

**YEAR OF ST. PAUL
RECONCILIATION**



The Apostle introduces himself as an ambassador of Christ and clearly shows precisely how, in virtue of Christ, the sinner--that is each one of us--is offered the possibility of authentic reconciliation. "For our sakes God made him who did not know sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the very holiness of God" (2 Cor. 5:21). Only Christ can transform every situation of sin into newness of grace.

Pope Benedict's homily for Ash Wednesday, 21 February, 2007

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2009

Weekdays **except** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday of Lent: There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday:

These are days of Fast and Abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal these days for all between the ages of 14 and 59 inclusive.

Days of Abstinence: (All Fridays in Lent)

All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

Easter Duty Obligation:

After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

**BULLETIN BLURBS, LENT 2009
BY SISTER B DEROUEN, O. CARM.**

**First Sunday of Lent: When I behold a rainbow in the sky,
I will remember our covenant.**

Does this sound like you: "My friends say 'God told me such-and-such?' God never talks to me. Am I doing something wrong?" Not wrong like sinful-wrong, but you may not be listening with the right equipment: the eyes and ears of your heart. God uses many ways to speak to those who know how to listen. Just as God sealed Noah's covenant with the rainbow, so, too, has the Creator filled earthly space with stunning messages of love. Consider: this could be a barren, black and white universe. Instead, God chose to create in living color, then festooned that creation with butterflies and hummingbirds, flowers and trees, puppies and kittens, forests and oceans, stars and sunsets. The list goes on forever, all of them speaking God's love for us. Do you long to hear God's voice? Look out of your window.

Suggested activity: Carry a pad and pencil with you. Take ten or fifteen minutes each day to stroll around your environments, asking to recognize God's presence. When you sense it, bow (at least in your heart), and make a note of it. Prepare for your stroll by spending five minutes quietly breathing our original mantra. I choose to breathe the breath of Christ that makes all things holy.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey let us remember in prayer that the ability to work to earn a living is a right of all people. All workers have the right to a fair wage, to organize themselves, and to work in good conditions. May our fasting keep us mindful of the workers who provide food for their families. May our almsgiving assist Catholic Relief Services as we learn about microfinance projects in Egypt.

**READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING
Week of March 1, 2009**

Reading I Genesis 9:8-15
God establishes a covenant of life with the earth...
"Your ways, o Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant."
Psalm 25
Reading II 1 Peter 3: 18-22
The flood foretells the saving power of our baptism.
Gospel Mark 1:12-15 Jesus faces temptation, strengthened to preach the gospel.

THEME: REFORM YOUR LIVES!

As this holy season begins, we recall the covenant God established with Noah and his family. That covenant, made new in Jesus Christ, forges a bond between God and God's holy people, made new through the sacrament of baptism. As we enter the Lenten desert of repentance, let us embrace this holy season as a time of fulfillment, when God's everlasting covenant is renewed in our hearts.

Questions for children:

What is the one area of your life, which you most want to "reform" as you get ready to embrace the Gospel?

Questions for youth:

Lent gives us a chance to do things differently to "go to the desert". How can you make Lent a time for growing in faith?

Questions for adults:

What is the one area of your life, which you most want to "reform" as you get ready to embrace the Gospel?

AN INITIATION INTO HOPE

Ash Wednesday was our "kick-off" to the next 5 weeks of Lent, and each week has its own theme. But all 5 weeks have one thing in common: we are keeping our eyes on Jesus, on what he says and does... When Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist in today's gospel, the voice of God the Father breaks into the created world, claiming Jesus as the Son of God for all to hear.

You would think this would be the beginning of a celebration for Jesus. But next, the Spirit "drives Jesus into the desert", where he must confront the wild beasts and the devil. Like us, when we desire to follow God's call, but we still have to struggle to understand the pain and mystery of our earthly reality, Jesus has to tackle his fears, loneliness, and serious questions about his mission and whether he will undertake it.

Jesus' time in the desert was not about being a Superman; he was being initiated into his calling in the real world, as the Son of God. Why is it so hard for us to remember our real identity as a son or daughter of God? What if we looked at Lent as our time of being re-initiated into our union with God?

Before acting, Jesus listened to God speaking in his heart---then he did what he was initiated for. We know how easy it is to gossip, shout cruel, angry things at others, get drunk and wild...But just before doing these things, can we remember who we are---and Whose we are? Because during Lent, we are being called, with Jesus at our side, to accept and rejoice in who we are, and to continue our discovery of who it is that God wants us to become.

Go in peace to love and serve God!

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Lenten Weekday Masses

Monday through Friday - 12:10 p.m. in Church

Stations of the Cross followed by Adoration & Benediction

Fridays - 6:00 p.m.

Religious Education Children are expected to attend as part of the Religious Instruction.

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.
Weekdays: 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group V.....Betty Leleux, Week of Mar. 7, 2009

Group VI.....Norma Hargroder, Week of Mar. 14, 2009

**MASS
INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE
WEEK**

Saturday, February 28 4:00 p.m. M/M Clayton Titard, Jeanette Lalonde, Allen Hudspeth, Sr., Van, Edward & Allen Jr., Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Dr. Richard W. Hargroder, Velma & Patsy Gail Boss, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Lee Martin, Walfred LeBlanc, Sr. & Wally, Amy Wagley, Souls in Purgatory, Phillip Prejean, Nhiem Anna Pham, Joyce & Lisa Bertrand

Sunday, March 1 8:00 a.m. Howard & Mable Richard, M/M John FaKouri, John, Jr. & Jacob, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand Alton & Elizabeth Joubert, Carol Pitre, M/M Pierre Hebert, Frances Reed, Eugene Hebert, Phillip Prejean, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Irl White

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Deanna Dohmann Chachere, Allen Richard, Bobbie, Julie & Ruth Mouton Steve & Ronnie Ardoin & The Ryder Fly., Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe

5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners

Monday, March 2 12:10 p.m. Phillip Prejean

Tuesday, March 3 12:10 p.m. Phillip Prejean

Wednesday, March 4 12:10 p.m. Oliver & Dully Fruge, David Mark Miller (BD), Phillip Prejean

Thursday, March 5 12:10 p.m. Phillip Prejean

Friday, March 6 12:10 p.m. Phillip Prejean

Saturday, March 7 4:00 p.m. M/M Clayton Titard, James Palmer (BD), Jeanette Lalonde, Allen Hudspeth, Sr., Van, Edward & Allen, Jr., Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, M/M Robert Going, Sr., Dr. Richard W. Hargroder, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Lee Martin, Walfred LeBlanc, Sr. & Wally, Souls In Purgatory, Nhiem Anna Pham, Joyce & Lisa Bertrand

Sunday, March 8 8:00 a.m. Hilary Dupre & Carolyn Arnaud, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, Carol Pitre, Frances Reed, Phillip Prejean, R.D. Deeton

10:00 a.m. Deanna Dohmann Chachere, Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & 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.**

**Second Collection For Week of March 8
Bishops' Services Appeal**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Your Stewardship To God**

Regular Offertory Collection\$4,438.86
Maintenance & Repair Fund.....\$357.00
Bishops Service Appeal.....\$34.00
Eastern Europe & African Churches.....\$908.10

Thank you for your generosity!

*Every Gift
Comes From
Above.*



REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Monday, March 2	6:00 p.m.	Rel. Ed.
	6:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council
Tuesday, March 3	6:30 p.m.	RCIA
Thursday, March 5	6:30 p.m.	Pre-Baptism Class
Friday, March 6	7:00 a.m.	First Friday Adoration
	8:40 a.m.	OC Mass
	6:00 p.m.	Way of the Cross
Saturday, March 7	8:00 a.m.	First Saturday Mass
Sunday, March 8	10:00 a.m.	Rel. Ed.
		Grades 1-8 Attend as group

THANK YOU

To thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.
The Family of Amy Wagley

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 Gimenez, 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, Louis Vernon "Moe" Joubert, Juliette Kaufmann, Agnes Kidder, Dorothy LeBlanc, Brenda Lafleur, Richard Lafleur, Laura Lanclos, Raymond Lashute, Audra LeJeune, Dotty & Floyd Lavergne, Glenn Lavergne, Lillie Mae Lavergne, Renella Lavergne, Dustin Lavoie, Dorothy LeBlanc, Mary Alice LeBlanc, Phyllis Cormier LeBlanc, Therese Leger, Tony Leger, Tonya Londerno, Emma Rosemary Ludeau, Andre Magallanes, Therese Major, M/M Martin, Connor Miller, Mistic & Prudhomme Families, Byron Miller, Jeffery Miller, Shirley Morris, Julie Mouton, James Naquin, Dot Nezat, Craig Ortego, Delores 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, Phillip Prejean, Brandon Prudhomme, Ronald Richard, Claire Robichaux, Joseph James Robin, Ruby Romero, Rose Ryder, Marie Saucier, Harold Savoy, Dorothy Semien, Anna Belle Soileau, Bobby 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

Bar-B-Que dinners are being sold on March 8th in the OC Cafeteria for \$6.00 per chicken or pork dinner.

Classes are filling for 2009-2010. Call Barbara Fontenot, bookkeeper, at 942-5404 ext. 101, for more information.

Congratulations to OC students who had their poetry published by the American Library of Poetry in "Brilliance", Kylie Angers, Meagan Brown, Brennan Buller, Jeremy Burleigh, Samantha Darbonne, Olivia Doucet, Logan Dupre, Trevor Gallow, Justin Guillory, Blaine Smith, Krystalin Stelly, Alix Tromblay; Denver West; and Tiffany Williams.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

WHAT: 1 day Retreat
WHEN: Saturday, March 14 @ 8:30 a.m.
WHERE: Prompt Succor Chapel
PRESENTER: Ms. Robin Hebert
COST: \$10.00
LUNCH: Bring your own
MORE INFO: Debbie Fay -594-8198 After 6:00 p.m.

WHAT: Day of Recollection for Vocations
WHEN: Saturday, March 28 @ 10:00 a.m.
WHERE: De La Salles Christian Brothers
MORE INFO: Fr. Aaron Melancon @ 261-5690

FYI

AARP volunteers are e-filing 2008 taxes this year, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays. Also on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m..

This will be held at Opelousas General Hospital, North Entrance, 2nd. floor.

Please bring your last year's return as well as you Soc. Sec. statement, w2s, 1099s and Homeowners Ins. Policy.

THIS IS A FREE SERVICE!

SANCTUARY LIGHT

ChurchEmma Rosemary Ludeau
ChapelEugene, Genie & Jonie Hebert

