



**YEAR OF ST. PAUL**

**Unconditional Love**

The human being needs unconditional love. He needs the certainty which makes him say: "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom 8:38-39). If this absolute love exists, with its absolute certainty, then—only then—is man redeemed", whatever should happen to him in his particular circumstances.

Pope Benedict XVI's Encyclical letter on Christian Hope, no. 26 November 30, 2007

**2009 HURRICANE PRAYER SERVICES**

Hurricane season will begin June 1, 2009. Four prayer services are planned in the Diocese of Lafayette, one in each region. The four prayer services are scheduled as follow in the regions:

- SOUTH** Ecumenical Prayer Service  
St. Peter Catholic Church  
108 E. St. Peter St. • New Iberia, La.  
Tuesday, 19 May @ 6:00 pm
- WEST** St. Anne Catholic Church—Mass  
17315 Lionel Rd. • Abbeville, La. (Cow Island)  
Thursday, 28 May @ 6:30 pm
- NORTH** Ecumenical Prayer Service  
Hope Presbyterian Church  
434 S. Main St. • Opelousas, La.  
Wednesday, 3 June @ 6:30 pm
- CENTRAL** Cathedral of St John the Evangelist  
914 St. John St. • Lafayette, La.  
Monday, 8 June @ 6:30 pm

**BOOK BY DR. HARMON**

Dr. Richard Harmon has recently published a book, "St. Landry Catholic Church 100 Years—April 1909—April 2009." It is a picture book of the church. In this book, Dr. Harmon explains some of the Christian symbols noted throughout the church.

If anyone would like information in regard to this book, please call Dr. Harmon's office @ 948-1802. At this time, I would like to express appreciation to Dr. Harmon for his excellent work. It is very inspiring.

Msgr. Romero

**CONGRATULATIONS TO SKYLER PHAM**

A St. Landry Church parishioner, Skyler Pham, has won the 2009 River of Words Poetry Contest. He has placed first in the grades tenth through twelfth division. Skyler is graduating this year from Magnet Academy for the Cultural Arts in Opelousas. We are proud of Skyler's achievement, congratulate him and pray God continue to bless him. Msgr. Romero

**HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR MAY**

"That the laity and the Christian communities may be responsible promoters of priestly and religious vocations."

**READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING**

Week of MAY 17, 2009

- Reading I Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48  
The Holy Spirit is poured out on the Gentiles.
- Psalm 28 "The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power."
- Reading II 1 John 4:7-10  
God is love.
- Gospel John 15:9-17  
The greatest sign of love is to lay down one's life for one's friends.

**THEME:**

**Love One Another**

In today's first reading, Saint Peter addresses the deep division that existed between the circumcised believers and the Gentiles, the uncircumcised, who had received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Placing Christ at the center of the dispute became the answer and, in a bold, wise, and prophetic step, Peter orders that Gentiles be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Today's readings give us much to ponder as we try to understand why religious and cultural differences sometimes erupt in acts of violence and terrorism.

**Question for Children:**

In what ways do you experience God's love, offered to you through family, friends, and teachers?

**Question for Youth:**

Jesus commanded us to love one another. Who is most in need of your love and kindness right now?

**Question for Adults:**

Concretely, how do you show love to others?

**A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP JARRELL**

In light of recent advisories from public health officials, I have decided to rescind the decree issued on May 4, 2009 concerning the H1N1 Influenza.

I regret any inconvenience experienced during this evolving situation. I caution everyone that many experts expect a return of the virus in the fall, in a more severe form. Let us all continue to be attentive to the needs and concerns of parishioners.

**HOLY GHOST CHURCH GETTING NEW PEWS**

Holy Ghost Church is getting new pews. When the new pews arrive, the old ones will have to be taken out and new ones installed. It will take a week to do this, from Monday to Friday. Whenever the pew company is ready to do this work, I have invited Father Jaison Mangalath, SVD, Pastor of Holy Ghost Church, and his parishioners to use St. Landry Church for weekday masses. We do not know the exact week for this work to be done, yet whenever it happens; our doors are open to our friends at Holy Ghost Church.

In addition, the church's interior will be repainted before the pews are installed. During this repainting time, St. Landry Church is also open for weekday masses. This may begin this week, depending on the painter's schedule.

Msgr. Romero

**SPECIAL THANKS**

At this time, we would like to extend a special "thank you" to the ladies who gave of their time to clean the kitchen at Valentin Hall recently. and to the volunteers who do so much to help the office staff as well as the church.

All of you have our prayers and everlasting gratitude.

Msgr. Romero, Lois and Priscilla

**ALTAR SOCIETY**

- Group II**.....Pap Roy, Week of May 23, 2009
- Group III**.....Irene Soileau, Week of May 31, 2009

**MASS INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, May 16** ..... 4:00 p.m. Jill J. Boullion (BD) & Fly., M/M Clayton Titard, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Dr. Richard W. Hargroder, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Walfred LeBlanc, Sr. & Wally, James G. & Bertha C. Firmin, Jeanette Lalonde, James E. Martin, Souls in Purgatory, Joseph LaFond Fly., Julius Lambert (DA), Special Intention, James Austin Perkins Jr. (DA)

**Sunday, May 17** ..... 8:00 a.m. Youle & Therese Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, Carol Pitre, Burke & Frances Reed, Sylvain Fontenot  
10:00 am ..... Daniel Lagrange, Sr., Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Charlie, Hazel & Floyd Leger, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Gladys F. & Julia L. Hollier, Clemence Stelly & Virginia Miller

5:00 p.m. .... St. Landry Church Parishioners, Lee Martin

**Monday, May 18** .....12:10 p.m. Allen Hudspeth. Sr., Van, Edward & Allen, Jr.

**Tuesday, May 19** ..... NO MASS

**Wednesday, May 20** .....12:10 p.m. Paul Sylvain Fontenot

**Thursday, May 21** .....12:10 p.m. Family of Glen Richard

**Friday, May 22** .....12:10 p.m. Jackie Benoit

**Saturday, May 23** ..... 4:00 p.m. M/M Clayton Titard, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Marcylee Thibodeaux, (BD), Dr. Richard W. Hargroder, Patsy Gail & Velma Boss, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Walfred Leblanc, Sr. & Wally, Jeanette Lalonde, In Thanksgiving, James Austin Perkins, Jr. (BD)

**Sunday, May 24** ..... 8:00 a.m. Youle & Therese Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, Carol Pitre, Burke & Frances Reed, Ezra & Velma (BD) Martin & Denise Hull, Paul Sylvain Fontenot

10:00 a.m. .... Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Lillie Guilbeau, Earlie Ray Savoy, 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.**

**Second Collection For Week of May 24  
OPELOUSAS CATHOLIC FOUNDATION**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION  
Your Stewardship To God**

- Regular Offertory Collection .....\$4,591.77
- Maintenance & Repair Fund.....\$1,167.00
- Bishops Services Appeal.....\$989.56

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*Every Gift  
Comes From  
Above.*



**REMINDERS FOR THE WEEK**

- Wednesday, May 20 5:00 p.m. Altar Society Meeting
- Friday, May 22 10:00 a.m. LaFleur Comm. Meeting

**WELCOME INTO OUR CATHOLIC FAMILY  
BY THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Tanner Michael Kniesche  
son of  
Jason & Dana Stanford Kniesche

Josie Taylor Fontenot  
daughter of  
Joshua & Laurie Driggs Fontenot

Christopher Andrew Stanford  
son of  
Dana Nicole Stanford

**MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION**

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2483 and American Legion Post 45 are sponsoring a Memorial Day Celebration at St. Landry Catholic Church's 10:00 am Mass on 24 May 2009.

A brief ceremony will be held after Mass in front of the Fr. LaFleur Monument.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Mason Alsandor, Bonnie Amy, Winnie Ardoin, 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, Paula Bienvenu, Mary Aline Bihm, Jared Broussard, Estelle Chautin, Peggy Chelette, Johnny Clary, Peter Lloyd Cormier, Ward Courville, Lisa Curley, Shelton Daigle, Robert Danaher, Angela Dautrueil, Mrs. Billy Dean, Hilda Debillion, Lillian Delafosse, Sue Deville, Sharon Doucet, Carl Dupre, Raymond Dupre, Tristan Estes, Georgia Fiegel, Harold Fontenot, Joe Fontenot, Joseph L. Fontenot, Larry J. Fontenot, Dempsey Fuselier, Lauren Gimenez, Paula Graffagnino, George Gremillion, Larry Greer, Elaine L Guillory, Louis Guillory, The T. Guillory Family, Gabrielle Marie Hanson, Brooke Hargroder, Sydney Harmon, Andrea Hernandez, Glenda Hicks, Lauren Margaret Higginbotham, Creighton Hoffpauir, Torris Hornsby, Doris Hudspeth, Annie & Austin Jagneaux, Richard Jeffers, Logan Joubert, Juliette Kaufmann, Agnes Kidder, Brenda Lafleur, Aline Lafond, Anita Labbe Lanclos, Laura Lanclos, Glenn Laverne, Lillie Mae Laverne, Renella Laverne, Dustin Lavoie, Dorothy LeBlanc, Mary Alice LeBlanc, Phyllis Cormier LeBlanc, Therese Leger, Tony Leger, Deacon Tom Lindsey, Tonya Londerno, Andre Magallanes, Mary 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, Brandon Prudhomme, Joseph James Robin, Maxine Robison, Ruby Romero, Rose Ryder, Marie Saucier, Harold Savoy, Anna Belle Soileau, Bobby Soileau, Elaine Soileau, Aaron Stelly, Annabelle Stelly, Erika Stelly, Melanie Stoute, Elizabeth Kate Sumer, Adolph Taylor Sr., Russell Thibodeaux, Beryl Trahan, Lena Trahan, Betty Vidrine, 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

**OC CORNER**

Congratulations to 7th grader Chloe Letulle who qualified to take the ACT exam through the Duke University Talent Identification, scored in the top 10 percent, and has been invited to be recognized nationally at the Grand Ceremony in North Carolina. Family and friends are reminded to please send in the General Mills box tops and Community Coffee UPC labels before the school year ends and to continue collecting all labels through the summer.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

WHAT: Support Group for Singles, Divorced, Widowed  
Healing Ministry NOT a social activity  
WHERE: St. Anthony's Catholic Church Hall  
Eunice, La.  
MORE INFO: 457-7637 or 457-4087

**MAY----MONTH OF MARY**

All parishioners are invited to pray the rosary every Monday evening in May at 5:30 pm in honor of our Blessed Mother. The Catholic Daughters will gather at the grotto behind St. Landry Church for the rosary.

Everyone is welcome to come; bring your own intentions and join them in praying the rosary.

Don't forget your lawn chairs!

**MILITARY PRAYER BOARD**

We are updating the pictures with names on the military prayer board in church. Please give us an update. If, on the board and no longer in the Armed Forces, please remove the picture; if not on the board and in Armed Forces, especially Iraq & Afghanistan, please submit a picture with a name.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

- Church.....Souls in Purgatory
- Chapel .....Vocations

