



YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests

LOVING THE PRIESTHOOD

To love the priesthood is to love one of the sacraments that Christ instituted for our sanctification and salvation. It is to love a most necessary sacrament, for without the priesthood, there would be no Eucharist, no sacramental forgiveness of sins.

Priests must love and reverence the priesthood that is theirs. The priest cannot give in to self-loathing, apologetically lamenting the fact that he is set apart and is positioned as teacher, sanctifier, and leader of those entrusted to his care.

As he loves the good work that Christ has begun in him, the priest must see that good work through to its completion. The consummation of Christ's priesthood is His self-oblation on the cross, where He willingly laid down His life that we might have new life through His death.

By conforming himself to Christ the Victim, the priest has a spiritual remedy against any temptation to lord it over the others. By freely dying to himself, the priest stirs up in his soul the sacramental grace of his ordination, which then frees him to love and to live as one who has come to serve and not be served.

While no priest is perfect, while the man may be lacking in some respect, the sacred office - the sacramental dignity that is his - is always there. It is precisely this that we venerate in the priest, that he has been marked by Christ for all eternity.

To love the priesthood we must respect the priest. And if we are to love the priest, we must venerate his priesthood.

Fr. Joshua Guillory

**YEAR FOR PRIEST
What we can receive and do**

During this "Year for Priest", our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has declared that the faithful may receive an indulgence on the following day:

1st Thursdays of the month until 19 June 2010.

What We Can Do

- 1) Attend Mass faithfully.
- 2) Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
- 3) Pray for all priests.
- 4) Do not talk disparagingly about your priests, (especially behind their backs). Bring your problems to him and work it out in charity and peace.
- 5) Pray for the Intentions of the Holy Father.
- 6) Build parishes, DO NOT tear them down.
- 7) Be patient.
- 8) Make visits to church
- 9) Respect your pastor and understand that they have a life outside of the parish.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING
Week of Aug. 23, 2009

Reading I Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b
We will serve the Lord, for he is our God.

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

Reading II Ephesians 5: 21-32
This is a great mystery, regarding Christ and the Church.

Gospel John 6: 60-69
The Lord Jesus has the words of eternal life.

THEME:

Jesus - the Bread of Life Eternal

No one ever said that the Christian life would be easy. Sometimes we find the teachings of Jesus hard to follow. Just when we think we are following the ways of the Lord, he asks us to do more. We might be tempted to turn away from him. May the word of God today prompt us to respond to Jesus as Peter did. May Peter's words become our own: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

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 its impact and build on their strengths.
For more information or to make an appointment, please call Catholic Social Services at 261-5654.

Fr. Verbis Lafleur Memorial Mass

The Friends of Lt. Fr. Lafleur request

your presence to

commemorate the 65th Anniversary

of the death of

Lt. Father Joseph Verbis Lafleur

Chaplain - United States Army Air Corps

on Monday, September 7, 2009

at six-thirty o'clock pm Mass

Saint Landry Catholic Church

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group IIPap Roy, Week of August 29, 2009

Group IIIIrene Soileau, Week of Sept. 05, 2009

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

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, Ruby Romero

Sunday, Aug. 23 8:00 a.m. Youle & Therese Fontenot, Martin J. StAmand, 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

Monday, Aug. 24 12:10 p.m. Lee, Vivian & Kristie (BD) Artigue, Quinton Williams (BD)

Tuesday, Aug. 25 NO MASS

Wednesday, Aug. 26 12:10 p.m. Angela Aymond

Thursday, Aug. 27 12:10 p.m. Eugene, Genie, and Jonie Hebert

Friday, Aug. 28 12:10 p.m. Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr.

Saturday, Aug. 29 4:00 p.m. M/M Clayton Titard, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, James E. Martin, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Jeanette Lalonde, Martin and Angela Cosgrove, David Leger; Ruby Romero, Francis Wilson Jr. (BD)

Sunday, Aug. 30 8:00 a.m. Youle and Therese Fontenot, Martin J. StAmand, Carol Pitre, Burke and Frances Reed, M/M/Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Paul Sylvain Fontenot, Joseph "Joey" Prather Jr., Ruby Romero

10:00 a.m. Clayton (DA) and Mary Titard, Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas and Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Claude & Anna Soileau and Betty Valin, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Ernie and Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly, Mickey, and Joyce Hollier

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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Second Collection

The second collection this weekend is for Opelousas Catholic
No second collection the weekend of 30 August 2009

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Monday, Aug. 24 6:00 p.m. Rosary @ Fr. Lafleur Monument
Friday, Aug. 28 8:30 a.m. OC Elem. Mass

Christian One Liners

"Don't let your worries get the best of you. Remember Moses started out as a basket case!"

"Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in THEIR pews."

RECENTLY CELEBRATED MARRIAGE VOWS

Amanda Stanford and Frank Ross Dupre

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

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, Eva Mae Cormier, James Curt Cormier, Ward Courville, Lisa Curley, 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, Lynwood Hidalgo, Lauren Margaret Higginbotham, Creighton Hoffpauir, Torris Hornsby, Doris Hudspeth, Annie & Austin Jagneaux, Dick Jefferies, Logan Joubert, Juliette Kaufmann, 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

Besides extensive renovations to the classrooms, OC also now has Promethean boards, (interactive whiteboards) in all classrooms, thanks to generous supporters! Teacher training begins this week.
Parents of students in grades 6-12 are invited to Open House on Wednesday (26th) from 6 pm to 8 pm. The Kiwanis Football Jamboree is set for Thursday (27th) and the annual OC Cheer Clinic for girls in K-8th grade is Saturday (29th) from 9 am to 2 pm in the OC gym. Registration forms may be picked up in the school office.

ROUND THE DIOCESE

- 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
- Sept. 9 (Oct. 7; Nov. 4) Nat'l Family Planning Class More info Call 261-5653
- Sept. 10 Vocation Supper for Women 6:30 pm @ Bishop's Resident Contact # - 261.5690
- Sept. 28 Way of Wisdom VIII Join Fr. Hampton Davis and Fr. Curtis Mallet on a pilgrimage to Bavaria, Switzerland, and Austria For more information, call 291-1933.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH.....Vocations
CHAPEL.....Protection from Hurricanes

