YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests

PROMOTING THE PRIESTHOOD

Many boys and young men, when asked whether they might have a vocation to the priesthood, respond by saying something about their desire to marry and to have a family.

This is a perfect point of departure both for understanding and for promoting the priesthood.

Every man, as a man, is first called to be a husband and a father. Some men live out this primal vocation through the sacrament of marriage and the family life, while others live it through the priesthood.

Hence, the priestly calling is a fulfillment of a man's primal vocation to be both husband and father.

The priest, as an ***alter Christus***, takes the bride of Christ—the Church—as his own bride. The priest, universally called father, cares for and shepherds into eternal life the children of God.

The priesthood is another way of living the life of a man, husband, and father. It is demanding and rewarding. It calls for courage and sacrifice. It is joyful and painful. It is not what you expected, and it is more than you expected. Just like the life of the married family man.

With this understanding, with a love of the Church, the Eucharist, and the priesthood, we must all promote vocations to Holy Orders, especially within our own families.

But this is the particular duty of family men. Father, grandfathers, and uncles must give their boys their permission and their blessing to consider the priesthood.

A boy or a young man must have the explicit, spoken, and clear support of the men in his life that it is okay to consider being a priest, that it would be an honor for family and friends, that they – the men in his life -- would be proud of him should God call him to Holy Orders.

As we promote priestly vocations, we may rest assured that Christ will use our good will and efforts in order to sustain the Church with the Eucharist, the sacraments of grace, and the truth of divine revelation until He comes again in glory.

Fr. Joshua Guillory

PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.
We ask this in the name of JESUS, our Lord and Savior…AMEN

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING
Week of Sept. 13, 2009

Reading I Isaiah 50: 5-9a
God's servant will suffer great physical harm.

Psalm 116 "I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living."

Reading II James 2:14-18
Faith is dead if it does not have works.

Gospel Mark 8:27-35
Those who wish to follow Jesus deny themselves.

THEME:

We are called to carry our crosses

Today we hear one of the Lord Jesus' most challenging teachings. Those who wish to follow him, we are told, must deny themselves and take up the cross. The image of the suffering servant in today's first reading makes this teaching all the more challenging. The letter of Saint James suggests that those who choose to follow Christ must also do so in word and deed, caring for those who are less fortunate. Let us be open to God's challenging word and pray that we will be given renewed strength to follow Christ.

Question for Children:
What do you think it means for you to follow in Jesus' footsteps?

Question for Youth:
Who do you say that Jesus is?
Who is Jesus in your life?

Question for Adults:
What is the cross that you carry today?
How do you follow Jesus in the workplace? and at home?

RCIA

Tuesday at 6:30 pm, the adult religion class this week will be discussing the Incarnation (who is Jesus Christ).
. For more information, contact Deacon John Miller at 942-2911.

ALL INVITED

Everyone is invited to this month's Charismatic "Sunday Vigil" Mass – Saturday, September 26th, 7:00 pm - --sponsored by the Lafayette Diocese Catholic Renewal with approval of Bishop Jarrell.

The mass will be held at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 145 MLK Jr. Drive in Lafayette.

All priest and deacons are invited to participate.

There will be lively liturgical music ministry with pre-praise session, prophecy after communion, individual prayer after mass and confessions as well.

Participants are encouraged to maintain their local parish offering.

Call the CCR office for more information, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons at 265-3773.

SANCTUARY LIGHT
CHURCH.....Seminarians
CHAPEL.....All students and educators

ALTAR SOCIETY
Group V.....Betty Leleux, Week of Sept. 19, 2009
Group VI.....Norma Hargroder, Week of Sept. 26, 2009

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Sept. 12 .....4:00 p.m. M/M Clayton Titard, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, James G. and Bertha C. Firmin, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Jeanette Lalonde, Martin and Angela Cosgrove, Ruby Romero, Francis Wilson Jr.
Sunday, Sept. 13 .....8:00 a.m. Youle and Therese Fontenot, Martin J. St.Amand, Carol Pitre, M/M Pierre Hebert, Burke and Frances Reed, Eugene, Genie and Jonie Hebert, Paul Sylvain Fontenot, Joseph "Joey" Prather Jr.; Ruby Romero, Angela Aymond, Amar, Maryina and A .B. Courvelle Sr. Willard Andrepont & GeDonald Lagrange Sr.; 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, Alphonse Huckaby (DA); Oscar, Agnes and Dr. Robert Lee Roy, Bobbie & Julie Mouton, Steve and Ronnie Ardoin, and Rider family: Bonnie Amy, Irvin "Shorty" Soileau
5:00 p.m. ..... St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit, Lee Martin, Evie B. Soileau, Ena & Ernest McKinney, Liz Puckett, Bertha & Marie Martin, T.C., Eleanor and Atwood Quirk
Monday, Sept. 14.....12:10 pm- - -M/M Robert Joubert and Family, Priscilla Guidroz (BD)
Tuesday, Sept. 15 .....NO MASS
Wednesday, Sept. 16 .....12:10 p.m. Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, Sept. 17 .....12:10 p.m. In thanksgiving for so many blessings
Friday, Sept 18 .....12:10 p.m. Opelousas Catholic Football Team and their coaches
Saturday, Sept. 19 ..... 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, Francis Wilson Jr.; Bobbie Mouton (DA)
Sunday, Sept. 20 .....8:00 a.m. Youle and Therese Fontenot, Martin J. St.Amand, Carol Pitre, M/M E.J. Leonard, Burke and Frances Reed, Paul Sylvain Fontenot, Joseph "Joey" Prather Jr. (BD)
10:00 a.m. ..... 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, Louise Lagrange, Oscar, Agnes and Dr. Robert Lee Roy, Bobbie and Julie Mouton, Steve and Ronnie Ardoin and Rider family, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, M/M Conrad O. Martin, Irvin "Shorty" Soileau, Bonnie Amy
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 20, 2009
Opelousas Catholic Foundation

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Monday, Sept. 14	**6:15 pm**	**Rosary @ Monument NOTE NEW TIME**
	6:30 pm	**Pastoral Council Meeting**
Friday, Sept. 18	**8:00 am**	**OC Elem. Mass Grandparents' Day**

We need to remember, through Mass intentions, our beloved family members and friends who have died.
It is also a good idea to offer Masses for the sick and special intentions.
The Mass stipend is $5.00.

Thank you

Thank you for the food you provided during our Mom's services.

The Soileau family

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mason Alsandor, 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, Gerard Boudreaux, Jared Broussard, Peggy Chelette, Johnny Clary, Eva Mae Cormier, James Curt Cormier, Lisa Curley, Shelton Daigle, Robert Danaher, Angela Dautrueil, Hilda Deballion, Lillian Delafosse, Stacey Deville, Sue Deville, Sharon Doucet, Tommy Dunbar, Jane Dupre, Michael Dupre, Georgia Fiegel, Harold Fontenot, Dempsey Fusilier, Lauren Giminez, Larry Greer, Elaine L. Guillory, Louis Guillory, The T. Guillory family, Gabrielle Marie Hanson, Brooke Hargroder, Sydney Harmon, Andrea Hernandez, Glenda Hicks, Jimmy Henderson, Lauren Margaret Higginbotham, Creighton Hoffpauir, Torris Hornsby, Doris Hudspeth, Annie & Austin Jagneaux, Dick Jefferies, Thomas Johnson, Logan Joubert, Juliette Kaufmann, Gerald Kidder, Grace Kidder, Dana Klimavice, Aline Lafond, Michael 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, Georgia Malveaux, 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 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, Clarence Soileau, Elaine Soileau, Aaron Stelly, Annabelle Stelly, Erika Stelly, Melanie Stoute, Adolph Taylor Sr., Russell Thibodeaux, Lena Trahan, James Vidrine, Lou Vidrine, Llaine 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

Parents are reminded about the 1:30 pm early dismissal and the important PTO meeting at 6:00 pm on Wednesday.
GRANDPARENTS' DAY is set for Friday, Sept. 18th, beginning with mass at 8:00 am in St. Landry Catholic Church, followed by classroom visits and refreshments. Please come!

ROUND THE DIOCESE

Sept. 16	Theology on Tap @ Tsunami "From Sinner to Saint: Living the Authentic Spiritual Life". Presenter is Fr. Chester Arceneaux of Our Lady of Wisdom Parish. Open to young adults (18-35) married or single. 7:30 pm….Call 261-5653 for more information.
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

THANKS

The family of Ida Mary Savoy wishes to express our sincere appreciation for the food that was provided to us following the service of our beloved Aunt Ida.

The Family

NOTICE

A meeting for **PARENTS ONLY** of Religious Education students (**grades 1-8**), will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd in church. Your child **MUST** be registered by this date.