Club". This is a **voluntary** activity. "The Parish Mission Club" is a suggestion of Msgr. Richard Mouton, Diocesan Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies. In an effort to heighten the awareness of the needs of our Foreign Missions and those of our local poor, St. Landry Church is inaugurating a Parish Mission Club. There is no formal membership nor dues or meetings. By using the envelope found in the Offertory Envelopes designated "Parish Mission Club" (a purple envelope) and placing an offering in the same, and then putting the envelope in any Sunday collection, you become a member. Money from the Club will be used to support our Foreign Missions and our own local poor. Please consider joining in this effort to help. Thank you.

**ANNUAL HOUSE BLESSING**

"The Epiphany of the Lord is a good time to ask God to bless our home life. An ancient form of blessing uses chalk to write on the top of our front door. Write: "20 + C + M + B + 09". C, M, and B stand for Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar [the traditional names of the wise men] and the Latin Christus mansionem benedicat, which literally means "God bless this house."

**APPRECIATION FROM MONSIGNOR ROMERO**

The visit of the wise men to the Christ child is a good time to thank everyone for your kindness and love shown at Christmas and all during the year. I appreciate your love and ask God to bless each and everyone. Many thanks!!!

Msgr. Romero

**NOTICE**

It has come to our attention that people are using our church parish dumpster, which causes an overflow on the ground. The garbage people DO NOT pick the garbage off the ground. This causes an untidy appearance as well as extra work for St. Landry Church maintenance workers. If this continues, we would need to get a larger dumpster, which would be an additional cost to the parish, which we **cannot** afford. PLEASE refrain from using the Church's dumpster.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Must register no later than Jan. 23, 2009. The ceremony will be held on Feb. 8, 2009. Come by the office to register or for more information.

**READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING**

**Week of January 4, 2009**

- Reading I Isaiah 60:1-6  
The glory of the Lord shines on all people.
- Psalm 72 "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."
- Reading II Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
God's secret plan is revealed.
- Gospel Matthew 2:1-12  
They presented gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**THEME:**

**Jesus leads to hope and love**

There is one good thing to be said for King Herod—he did put his faith in the words of the prophets of his Jewish faith. He was one of the chosen people. He had the Word of God available to him. He was only a few miles from the Savior of the world. The strangers who arrived looking for the newborn King of the Jews had no such blessings. They had traveled months and miles based only on the evidence of a new star in the night sky. What they perceived as promise, King Herod saw as threat. From his earliest years, Jesus caused contradictions like that. Strangers from the East brought Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh because Jesus is King, Priest, and Savior. King Herod wanted to kill Jesus because King Herod saw danger, upheaval, and grief in Jesus. King Herod believed the prophecy that the newborn baby would one day be a ruler who would shepherd Israel. How tragic that King Herod's faith could not lead to hope and love.

**Questions for children:** Jesus brings us hope and love. What do you do in life to show people you have the hope and love of Jesus?

**Questions for youth:** The wise men came to give Jesus homage. How do you show respect for Jesus?

**Questions for Adults:** King Herod was threatened by Jesus. Name the times Jesus threatens you. When these times happen to you, do you want to kill Jesus or accept the challenge to change your life to be more like Jesus?

**FAMILY PRAYER**

O Jesus, I humbly implore you to grant your special graces to our family. May our home be a shrine of peace, purity, love, labor, and faith. I beg you, Jesus, to protect and bless all of us, absent and present, living and dead.

O Mary, loving Mother of Jesus, and our mother, pray to Jesus for our family, for all the families of the world, to guard the cradle of the newborn, the schools of the young and their vocations.

Blessed St. Joseph, holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayers in all the necessities of life. Ask of Jesus that special grace which he granted to you, to watch over our home at the bed of the sick and dying, so that with Mary and with you, heaven may find our family unbroken in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Amen.

**ALTAR SOCIETY**

- Group IV.....Sarah Wagley, Week of Jan. 10, 2009
- Group V .....Betty Leleux, Week of Jan. 17, 2009

**MASS INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE WEEK**

- Saturday, Jan. 03 . . . . . 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 and Allen Jr., Clement & Nazel Vidrine, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Joyce & Lisa Bertrand
- Sunday, Jan 04 . . . . . 8:00 a.m.** Howard & 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), Ezra & Velma (DA) Martin & Denise Hull
- 10:00 am . . . . .** Ernie & Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly (BD) & Mickey Hollier, Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Quentin Joubert, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Carl Lanclos, Deanna Dohmann Chachere, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe
- 5:00 p.m. . . . .** St. Landry Church Parishioners, Elizabeth Puckett, Lee Martin
- Monday, Jan. 5 . . . . . 12:10 p.m.** John Kewley
- Tuesday, Jan. 6 . . . . .** NO MASS
- Wednesday, Jan. 7 . . . . . 12:10 p.m.** Ernie & Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly (DA) & Mickey Hollier, Terry Miller & Bryce & Lynwood Hidalgo, Sol Reed
- Thursday, Jan. 8 . . . . . 12:10 p.m.** Mazie Bertinot DeJean
- Friday, Jan. 9 . . . . . 12:10 p.m.** Ethel & Teddy Meaux and Lou Ella Lognion
- Saturday, Jan. 10 . . . . . 4:00 p.m.** M/M Clayton Titard, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, M/M St. Ange Fournier, Sr. & Anna & St. Ange Fournier Jr., Jeanette Lalonde, Allen Hudspeth, Sr., Van, Edward & Allen, Jr., Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Joyce & Lisa Bertrand
- Sunday, Jan. 11 . . . . . 8:00 a.m.** M/M John FaKouri, John Jr. & Jacob, Joey Prather, Hilary Dupre, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand
- 10:00 a.m. . . . .** Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Quentin Joubert, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Elizabeth Puckett, Deanna Dohmann Chachere, John Kewley, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe
- 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**

Christmas.....	\$5,310.54	<i>Every Gift Comes From Above.</i>
Regular Offertory Collection .....	\$7,247.40	
Religious Retirement .....	\$26.00	
Maintenance .....	\$31.00	
BSA.....	\$316.00	
OC Foundation .....	\$567.82	

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Second Collection for week of Jan. 11  
BSA 5th Pledge**

**REMINDERS OF THE WEEK**

Monday, Jan. 5	6:00 p.m.	Religious Ed.
	6:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council
Tuesday, Jan. 6	6:30 p.m.	RCIA
Thursday, Jan. 8	6:30 p.m.	Citywide Pre-Baptism Class
	7:00 p.m.	KC Meeting
Friday, Jan. 9	8:40 a.m.	All School Mass

**DONATIONS FOR POINSETTIAS**

\$100.00	Langford Touchet
\$20.00	Souls In Purgatory
\$20.00	Joe Bono & Percy Trahan
\$20.00	Frank Savoie & Vickie
\$20.00	Dallas & Amy Barron
\$20.00	Dudley Briley Family and Brandon Bennett

**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 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 Margaret Higginbotham, Doris Hudspeth, Annie & Austin Jagneaux, Logan Joubert, Agnes Kicker, 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 Paternestro, Johnny Pellerin, Gentry Peltier, Tracie Peltier, Keith Perry, Mary Perry, Irene Pitre, Marla Lafleur 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, Elizabeth Kate Sumer, 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

**IN THANKSGIVING**

A special thank you to the family of Alma Godeau for providing the wreaths on the doors of the church in her memory.

**O C CORNER**

Opelousas Catholic will hold a special Open House for prospective students and parents this January 13th at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Please attend to learn more about a quality Catholic education for your child!  
The annual OC Tasters' Dinner and Auction evening, celebrating 10 years, is set for February 4th in the Yambilee Building. Tickets are available at OC, Piggly Wiggly on Heather Drive, Bodemullers and St. Landry Homestead Bank.

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

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

Church .....	Family Unity
Chapel .....	In Thanksgiving

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