

YEAR OF ST. PAUL



FREEDOM AS SERVICE

"You were called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love, be servants of one another." (Gal 5:13).

JANUARY 16-25, 2009 ACTIVITIES MSGR. ROMERO

Mrs. Christine LeDoux is the St. Landry Church recipient of the 2009 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Award. She received this award on Friday, 16 Jan. 2009 at mass in St. John Cathedral, Lafayette. We congratulate Mrs. LeDoux.

We celebrate the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25. This year's theme is That they may become one in your hand. (Ezek 37, 17).

In material, jointly prepared and published by The Pontifical Council for Christian Unity and The Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches, explains this year's theme accordingly:

This year's focus is "based on Ezekiel's second vision which depicts two pieces of wood, symbolizing the two kingdoms into which Israel had been divided. The names of the tribes in each of the divided kingdoms (two of the original twelve in the North, and ten in the South) are written upon the pieces of wood, which are then brought together again into one (Ezekiel 37:15-23)."

"According to Ezekiel the division of the people reflected—and resulted from—their sinfulness and alienation from God. They may become again one people by renouncing their sins, undergoing conversion, and returning to God. Yet ultimately, it is God who unites God's people by purifying, renewing, and liberating them from their divisions. For Ezekiel this unity is not simply the joining of previously divided groups; it is rather a new creation, the birth of a new people, which should be a sign of hope to other peoples and indeed to all of humanity."

Our country welcomes President Barack Obama, as he is inaugurated on Tuesday, Jan. 20th. This is a momentous time as we as a country come together in unity, striving to define our common good and asking God's blessings on President Obama and our country. May God keep us in His care!

On Thursday, 22nd of January, citizens of the USA especially Catholics are asked to observe a Day of Penance in observance of the Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. Let us pray for a greater respect of Human Life in our country. Let us pray that our country becomes a stronger beacon of justice and peace. Let us offer penance in reparation for the sins of abortion, human violence, and euthanasia.

We have the 22nd annual Walk for Life on Saturday, 24 January 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady Queen of Angels with a short program and ending at the New Life Center. Everyone is welcomed to join in the Walk.

Conversion of Saint Paul: As a result of the Pauline Year celebrating the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Saint Paul, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued a decree on May 30, 2008 authorizing the use of the Mass formulary and Lectionary readings for the Conversion of Saint Paul for Mass on Sunday, 25 January 2009. The date however remains the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time. Therefore, the prayers the priest prays will come from the mass of St. Paul's conversion. The first reading, the responsorial psalm and the gospel will be taken from the Mass of St. Paul. The second reading will be taken from the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. That is, the first reading is Act 22:3-16; the psalm is Psalm 117:1bc, 2; the second reading is 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; the gospel is Mark 16:15-18. Some of these readings will not be found in the missal in the pew.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING Week of January 18 2009

- Reading I 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
Psalm 40 "Here am I, Lord: I come to do your will.
Reading II 1 Corinthians 6: 13c-15a, 17-20
Gospel John 1:35-42

THEME:

GOD CALLS US TO FOLLOW CHRIST

Today's scriptures focus our attention on the call of the Lord. In the first reading, the Lord calls Samuel, who, at first, does not recognize that it is indeed the Lord who summons him. The Gospel recounts the call of the first of Jesus' disciples. Let us be attentive to the call that the Lord issues to each of us as the sacred word is proclaimed.

Questions for Children:

What can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?

Questions for Youth:

Andrew seemed to know immediately that he should follow Jesus. Do you have that same sense of confidence in your faith in Jesus? What helps? What makes it hard?

Questions for Adults:

In what ways do you experience being called by Jesus? What does he want you to do?

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 , 2:00 p.m., 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, 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), Dr. Richard W. Hargroder, Souls in Purgatory, Lee Martin, Velma & Patsy Gail Boss
Sunday, January 18 8:00 a.m. Eddie Beauth, 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, Carol Pitre, M/M Pierre Hebert, M/M E.J. Leonard
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard, and Marian Smith; Quentin Joubert; Daniel Lagrange Sr.; Marise Martin; Deanna Dohmann Chachere; Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe; Augustus Jack DaGian (DA)
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners
Monday, January 19 12:10 p.m. Garland Boagni
Tuesday, January 20 NO MASS
Wednesday, January 21 12:10 p.m. John Kewley, Sol Reed
Thursday, January 22 12:10 p.m. Leroy Richard, Burnell Fontenot (BD) & Fly.
Friday, January 23 12:10 p.m. Jacob Joubert (BD)
Saturday, January 24 4:00 p.m. M/M Clayton Titard, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Walfred LeBlanc, Sr. & Wally, Jeanette Lalonde, Allen Hudspeth, Sr., Van, Edward & Allen, Jr., Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Joyce & Lisa Bertrand, Dr. Richard W. Hargroder, Souls in Purgatory, Lee Martin
Sunday, January 25 8:00 a.m. Joey Prather, Hilary Dupre, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, Carol Pitre, M/M Pierre Hebert, M/M E.J. Leonard
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; Lucille Bailio (BD); Elizabeth Puckett; Deanna Dohmann Chachere; Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H.Philippe
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners

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 \$5,655.04
Maintenance & Repair Fund \$205.00
Opelousas Catholic School \$1.00
Bishops Services Appeal \$675.52

Thank you for your generosity!

Every Gift Comes From Above.



REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

- Monday, Jan. 19 6:00 p.m. Rel. Ed.
Tuesday, Jan. 20 6:30 p.m. RCIA
Wednesday, Jan. 21 5:30 p.m. 1st Penance Class
Friday, Jan. 23 8:40 a.m. OC Elem. Mass
Saturday, Jan. 24 10:00 a.m. Right to Life March @ Queen of Angels
Sunday, Jan. 25 6:00 p.m. Catholic Schools Kickoff Week @ Queen of Angels

CORRECTION TO 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. 1942 children were able to have a more enjoyable Christmas because of your generosity.

Janis Courvelle—Coordinator of the CDA Doll and Toy Fund

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mason Alsandor, Bonnie Amy, Leola Arnaud, Linda J. Artall, Ella Attole, Mary Bertha Attole, Angela Aymond, 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 Giminez, George Gremillion, Larry Greer, 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 Jagneau, 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, Marla Lafleur Pitre, Ruby Pitre, Brandon Prudhomme, Emery Richard, Ronald Richard, Claire Robichaux, Joseph James Robin, Ruby Romero, Rosa 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 Trosclair, 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

O C CORNER

Please pray for our senior ministry team members as they travel to Washington D.C. this week for the National Right to Life March. OC families are reminded of the Wednesday 7:00 a.m. mass in the school chapel every week. They are now praying for world peace. Catholic Schools Week is approaching January 25-30! Do not forget to get your Tasters' Dinner tickets at OC; Piggly Wiggly South; Bodemullers and St. Landry Homestead Bank. It is set for February 4th in the Yambilee Building.

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:

Hazel Lanclos Leger and Dorothy Hill Beauth

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

DONATION

A donation in memory of Eugene (Gene) Hebert and Burke & Frances Reed has been made to the Friends of the Bereaved.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS COURT 119 BENEFIT GUMBO

Tickets will be sold after all masses on the weekend of January 24 & 25. Tickets are \$5.00. The fundraiser will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2009. Contact Norma Hargroder at 942-4807 for additional information.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Church Augustus Jack DaGian (25th DA)
Chapel Sanctity of Life

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group VI Norma Hargroder, Week of Jan. 24, 2009
Group VII Gwen Fruge, Week of Jan. 31, 2009