



YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests

LIVING THE PRIESTHOOD

Living out a priestly vocation is every bit as demanding and rewarding as living out the baptismal vocation to holiness that we have all received. And like that other sacrament of vocation - - holy matrimony- - the priest-hood has its own "better and worse, good times and bad times."

A priest might well say to his congregation: "My baptism is about my own growth in holiness. But my priesthood is about your sanctification.

Like any other baptized person, the priest is called to seek the face of God, to know, love, and serve Him in this life, so as to enjoy blessedness with Him forever in the next.

But as an ordained man, the priest's personal sanctification is advanced by the worthy exercise of his sacred ministry. Every time the priest dons a stole - - whether to celebrate Mass, or to hear confessions, or to anoint the sick, or to baptize, or to preach - - he is living out his priestly vocation and working toward his own sanctification.

Living the priesthood, however, is more than just doing what priests do. It is also being who priests are: a sacramental icon of Christ.

If the priest is to live his priesthood to the fullest, he must be a disciple of the Lord, a man of prayer, a channel of grace, a lover of holiness, a seeker of God, a sinner repentant, a son of the Church, and a father to all.

In this manner, he does not merely exist or survive as a priest, but he truly lives the priesthood that has indelibly marked and transformed his soul for all eternity.

Fr. Joshua Guillory

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of Aug. 30, 2009

Reading I Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8

Keep the commands of the Lord.

Psalms 15 "The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord."

Reading II James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Be doers of the word, not hearers only.

Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

You ignore God's commandment and cling to human tradition.

THEME

Your heart must be full of faith

Today's scriptures call us to conversion of heart. Echoing the words of Isaiah, the Lord Jesus summons us to avoid honoring God solely with our lips. We need to honor God with our hearts as well. Saint James tells us precisely how to do that in today's second reading. We are to become, in his word, doers of the word. As the sacred word is proclaimed, let us ask for strength to honor God with our whole hearts by becoming doers of the word.

From the Pastor's Desk

I take this time to acknowledge the donation of a censor and boat set donated in honor of Elvin and Ena Ortego. This donation was made by the family. I appreciate their generosity and thank them for this good addition to our worship accessories.

I am also happy to inform parishioners that we were able to complete payment of the annual Worker's Comp. and Property and Liability Insurance Premium. The total cost was \$39,357.00. It was due on July 1, 2009. We did not have the complete money when the invoice arrived. We paid a large down payment and then completed the payment during several weeks. We completed the payment in the middle of August. I thank parishioners for your continued generosity to God and Church.

Some upcoming activities at St. Landry Church:

- The annual Memorial Mass for Father Verbis Lafleur will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 7, 2009. Father Richard Vidrine, a priest of the Diocese of Lafayette and retired Navy Chaplain is the main celebrant. I hope many parishioners will be able to attend.
- Sunday, September 27, 2009 is a Diocesan FAMILY DAY. On that Sunday, we will also have a MINISTRY FAIR at St. Landry Catholic Church.
- The Bishop's Services Appeal will begin in October this year, with the Bishop's message delivered on October 3/4, 2009.
- The Cemetery Tours are scheduled for the weekends of October 10/11 and October 17/18.
- Our local Catholic Daughters Court celebrates their 100th Anniversary at a special 11:00 a.m. mass on October 31, 2009.
- St. Landry Church has a Church Family Day on November 8, 2009 following the 10:00 a.m. mass. It will be held as an International Dinner. More information to follow.

Lastly, may I remind everyone that Fridays are "Days of Penance". We can choose the penance according to our life's need. The common penance is abstinence from meat. We could also fast from cursing, from unfounded criticism and griping. We could fast from an hour a day from television or computer games. We could also choose to spend extra time in prayer at an adoration chapel or at the monthly First Friday Adoration in the chapel in Valentin Hall. We could dedicate extra time on Fridays to reading the Bible and do lectio divina prayer.

RCIA

On Tuesday of this week at 6:30 pm, the adult religion class will be discussing the purpose of man's existence and God and His perfections. For more information, contact Deacon John Miller at 942-2911.

Question for Children:

What steps can you take to more humbly welcome Christ into your heart?

Question for Youth:

Jesus warns about the things that will lead us away from God. What tempts you away from being the person that God created you to be?

Question for Adults:

Based on this reading from James, what is the sign in one's life that faith is present?

ALTAR SOCIETY

- Group III**.....Irene Soileau, Week of Sept. 05, 2009
- Group VI**.....Sarah Wagley, Week of Sept. 12, 2009

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

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. St.Amand; Carol Pitre; Burke and Frances Reed; M/M/Ezra Martin and Denise Hull; Paul Sylvain Fontenot; Joseph "Joey" Prather Jr.; Ruby Romero; Angela Aymond

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

Monday, Aug. 3112:10 p.m. Mayance and Wanda Dupre (WA)

Tuesday, Sept. 1 NO MASS

Wednesday, Sept. 212:10 p.m. Ruby Romero

Thursday, Sept. 312:10 p.m. Ruby Romero; Dwayne Joubert (BD) and family

Friday, Sept 412:10 p.m. Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward, and Allen Jr.

Saturday, Sept. 5 4:00 p.m. M/M Clayton Titard; Glenn & Vickie Vidrine; M/M Robert Going Sr.; Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally; James E. Martin; Dr. Richard Hargroder; Jeanette Lalonde; Martin and Angela Cosgrove; Ruby Romero; Francis Wilson Jr.

Sunday, Sept. 6 8:00 a.m. Howard and Mable Richard; M/M John FaKouri, John Jr. and Jacob; Youle and Therese Fontenot; Martin J. St.Amand; Alton, Elizabeth and Louis Vernon Joubert; Carol Pitre; Burke and Frances Reed; Paul Sylvain Fontenot; Joseph "Joey" Prather Jr.

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; Allen Richard; Maius, Myra and Chester Rozas; Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas and Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu; Vera Boyd; Bobbie & Julia Mouton and Steve & Ronnie Ardoin; Claude & Anna Soileau and Betty Valin; Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe; Oscar, Agnes and Dr. Robert Lee Roy

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

Week of September 6, 2009
St. Landry Church Maintenance Fund

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Monday, Aug. 31	6:00 p.m.	Rosary @ Fr. Lafleur Monument
Tuesday, Sept. 1	6:30 p.m.	RCIA
Thursday, Sept. 3	6:30 p.m.	Pre-Baptism Class
Friday, Sept. 4	7:00 a.m.	Adoration for First Friday Begins
Saturday, Sept. 5	8:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	OC All-School.Mass First Saturday Mass

THANKS

To St. Landry Church and The Friends of the Bereaved, Thank you all so much for the prayers and Mass with the loss of Angela. It is greatly appreciated. Rose Patton and family and the Aymond Family

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mason Alsandor, Bonnie Amy, Kade Eric Arnaud, Leola Arnaud, Ella Attole, Mary Bertha Attole, Nela Badeaux, Evelyn Batton, Dusty Bellard, Shirley Bellard, Dougie Bergeron, 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, 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, Lauren Margaret Higginbotham, Creighton Hoffpauir, Torris Hornsby, Doris Hudspeth, Annie & Austin Jagneaux, Dick Jafferries, Logan Joubert, Juliette Kaufmann, Gerald Kidder, Grace Kidder, Dana Klimavice, Aline Lafond, 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, Gloria Miller, Conner Miller, Jefferery Miller, Shirley Morris, Julie Mouton, James Naquin, Dot Nezat, Craig Ortego, Cameron Ozenne, Gene Paillet, Callie Palmer, Louis Paternostro, 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, Clarence Soileau, Elaine Soileau, Aaron Stelly, Annabelle Stelly, Erika Stelly, Melanie Stoute, Adolph Taylor Sr., Russell Thibodeaux, Lena Trahan, James Vidrine, Lou Vidrine, Laine 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

Entertainment Books 2010 are now available through the OC. Development Office. There are 40 great new offers plus 4 bonus cards included in this year's book. Call 942-5404 ext. 105 for more information.

The Catholic Schools of Opelousas Alumni Association membership letters have recently been mailed out to those on the school's database. Please consider a membership in celebration of your Catholic education! If any graduate of AIC, Holy Ghost, or OC did not receive a letter, please call 942-5404 ext. 105.

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.

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