

**YEAR OF ST. PAUL
LOVE**



It is not without significance that when Paul lists the various elements that constitute the fruit of the Spirit he puts love first: "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace," etc. (Gal. 5:22)...the Spirit stimulates us to weave charitable relations with all people. Therefore, when we love we make room for the Spirit and give him leeway to express himself fully within us.
Pope Benedict XVI's address to the General Audience on November 15, 2006.

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY
MSGR. ROMERO**

Definition: The official site states, "World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as head of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily, married life."

[NOTE: I use this Sunday, instead of last Sunday to highlight World Marriage Day as last Sunday World Day of the Sick was highlighted and Valentine's Day is on Saturday, February 14th.]

While I am interested in the quality of married life, I find there are many Catholics who are not getting married. I quote from Father Gene Tremie's bulletin dated 22 June 2008:

"A friend spoke to a Justice of the Peace who is a Catholic and was told by him that he always asks people who come to the JP to be married - what religion they belong to. Many of them, perhaps a majority, are Catholic. The main reason they give for not marrying in church is that it is too expensive - it just costs too much for a wedding in church."

"The church has no rules on how elaborate the wedding must be. This is not a rule of the church, but something which society and culture are dictating - and the church is getting the blame. We will be happy to perform a 'no-frills' ceremony."

"When the sacrament is the focal point of the ceremony, then the other elements, such as dresses, catering, etc. take their proper place. The large amounts of money spent on weddings do not...increase the churches funds. The large amounts of money are spent for dresses and tuxedos, for limos and fine china and for other things that our culture says are signs of love and prestige. Then others, with less means are likely to feel that they must match the spending in order to fit in."

If the reason for not seeking a "sacramental marriage" is that it costs too much to get married in the church, then I too join Father Tremie in suggesting a 'no-frills' wedding. Try to see beyond the financial costs. Look at your life together. Appreciate God's guidance in bringing you together. God has chosen you for a special mission in the church. This mission is lived in your married life. Let God be in your relationship. Trust God to help you love each other as intensely as God loves us.

I call your attention to a website sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at www.foryourmarriage.org This website has several useful articles and suggestions. There is a video selection on "What Have Others Done for Their Marriage?" This selection has different people sharing what they have done. There is another selection in regard to "Today's Marriage Tip".

Using one of the prayers of blessings I ask "...almighty God, with His Word of blessing, unite your hearts in the never-ending bond of pure love. Amen."

**READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING
Week of February 14, 2009**

Reading I	Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46 The leper will live outside the camp.
Psalm 32	"I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation".
Reading II 1	Corinthians 10:31—11:1 Do everything for the glory of God.
Gospel	Mark 1:40-45 Jesus heals the leper...

**THEME:
Jesus wants to make us whole.**

This is one of those Sundays when we should stand back and marvel at the works the Lord Jesus performed. In curing the leper, Jesus broke down barriers that had existed for centuries. In our world, barriers have also stood for centuries, preventing peace and the healing of nations. As we listen to the remarkable story of the curing of the leper, let us pray that ever greater healing will occur within our lives and in our weary world.

Questions for children:
What do you want to ask Jesus to do for you?

Questions for youth:
How has Jesus touched your life?
How are you changed because of that touch?

Questions for adults:
When have you experienced Jesus' healing touch?

FORMING GOOD STEWARDS

"I do will it. Be made clean." Mark 1:40-45

Leprosy was the most socially abhorrent condition a person could have in the time of Jesus. A leper had to live outside of the city and could not engage in normal social life with their family or friends, or anyone else. They lived on the scraps people literally threw to them, or at them, and had to carry a bell to announce their presence as they moved about so people could avoid them. There was no known cure or hope of relief from a degrading existence and the slow and painful death. One such leper approached Jesus, knelt down and said "If you wish, you can make me clean." **What an incredible act of faith!** Jesus does not run away from or repel the leper. He recognizes a great faith and he has great faith in the leper, the faith that heals. The leper was healed by faith---his faith in Jesus. Jesus wants us to have faith in him---the faith that heals whatever is keeping us from a greater relationship with God by imitating Jesus. Do we have a faith like the leper to ask Jesus to heal us?

STEWARDSHIP EXPRESSIONS

MONTHLY OBSERVANCES

YOUTH LEADERSHIP MONTH

Youth posses God's gifts of talent/ability/interest to become the future leaders of society in our world. Let us mentor, teach, guide, encourage, inspire, compliment, and love them progressively.

DAILY SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

February 14 Valentine's Day
"Where God is, there is love; and where there is love, there is always an openness to serve."
Blessed Mother Teresa

**MASS
INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE
WEEK**

Saturday, February 14 4:00 p.m. M/M Clayton Titard, M/M St. Ange Fournier, Sr., Anna & St. Ange Fournier, Jr., James Palmer, Jeanette Lalonde, Allen Hudspeth, Sr., Van, Edward & Allen, Jr., Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Louis (BD) & Regina Burleigh, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Angela & Martin Cosgrove, Lee Martin, Walfred LeBlanc, Sr. & Wally, Eugene Hebert, Ernie & Steven (DA) McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly, Mickey & Joyce Hollier, Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, February 15 8:00 a.m. Hilary Dupre & Carolyn Arnaud, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, Carol Pitre, M/M Pierre Hebert., M/M E.J. Leonard, Frances Reed, Eddie & Gladys Valin
10:00 a.m. Daniel Lagrange Sr., Deanna Dohmann Chachere, Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Charlie, Hazel & Floyd Leger
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners
Monday, February 16 12:10 p.m. Steve Ardoin (BD)
Tuesday, February 17 NO MASS
Wednesday, February 18 12:10 p.m. Sol Reed
Thursday, February 19 12:10 p.m. Anne Guidroz
Friday, February 20 12:10 p.m. Bobbie Mouton (BD)
Saturday, February 21 4:00 p.m. M/M Clayton Titard, Jeanette Lalonde, Allen Hudspeth, Sr., Van, Edward & Allen, Jr., Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Lee Martin, Walfred LeBlanc, Sr. & Wally, Souls in Purgatory, Kourtney Valin Rose
Sunday, February 22 8:00 a.m. Eddie (BD) & Dorothy Beaugh, Dalton Olivier & Jeanette Angelle, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Carol Pitre, Frances Reed
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard, Marian Smith, Deanna Dohmann Chachere Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Ernie & Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly, Mickey & Joyce Hollier
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Lester & Judy (DA) LeJeune

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

**Second Collection For Week of Feb. 22
Aid to the Church in Eastern Europe and Africa
In the Diocese of Lafayette, the proceeds from this collection will
be divided between the Churches in
Eastern Europe and Africa.**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Your Stewardship To God**
Regular Offertory Collection\$6,040.44
Maintenance & Repair Fund.....\$435.00
Bishop Service Appeal.....\$1,047.10
Assistance to the Poor\$28.00
Every Gift Comes From Above.
Thank you for your generosity!

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK
Sunday, Feb. 15 10:00 a.m. CDA Mass
Monday, Feb. 16 6:00 p.m. Conf. Class
Tuesday, Feb 17 6:30 p.m. RCIA
Wednesday, Feb. 18 6:30 p.m. 1st. Penance Service
Friday, Feb. 20 8:40 a.m. OC High School Mass

FYI
For a stipend of \$5.00 the Sanctuary Light in church or the chapel will burn for your intention for one week.
For the same amount, masses may be offered for people close to your heart, both living and deceased as well as for a special intention or in thanksgiving.
Come by the office to schedule.

**WELCOME INTO OUR CATHOLIC FAMILY BY THE
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**
Wyatt Jaxon Lalonde son of Joshua & Tara Lalonde
Emma and Madison Ludeau
daughters of Jesse and Nicole Lanclous Ludeau
Bailey Louis Rideaux son of
Christopher and Tessie Reed Rideaux
Madelyn Grace Sandoz daughter of
Robert and Micki Sebastien Sandoz
Matthew Dean St. Cyr son of Eric and Brittney St. Cyr

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mason Alsandor, Bonnie Amy, Leola Arnaud, Ella Attole, Mary Bertha Attole, Angela Aymond, Nela Badeaux, Dusty Bellard, Shirley Bellard, Dougie Bergeron, Katherine Bertrand, Gloria Berzas, M/M Nathan Berzas, Stephen Berzas, Mary Aline Bihm, Lillie Briggs, Richard Briley, Jared Broussard, Estelle Chautin, Peggy Chelette, Logan Comb, Peter Lloyd Cormier, 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, Raymond Dupre, Georgia Fiegel, Harold Fontenot, Joseph L. Fontenot, Larry J. 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 Jagneaux, Logan Joubert, Louis Vernon "Moe" Joubert, Juliette Kaufmann, Agnes Kidder, Dorothy Leblanc, Brenda Lafleur, Richard Lafleur, Laura Lanclous, Raymond Lashute, Audra LeJeune, Dotty & Floyd Lavergne, Glenn Lavergne, Renella Lavergne, Dustin Lavoie, Dorothy LeBlanc, Mary Alice LeBlanc, Phyllis Cormier LeBlanc, Therese Leger, Tony Leger, Tonya Londero, Emma Rosemary Ludeau, 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, Marl Lafleur Pitre, Ruby Pitre, Brandon Prudhomme, 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

O C CORNER

Congratulations to the honorees for this school year: Kathryn Manzanares and Matt Citron, "Teachers of the Year," and Charlotte R. Bihm, "Achiever of the Year".
OC is proud of students who wrote essays on "What a Catholic Education Means to Me?" Msgr. Melancon presented awards to Blaire Gerald, Zach Walls, Hannah Hebert, Colleen Chachere, Taylor King, Ally Marks and Kyle Quebedeaux.
New students can now register for the 2009-2010 school year at OC. Call Barbara Fontenot, bookkeeper, at 942-5404 ext. 101 for more information.
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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

WHAT	Men's Retreat
WHEN	February 26—March 1, 2009
CONTACT	Dr. Lucius Doucet II @ 942-4425 Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday
DEPOSIT REQUIRED	
WHAT	Annual Day of Recollection
WHEN	Thursday, February 26
WHERE	St. Edmond's Church, Lafayette
COST	\$9.00 in advance
CONTACT	Ms. Simon 232-2849
WHAT	Lenten Retreat
WHEN:	Friday, Feb. 27 –Sunday, March 1
WHERE	Cursillo Center in Prairie Rhonde
COST	\$125.00
MORE INFO.	Mel Cloud @ 942-2872 OR Betty Soileau @ 942-9498

SANCTUARY LIGHT

ChurchConfirmation Retreatants
ChapelEugene, Genie & Jonie Hebert

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group III.....Irene Soileau, Week of Feb. 21, 2009
Group IVSarah Wagley, Week of Feb. 28, 2009