

YEAR OF ST. PAUL

I think that what happens in Baptism can be more easily explained for us if we consider the final part of the short spiritual autobiography that St. Paul gave us in his Letter to the Galatians. Its concluding words contain the heart of this biography: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Gal 2:20). I live, but I am no longer I.....this phrase is an expression of what happened at Baptism. My "I" is taken away from me and is incorporated into a new and greater subject. This means that my "I" is back again, but now transformed, broken up, opened through incorporation into the other, in whom it acquires its new breadth of existence.

Homily at the Easter Vigil 15 April 2006

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks Jesus' initiation in public ministry. At his baptism, Jesus is named the Beloved Son of God. With this celebration, we recommit ourselves to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Initiated through our baptism we too are commissioned to proclaim Good News with our lives.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

As we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, this week is also **National Vocation Awareness Week**. This is a special time in which the Church prays for the renewal and strengthening of vocations of dedicated people as married and single people, men to serve as priests, deacons, brothers, and women as religious sisters. Let your life proclaim good news!

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious God, You gift us with your son, Jesus. At his baptism you affirmed him as your beloved son and Jesus responded by proclaiming the Good News about your reign.

Help us realize that by our baptism we are each called to continue the mission of Jesus by proclaiming the Good News.

You call people to married life.

Bless them with love, understanding, and fidelity as they proclaim the Good News.

You call people to the single life.

Bless them with compassion, joy, and dedication as they proclaim the Good News.

You call people to the consecrated life.

Bless them with courage, commitment, and passion as they proclaim the Good News.

You call people to the ordained life.

Bless them with faith, integrity, and zeal as they proclaim the Good News.

May we accept and acknowledge the dignity of our vocation.

Guide those discerning your call and give them the support they need. Gift us all with open and generous hearts to further your reign here on Earth.

AMEN.

DOLL AND TOY FUND—A GREAT SUCCESS

The Catholic Daughters of America wishes to thank everyone for contributing in any way whatsoever to the 2008 Doll and Toy Fund. 00000 children were able to have a more enjoyable Christmas because of your generosity.

Janis Courville—Coordinator of the CDA Doll and Toy Fund

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of January 11, 2009

Reading I	Isaiah 55:1-11 Come to the water
	Isaiah 12:3 "You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation."
Reading II	1 John 5:1-9 To love God is to keep God's commandments.
Gospel	Mark 1:7-11 The Spirit of God descends like a dove.

THEME:

Baptism gives us new life.

Each week we gather in this holy place to be nourished at the tables of word and Eucharist. Isaiah's words in today's first reading beckon all who hunger and thirst to come to the Lord. As God's word is proclaimed today, let us be nourished and learn to share the good news we hear today with all we meet.

Questions for Children:

Why does Baptism make you special?

Questions for youth:

You were baptized as a member of the Christian community. What does it mean to you to belong to this community? How is it a support in your life?

Questions for Adults:

What meaning does your Baptism have for your everyday life?

ANNUAL DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The office of Family Life Ministry is again sponsoring the DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION to honor couples who have been married 25, 40, 50, 60, or more years. **Only the above-mentioned years will be honored.** It will be held on Sunday, February 8, 2009 , 2:00pm, St. Edmonds Church, 4131 W. Congress, Lafayette, La. Bishop Michael Jarrell will celebrate the special Mass and will give certificates to all couples being honored. A reception will follow the Mass at St. Edmond's Family Center. Couples who wish to be honored must **register no later than January 23, 2009.** Registrations **will not** be accepted at the door prior to the celebration. The registration forms are available in the church office in Valentin Hall.

22ND ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE

January 22, 2009 marks the 36th year we have allowed God's innocent unborn children to be legally destroyed by abortion in our country. **St. Landry Right to Life** invites you to show your support and respect for **ALL** life, born and unborn, elderly, or handicapped. Come join our **22nd Annual Walk for Life on Saturday, January 24, 2009 @ 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady Queen of Angels.** After a short program, the Walk will proceed to the New Life Center on East Landry St, ending at approximately 12 noon. Director Angela Angelle will tell us about the work of the center. Refreshments and pro-life materials will be available. **ALL FAITHS AND GROUPS** are invited and encouraged to participate in the Walk for Life.

BRING THE FAMILY AND TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE!!

For more information, contact John/Jeri Miller at 948-9559.

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

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, Virginia Bienvenu, Bobbie, Julie & Ruth Mouton, Ronnie & Steve Ardoin, The Ryder Fly., Clement Ned Sr.
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Lee Martin
Monday, January 12 12:10 p.m. Lee, Vivian & Kristie (DA) Artigue, Henry (DA) & Lillia Fontenot
Tuesday, January 13 NO MASS
Wednesday, January 14 12:10 p.m. Mazie Bertinot DeJean, Cindy Leger & Peggy Chelette
Thursday, January 15 12:10 p.m. Elizabeth Puckett, Marjorie Roy
Friday, January 16 12:10 p.m. M/M Pearly Woodson, Jerry Chauvin (BD), Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe
Saturday, January 17 4:00 p.m. Sr. Mary Joseph Lafond, M/M Clayton Titard, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Elizabeth Puckett, Jeanette Lalonde, Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward & Allen, Jr., Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Joyce & Lisa Bertrand, Frank Greco (BD)
Sunday, January 18 8:00 a.m. Eddie Beaugh, Joey Prather, Dalton Olivier & Jeanette Angelle, Hilary Dupre, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Bryce Boullion (B), Frances Reed
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Quentin Joubert, Daniel Lagrange, Sr., Marise Martin, Deanna Dohmann Chachere, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Augustus Jack Dagian (DA)
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

Regular Offertory Collection	\$8,140.54
Maintenance & Repair Fund	\$1,211.20
New Year's Day	\$1,169.50
Opelousas Catholic School	\$66.00
Retired Religious	\$35.00
Bishops Services Appeal	\$31.00

Every Gift Comes From Above.

Thank you for your generosity!

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, Jan.11	10:00 a.m.	Rel. Ed. Grades 1-8 Attend Mass as a group
Monday, Jan. 12	6:00 p.m.	Rel. Ed.
Tuesday, Jan. 13	5:30 p.m.	OC Open House
	6:00 p.m.	CDA
	6:30 p.m.	RCIA
Wednesday, Jan.14	5:00 p.m.	Altar Society
	6:00 p.m.	Rel. Ed. Tests/Grades 1-8
Friday, Jan.16	8:40 a.m.	OC Hi School/Mass

WELCOME INTO OUR CATHOLIC FAMILY BY THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Logan Derrick Bourgeois, II
son of
Logan Derrick Bourgeois and Caitlin Renee Soileau

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mason Alsandor, Bonnie Amy, Leola Arnaud, Linda J. Artall, 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, 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, Catherine Fournier, 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, 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 Londemo, 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 Pruy, Mary Perry, Irene Pitre, Marla Lafleur Pitre, Ruby Pitre, Brandon Prudhomme, Emery Richard, Ronald Richard, Claire Robichaux, 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, Brandy Willingham, 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

**Second Collection for week of Jan. 18
Opelousas Catholic Foundation Fund**

O C CORNER

The Opelousas Catholic School family invites prospective students and parents to the school's annual Open House on Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Plan to meet the administration along with some faculty members and students to gather information for the 2009-2010 school year.

Celebrating 10 yrs. is the O.C. Tasters Dinner and Auction evening on February 4. Tickets are available at O.C., Piggly Wiggly on Heather Dr., Bodemullers and St. Landry Homestead.

O.C. is organizing a trip to Europe for the summer of 2009. The trip will be in June and will last 13 days including stops and tours in Berlin, Prague, Switzerland, and Paris. Space is limited and sign-up ends February 28. For more information contact Jervis Thibodeaux or John Braham at 942-5404.

RETURNED TO CHRIST THROUGH DEATH

The St. Landry Church parishioners offer prayers and sincere condolences to the families of:

Joan Francis Richard Reed
and
Barbara Cahanin Pitre

Lord, grant that we may hold dear the memory of your servant, never bitter for what we have lost nor in regret of the past, but always in hope of the eternal kingdom where you will bring us together again. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

AMEN

NOTICE

If anyone is in need of a financial statement with a record of your contributions to St. Landry Church for 2008, please call the office and a statement will be mailed to you.
 Thank You

SANCTUARY LIGHT

ChurchThanksgiving For Special Blessings
 ChapelHenry Fontenot

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group VBetty Leleux, Week of Jan. 17, 2009
Group VINorma Hargroder, Week of Jan. 24, 2009