



YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests

The Parish Priest

Who knows the men and women of today better than the parish priest?...And people often come here to the parish priest, usually openly, with no pretext other than suffering, sickness, death or family matters. And they come to the confessional stripped of any veneer, with their very being. No other "profession", it seems to me, gives this possibility of knowing the person as he is, in his humanity, rather than in the role he plays in society. In this sense, we can truly study the person in his core, beyond roles, and learn ourselves what it is to be human, what it is to be in the school of Christ. To this end, it is absolutely important to come to understand the human being, the human being of today, in ourselves and with others, but also always listening attentively to the Lord and accepting in myself the seed of the word, so that it may become leaven within me and become communicable to others.

One of the tasks of the parish is offering hospitality to those who have no experience of normal parish life. We must not be a circle closed in on ourselves. We have our customs but still we must be open and endeavor to create "vestibules," that is, places which will draw others closer. Someone who comes from afar cannot immediately enter parish life, which already has its own practices. For such a person everything is novel, far removed from his own life. Therefore, with the help of the word, we must seek to create what the early Church created with the catechumenates: spaces in which one begins to live the word, to follow the word, to make it understandable and realistic, corresponding to forms of actual experience. In this sense I think that it is very important, that is, the need to associate the word with the witness of a just life, being for others, opening oneself to the poor, to the needy, and also to the rich who need to have their hearts opened, to feel someone knocking at their hearts. So, it is a question of different avenues, according to the situation.

Pope Benedict XVI's meeting with clergy of the Diocese of Rome, 26 February 2009.

BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL

Jesus tells us, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35) Jesus knows that our act of generosity will bring healing and grace to the darkest corners of our communities, to people who are suffering and to people who have not heard or embraced the Good News of Salvation.

There are a number of priorities and needs facing our Diocesan Church that no one parish alone can address. Some require the strength and resolve of our entire Catholic Community working and sacrificing together as One Body. That is why every parish participates in the Bishop's Services Appeal, so that through our collective efforts, we can build the Father's kingdom by advancing the work of the Church.

Please respond generously.

RCIA

Tuesday at 6:30 pm the adult religion class will be discussing what is meant by the Communion of Saints, also Heaven, Hell and Purgatory.

For more information contact Deacon John Miller at 942-2911.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING
Week of Oct. 4, 2009

Reading I Genesis 2:18-24

The two of them became one flesh.

Psalms 128 "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives."

Reading II Hebrews 2:9-11

He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have origin.

Gospel Mark 10:2-16

Therefore what God has joined, let no one separate.

THEME:

Fidelity in marriage reflects God's fidelity to us.

Today's scriptures draw us into the biblical images of faithful love between spouses and the care that we must extend to children. As we listen to these readings, let us be especially mindful of those who struggle with marital fidelity, as well as families in which children do not receive the care and respect they deserve. Let us be open to the power of God's living word to transform us all into faithful witnesses to the marvels God has worked through our human relationships.

Question for Children:

When you make a promise, why is it important to keep it?

Question for Youth:

What has your family taught you about God and living a faithful life? How do you show your family what they mean to you?

Question for Adults:

How is God's fidelity reflected in human marriage? To whom are you committed like this?

Update on Deacon Candidates: Diocese of Lafayette and North Region

Deacon Jim Kincel, Director for the Office of Permanent Deacons for the Diocese of Lafayette, reports that currently there are twenty-six (26) candidates in the diaconate program representing every area of the Diocese of Lafayette. The candidates are continuing a journey towards ordination as Permanent Deacons for the Diocese which could occur as the program continues.

Of the twenty-six (26) current candidates representing the Diocese of Lafayette, the following five (5) men are from the North Region (St. Landry Parish):

Candidate	Parish
Dwayne Paul Joubert	St. Landry, Opelousas
Spouse Mary	
Scott Ellis Peyton	St. Peter, Morrow
Spouse Letitia	
William Logan Pollingue	Our Lady Queen of Angels, Opelousas
Spouse Charmaine	
Charles Ray Richard	Holy Ghost, Opelousas
Spouse Edith	
Jerry Wayne Wyble	Our Lady of Mercy, Opelousas
Spouse Gloria	

Please pray for these men and their wives, and for all deacons and their spouses of the Diocese of Lafayette:

Prayer for Deacon Vocations

Dear God, Jesus your son "emptied himself, taking the form of a servant" (Philippians 2:7). Jesus is for us an example of deacon love. In the gospel, Jesus told the disciples "not to be served but to serve" (Mt. 20:28). At the Last Supper, after having explained to the Apostles that He was among them "as one who serves" (Lk.22:27), Jesus made a humble gesture of washing the feet of the Twelve, giving an example so that his disciples might imitate him in service and in mutual love.

We ask you to raise up worthy men among us who love as Jesus loves. Raise up men who care for the church as the seven in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 6:1-7) cared. Fill those who are candidates for the Diaconate with enthusiasm and dedication. Help them persevere. Bless their wives and children. Build up your church through them. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Oct. 3 4:00 p.m. M/M Clayton Titard, Youle Fontenot (BD), Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, M/M Robert Going Sr., Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Alexis, Carl (BD), Curley and Velma Lanclos, James E. Martin, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Jeanette Lalonde, Martin and Angela (BD) Cosgrove, Francis Wilson Jr., Lee Martin, Scott Fontenot (BD)

Sunday, Oct. 4 8:00 a.m. Howard and Mable Richard, John FaKouri Family, Youle and Therese Fontenot, Martin J. St.Amand, Alton, Elizabeth and Louis Vernon Joubert, Carol Pitre, M/M Pierre Hebert, Burke and Frances Reed, Paul Sylvain Fontenot, Anna P. Vitte

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

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

Monday, Oct. 5 12:10 pm- - - Suzanne G. Williams (BD), Tonya Londerno (BD) and family

Tuesday, Oct. 6 NO MASS

Wednesday, Oct. 7 12:10 p.m. Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr.

Thursday, Oct. 8 12:10 p.m. Steve Guidroz (BD)

Friday, Oct 9 12:10 p.m. John Arthur Guidroz (DA), Lee and Abbie Babineaux (WA), Deacon Carlo Cannatella (BD)

Saturday, Oct. 10 4:00 p.m. M/M Clayton Titard, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Jeanette Lalonde, Ena and Ernest McKinney (DA), Bertha & Marise Martin and Liz Puckett, Martin and Angela Cosgrove, Francis Wilson Jr., James G. and Bertha C. Firmin, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. (DA) and Doris H. Philippe

Sunday, Oct. 11 8:00 a.m. Youle and Therese Fontenot, Martin J. St.Amand, Carol Pitre, Burke and Frances Reed, Eugene, Genie and Jonie Hebert, Paul Sylvain Fontenot, Angela Aymond, Anna P. Vitte

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Sam and Helen Guillory, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas and Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Claude & Anna Soileau and Betty Valin, Oscar, Agnes and Dr. Robert Lee Roy, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Irl White, Charlotte Anne Latimer, Harold Fontenot, Elder Gautreaux

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

Confessions: Saturdays 3:00-3:45 p.m.
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Your Stewardship To God

Regular Offertory Collection\$4,888.78
Maintenance and Repair\$640.00
Bishops' Services Appeal\$948.73
Needy\$30.00

Every Gift Comes From Above.

Thank you for your generosity!

Second Collection
Week of October 11, 2009
2nd. Pledge Bishops' Services Appeal

OC CORNER

The O.C. Senate recently sponsored a successful project, "Treats for Troops" where the OC families contributed needed items and Tony Chachere's donated 3000 containers of seasoning for care packages directed to the Army National Guard 256th and 156th Infantry Brigades stationed in Afghanistan and Iraq. The 256th family support group helped with the shipping. May God bless our military, and keep them safe!

Don't miss the OC Fall Fest this weekend (Oct.3-4) on the school campus!

A smile is the lighting system of the face and the heating system of the heart.

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, James Broussard, Peggy Chelette, Johnny Clay, Eva Mae Cormier, James Curt Cormier, Lisa Curley, Shelton Daigle, Robert Danaher, Angela Dautrueil, Hilda Debillion, Lillian Delafosse, Stacey Deville, Sue Deville, Sharon Doucet, Tommy Dunbar, Jane Dupre, Michael Dupre, Georgia Fiegel, 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 Jagneau, Dick Jefferies, T. Jennings, 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, Conner Miller, Jefferery Miller, Shirley Morris, Julie Mouton, James Naquin, Dot Nezat, Craig Ortego, Cameron Ozerne, 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, Mary Jane Scherer, 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

ROUND THE DIOCESE

St. John Berchman's Church in Cankton will begin their 11th annual Rosary Congress on Oct. 5 to 9. It will begin with 8am Mass and continue until Friday Oct. 9
There will be 30 minutes of silent meditation and then a rosary starting at 9:00am every hour for 24 hours.
For more information call Barbara @ 668-4221 or David @ 407-1741.

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, Oct. 4	6:30pm	Covered Dish Meal for Confirmation Students and their Parents
Monday, Oct. 5	5:30pm	Choir Practice
	6:00pm	Rel. ed. class for grades 9 & 10 for all public and home schooled students
	6:15pm	Rosary at Monument
	6:15pm	CDA Rosary
	6:30pm	Pastoral Council
Tuesday, Oct. 6	6:30pm	RCIA
Thursday, Oct. 8	7:00pm	OC
Friday, Oct. 9	8:40am	KC Elem. Living Rosary in Gym
Saturday, Oct. 10	12:00pm	America Needs Fatima Rosary at Fr. Lafleur Monument
	6:00pm	Cemetery Tour
	7:00pm	Cemetery Tour
	8:00pm	Cemetery Tour
Sunday, Oct. 11	10:00am	Rel. Ed. students grades 1-8 attend Mass
	2:00pm	Cemetery Tour
	3:00pm	Cemetery Tour

God, what you say goes and stays, as permanent as the heavens. Your truth never goes out of fashion, it's up-to-date as the earth when the sun comes up. Your Word and truth are dependable as ever.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCHSuccessful RCIA program
CHAPEL.....Our pastor, Msgr. Romero

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group I.....Alverda Deshotels, Week of Oct. 10, 2009
Group II.....Pap Roy, Week of Oct. 17, 2009