



YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests

WHO IS THE PRIEST?

The priest is, to use the old Latin phrase, an *alter Christus*, meaning "another Christ." Upon receiving Holy Orders, the soul of the priest is imprinted for all eternity with a mark, a character; his soul is forever changed – as happens at baptism and confirmation - - but now his being is reconfigured in the image of Christ Jesus the High Priest.

The priest is a man consecrated, set apart. This not his own doing, but the work of God, who has called him to be a special sign, a presence of Christ, among His people.

In the ordination rite, the new priest's hands are anointed with the Sacred Chrism. The anointing of sacred things - - a ritual inherited from ancient Jewish religious custom - - means that they, in this case, the hands of the priest, must be used solely in service of the divine.

As the priest is consecrated in his being through the sacrament, his hands become a sign and symbol of his office: to sanctify by means of the sacraments, most especially to consecrate the Body and Blood of Christ and to forgive sins in confession.

The priest is the sacramental presence of Christ Jesus. As he strives to conform his life to the life of the Lord, his prayer is that of John the Baptist: "He must increase, while I must decrease." The more Christ increases in the soul of the priest, the more Christlike he becomes in his actions, thoughts, and words, the more an *alter Christus* he becomes, the more a sacramental presence of the Lord in the world and in the Church. Fr. Joshua Guillory

Msgr. Romero Attends Bishop's Conference

I will be out of the church parish this week from Monday to Thursday attending the annual Bishop's Conference with Bishop Jarrell... He has a conference with the Episcopal Vicars and Central Office Directors lasting several days in August. While I am away, Fr. Leger will be celebrating the weekday masses. I will be back for Friday, August 21, 2009.

Msgr. J. Robert Romero

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Louis Fay was elected Pastoral Council Chairman when the Council met Aug. 3. Elected to serve with him are Dwayne Joubert, Vice Chairman and Kathryn Cosgrove-Richard, Secretary/Treasury.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING
Week of Aug. 16, 2009

Reading I Proverbs 9:1-6
"Come, eat of my food and drink of the wine I have mixed."

Psalms 34 "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord."

Reading II Ephesians 5:15-20
Understand what is the will of the Lord.

Gospel John 6:51-58
The bread that Jesus gives is his flesh for the life of the world.

THEME:

Eternal Life

The figure of Holy Wisdom issues an invitation to us in today's first reading from the book of Proverbs. She invites us to eat and drink at her table. We now feast at the table of Wisdom, eating of the very stuff of salvation: the sacred word of God.

Question for Children:
How does receiving communion help you grow in your faith?

Question for Youth:
Jesus promises us eternal life if we follow him and believe. What makes it hard for you to believe?

Question for Adults:
How does your faith in Jesus nourish your own life? How does the Eucharist nourish you?

POST-ADOPTION COUNSELING

Catholic Social Services, an adoption and counseling agency, is now offering post-adoption counseling to the community, regardless of whether the adoption was through an attorney or an agency. This service is available to birth parents, adoptive parents or adult adoptive persons who want to improve their relationships, expand their understanding of adoption and it's impact and build on their strengths.

For more information or to make an appointment, please call Catholic Social Services at 261-5654.

RCIA - - WHO HAS YOUR HEART?

Christians are made, not born. Committing one's self to gospel values on every level of life requires a change of heart and attitude that cannot be accomplished by an educational program alone. Conversion takes time- -for some many years. While doctrinal instruction is part of the process, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children (RCIA) aims at changing the heart and transforming the spirit, not just supplying a bank of knowledge.

For further information, contact Deacon John W. Miller at (337) 942-2911.

Classes will start on September 1 @ 6:30 pm in Valentin Hall.

RETURNED TO CHRIST THROUGH DEATH

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

Mable Veillon Soileau

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

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Church.....World Peace
Chapel.....All Caregivers

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group I.....Alverda Deshotels, Week of August 22, 2009
Group II.....Pap Roy, Week of August 29, 2009

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Aug. 15:8:00 a.m. Ruby Romero
4:00 p.m. M/M Clayton Titard, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Jeanette Lalonde, James E. Martin, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, David Leger
Sunday, Aug. 16:8:00 a.m. Hilary Dupre and Carolyn Arnaud, Youle and Therese Fontenot, Martin J. St.Amand, Carol Pitre, Burke and Frances Reed, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Irl White, Frank Cambre, Mayance Dupre (BD), Paul Sylvain Fontenot, Joseph "Joey" Prather Jr., Ruby Romero, Richard Fontenot, Anthony L. Lavergne (BD).

10:00 a.m...... Daniel Lagrange Sr.; Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Charlie, Hazel and Floyd Leger, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas and Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Claude & Anna Soileau and Betty Valin, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Yvonne LeBlanc Littell, Herbert & Essie Oge, Ernie and Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly, Mickey and Joyce Hollier, Louise Lagrange
5:00 p.m...... St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit, Lee Martin, Evie B. Soileau; Ena & Ernest McKinney, TC., Eleanor, and Atwood Quirk

Monday, Aug. 17:12:10 p.m. Wally LeBlanc Jr. (BD), Nicholas Artall (BD)

Tuesday, Aug. 18 NO MASS

Wednesday, Aug. 19:12:10 p.m. Cleve Mott (DA) and Jeffrey P. Miller (BD)

Thursday, Aug. 20:12:10 p.m. Paul W. Fontenot (BD) and family

Friday, Aug. 21:12:10 p.m. Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr.

Saturday, Aug. 22 4:00 p.m. M/M Clayton Titard, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Velma & Patsy Gail Boss; Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Jeanette Lalonde, Doris H. Philippe (DA), Dr. Richard Hargroder, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, David Leger

Sunday, Aug. 23:8:00 a.m. Youle & Therese Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, Carol Pitre, M/M Pierre Hebert, Burke & Frances Reed, Frank Cambre, Paul Sylvain Fontenot, Joseph "Joey" Prather Jr.

10:00 a.m...... Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas and Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Lillie & Edward Guilbeau (WA), Claude & Anna Soileau and Betty Valin, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Herbert & Essie Oge, Ruby Romero, Helena Lacombe

5:00 p.m...... St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit, Lee Martin, Evie B. Soileau

Confessions: Saturdays 3:00-3:45 p.m.

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

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REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Monday, Aug. 17 6:00 p.m. Rosary @ Monument
Friday, Aug. 21 8:30 a.m. Mass for OC High School

WELCOME TO ST. LANDRY CATHOLIC PARISH

If you are new to the parish and are not registered in our parish census, we invite you to do so by providing your:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE# _____

Alternatively, come by the office to get acquainted be filled out for the information to be entered in our census program on the computer.

So again this year, we are asking for you to check with us. Thanks for your co-operation. Msgr. and The Office Staff

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mason Alsandor, Bonnie Amy, Winnie Ardoin, Leola Arnaud, Ella Attole, Mary Bertha Attole, Nela Badeaux, Evelyn Batton, Dusty Bellard, Shirley Bellard, Dougie Bergeron, Katherine Bertrand, Gloria Berzas, M/M Nathan Berzas, Stephen Berzas, Paula Bienvenu, Esther Bihm, Mary Aline Bihm, Shirley Metrejean Blackwell, Jared Broussard, June Carriere, Estelle Chautin, Peggy Chelette, Johnny Clary, James Curt Cormier, Ward Courville, Shelton Daigle, Angela Dautrueil, Hilda Deballion, Lillian Delafosse, Sue Deville, Sharon Doucet, Tommy Dunbar, Carl Dupre, Jane Dupre, Michael Dupre, Georgia Fiegel, Harold Fontenot, Dempsey Fusilier, Lauren Gimenez, Larry Greer, Elaine L. Guillory, Louis Guillory, The T. Guillory family, Gabrielle Marie Hanson, Brooke Hargroder, Sydney Harmon, Andrea Hernandez, Glenda Hicks, Lynnwood Hidalgo, Lauren Margaret Higginbotham, Creighton Hoffpauir, Torris Hornsby, Doris Hudspeth, Annie & Austin Jagneaux, Dick Jefferies, Logan Joubert, Gerald Kidder, Grace Kidder, Dana Klimavice, Aline Lafond, Anita L. Lanclos, Laura Lanclos, Glenn Lavergne, Ms. Lil Lavergne, Renella Lavergne, Dustin Lavoie, Dorothy LeBlanc, Mary Alice LeBlanc, Phyllis Cormier LeBlanc, Therese Leger, Tony Leger, Deacon Tom Lindsey, Tonya Londerno, Andre Magallanes, Mary Martin, Byron Miller, Frank Miller, Conner Miller, Jefferery Miller, Shirley Morris, Julie Mouton, James Naquin, Dot Nezat, Craig Ortego, Cameron Ozenne, Gene Paillet, Callie Palmer, Louis Paternestro, Johnny Pellerin, Verna Pellerin, Gentry Peltier, Tracie Peltier, Keith Perry, Irene Pitre, Marla LaFleur Pitre, Ruby Pitre, Brandon Prudhomme, Maxine Robison, Joseph James Robin, Rose Ryder, Marie Saucier, Harold Savoy, Anna Belle Soileau, Bobby Soileau, Clarence Soileau, Elaine Soileau, Stephanie Soileau, Aaron Stelly, Annabelle Stelly, Erika Stelly, Melanie Stoute, Adolph Taylor Sr., Russell Thibodeaux, Lena Trahan, James Vidrine, Lou Vidrine, Llaire Purser Williams, Brandy Willingham, Wayne Wyble, 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

Mary, Mother of Compassion, look upon your children who suffer illness and pain. Obtain for them the graces for healing their soul, spirit and body. AMEN

OC CORNER

On Wednesday, Opelousas Catholic will hold Open House for parents of students in grades K-5 from 5:15 to 6:00 pm followed by an important PTO meeting at 6 pm in the school cafeteria. There will be early dismissal on Wednesday at 1:30 pm.

Parents of OC alumni (graduates of more than 5 yrs. ago) are encouraged to send their children's current mailing address information to the OC Development Office in order for them to receive Homecoming details to be mailed over the next few weeks.

ROUND THE DIOCESE

Aug. 22 Prayer Clinic @ St. Peter's in Carencro. 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. There will be "clinics" on various topics concerning prayer. Mass and Benediction will be held. More info-896-0524—Gloria Matte

Sept. 4-6 Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend. For other dates or for more info. phone 337-984-7954 or visit the website: www.ceelafayette.org

Recently Celebrated Marriage Vows

Alison Marie Pitre & Eric Scott Garcille

May the love and trust you enjoy, grow evermore in your lives.

We want to thank all parishioners for your outpouring generosity to the Apostleship of the Sea ministry. Because of your kindness, it will help them tremendously... Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. Catholic Daughters Court #119