



YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests

The priest receives his "name", his very identity, from Christ. Everything he does is done in His name. His "I" becomes totally relative to the "I" of Jesus.

From Pope Benedict XVI's homily at the Mass for the ordination of priests, May 7, 2006.

Updates from Msgr. Romero

Some may wonder why we are doing the Cemetery Blessings on different dates this year. Last year we had the blessings on Sunday. That Sunday, Opelousas was in a traffic stoppage. Many activities were occurring at the same time. Among these activities were the Creole Heritage Festival Parade and the trail ride from the Casino. Some people were stopped in traffic for almost an hour as these activities proceeded toward their destinations. Therefore, to try to avoid complications, we have scheduled the blessings differently this year.

Cemetery Blessings of the Graves

Saturday, October 31, 2009

St. Landry Catholic Cemetery 5:30 p.m.
Myrtle Grove Cemetery 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 1, 2009

Bellevue Cemetery 2:00 p.m.

St. Landry Catholic Church's International Dinner

Parishioners are invited to participate and attend the 1st Annual International Dinner for St. Landry Catholic Church. It will be held on Sunday, November 8th after the 10:00 a.m. mass in Opelousas Catholic School's Cafeteria. Come join our Church Family for fellowship, food, and fun. If you would like to share a dish from your native country, please call or come by the church office to let us know. We suggest a dish for 10 people. Your input and participation will unite our church families in making this a memorable event. Many thanks.

Shophe de Noel

The Rotary Club is coordinating this year's Shoppe de Noel. This activity is for the three nursing homes in Opelousas. On November 29, 2009 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Shoppe de Noel will occur at these Nursing Homes. Parishioners are asked to participate. First, items are needed for residents to win and to purchase. These items can be body spray, candles, knick-knacks. Second, parishioners may have items at home they do not use anymore and would like to donate. There may even be things in the closet not being used and needs a good cause to be donated. Third, boxes will be placed in church for us to deposit these items. When we come to mass, we may place these in the boxes. Fourth, anyone wanting to help with Shoppe de Noel, please let Yvonne Normand know. Different churches are designated for each Nursing Home. St. Landry Catholic Church is taking care of Prompt Succor Nursing Facility.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING
Week of Oct. 18, 2009

- Reading I** **Isaiah 53:10-11**
God's servant, through his suffering, will justify many.
- Psalms 33** "Lord, let your mercy be upon us, as we place our trust in you".
- Reading II** **Hebrews 4:14-16**
Jesus was tested in every way we are, yet never sinned.
- Gospel** **Mark 10:35-45**
The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.

THEME:

We are called to serve as Jesus served.

In a society that espouses upward mobility, today's readings are especially challenging. The disciples ask the Lord Jesus to guarantee them the best seats in heaven. He reminds them that real upward mobility has more to do with service of others than any earthly power. Let us echo the sentiments from today's second reading and confidently approach the Lord, asking for strength to meet the challenges of the gospel.

Questions of the week

Question for Children:
How difficult would it be for you to give something you treasure to someone else who needed it more than you do?

Question for Youth:
What is your most important possession?
How hard would it be for you to give it up?

Question for Adults:
How hard is it for you to part with things you treasure?
Do your possessions ever stand in the way of having deeper communion with God?

Updates from Msgr. Romero continued

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Pope Benedict XVI's Intention for October

"That Sunday may be lived as the day on which Christians gather to celebrate the risen Lord, participating in the Eucharist."

BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL

Each one of us is called through our common Baptism, to be a light to the world and do our share in implementing the victory Jesus won on the Cross.

While we cannot always be the one to comfort the grieving, bring hope to the socially oppressed, teach the young and reach out to those in need, we can--through our generosity ensure that our Diocesan Church is strong and vibrant so that it is able to meet the needs of so many in the year ahead.

The Bishop's Services Appeal provides the financial lifeblood for a broad range of ministries, apostolates, and outreach programs. Your generous gift can and will make a difference.

Your generous gifts given in His name, give praise to the Heavenly Father and make you co-workers in his sanctifying and redemptive works.

RCIA

Tuesday at 6:30 pm, the adult religion class will be discussing the first 5 Commandments and why we honor Saints, Relics and Images.

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

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

- Saturday, Oct. 17** 4:00 p.m. M/M Clayton Titard, Glenn and Vickie Vidrine, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Jeffrey and Volta (DA) David, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Jeanette Lalonde, Martin and Angela Cosgrove, Francis Wilson Jr., Lee Martin, Francis J. Bertrand Sr.
- Sunday, Oct. 18** 8:00 a.m. Youle and Therese Fontenot, Martin J. St.Amand, Carol Pitre, Burke and Frances Reed, Paul Sylvain Fontenot, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Anna P. Vitte
- 10:00 a.m.** Daniel Lagrange Sr., Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas and Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Claude & Anna Soileau and Betty Valin, Oscar, Agnes and Dr. Robert Lee Roy, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Herbert and Essie Oge, Clement Ned Sr. (DA)
- 5:00 p.m.** St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit, Evie B. Soileau, Julius (BD) Lambert and Parents
- Monday, Oct. 19** 12:10 pm - - Tony Fontenot (BD) Aimee Guidroz (BD)
- Tuesday, Oct. 20** NO MASS
- Wednesday, Oct. 21** 12:10 p.m. Military Personnel In War Zones
- Thursday, Oct. 22** 12:10 p.m. Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward, and Allen Jr.
- Friday, Oct 23** 12:10 p.m. Forgotten Souls In Purgatory
- Saturday, Oct. 24** 4:00 p.m. M/M Clayton Titard, Glenn and Vickie Vidrine, Terry Dupre (BD), Velma & Patsy Gail Boss, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, James E. Martin, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Jeanette Lalonde, T.C., Eleanor, and Atwood (DA) Quirk, Ena and Ernest McKinney, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Francis Wilson Jr., Lee Martin, Francis J. Bertrand Sr.
- Sunday, Oct. 25** 8:00 a.m. Youle & Therese Fontenot, Martin J. St.Amand, Carol Pitre, M/M Pierre Hebert, Burke & Frances Reed, Paul Sylvain Fontenot, Angela Aymond
- 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, Ernie & Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly, Mickey and Joyce Hollier, Verna Huckaby (DA), Louise Lagrange, Oscar, Agnes, and Dr. Robert Lee Roy, M/M/Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Herbert and Essie Oge, Clement Ned, Sr., Harry Hebert
- 5:00 p.m.** St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit, Evie B. Soileau

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\$4,691.070
- Maintenance and Repair\$772.00
- Bishops' Services Appeal\$1,095.47
- World Mission Sunday\$1.00
- Opelousas Catholic School\$1.00

Every Gift Comes From Above.



Thank you for your generosity!

Second Collection
Week of October 25, 2009
Opelousas Catholic Foundation Fund

OC CORNER

It's Homecoming week at OC with the theme, "A Walk Down Viking Lane"! Alumni, family and friends are encouraged to participate. The parade will roll down Union Street on Thursday @ 6:00 pm; Mass will be celebrated in St. Landry Catholic Church on Friday morning at 8:40am, and the game will kick off at 7:00 pm on Friday in Donald Gardner Stadium.

The Catholic Schools of Opelousas Alumni Assoc. members will enjoy Mass and a brunch on Sunday, Oct. 25th.

Welcome into our Catholic Family by the Sacrament of Baptism

Lauren Margaret Higginbotham

daughter of

Matthew and Tricia Perron Higginbotham

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 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, Joyce LaCasseAline Lafond, Michael Lanolos, Glenn Laverne, Ms. Lil Laverne, Renella Laverne, Dustin Lavoie, Dorothy LeBlanc, Mary Alice LeBlanc, Phyllis Cormier LeBlanc, Therese Leger, Tony Leger, Deacon Tom Lindsey, Tonya Londerno, Andrea Magallanes, Georgia Malveaux, 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, Phil Roussell, 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

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

- Saturday, Oct. 17 6:00 pm Cemetery Tour
- 7:00 pm Cemetery Tour
- 8:00 pm Cemetery Tour
- Sunday, Oct. 18 11:00 am Yambilee Mass @Our Lady of Mercy
- 2:00 pm Cemetery Tour
- 3:00 pm Cemetery Tour
- Monday, Oct. 19 10:30 am Fr. LaFleur Comm. Meeting
- 5:30 pm Choir Practice
- 6:00 pm Rel Ed.
- 6:15 pm Rosary @ Grotto
- Tuesday, Oct. 20 6:30 pm RCIA
- Thursday, Oct. 22 6:00 pm OC Homecoming Parade and Coronation
- Friday, Oct. 23 8:40am OC Homecoming Mass
- Sunday, Oct. 25 1130am Catholic Schools of Opel. Alumni Brunch

Admission by invitation only, UNLESS you are joining that day

PRAYER CARDS FOR YEAR OF THE PRIEST

Our Knights of Columbus Council, St. Landry Council #1173, has provided both St. Landry Parishioners and Opelousas Catholic students, faculty and staff with a prayer card for the Year of the Priests. This prayer card is available to parishioners on the table behind the last church pew. Parishioners are encouraged to pray for priests in this Year of the Priests, proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI. We give special thanks to the Knights of Columbus, St. Landry Council #1173 as they give us an example of generous concern for our spiritual good.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

- CHURCH.....World Peace
- CHAPEL.....Increase in Vocations

ALTAR SOCIETY

- Group III**.....Irene Soileau, Week of Oct. 24, 2009
- Group IV**.....Sarah Wagley, Week of Oct. 31, 2009

+ Dominique Rey

Evêque de Fréjus-Toulon



To whom it may concern

I, Dominique Rey, Bishop of Fréjus-Toulon in France, certify that the relics presently recognized and venerated by tradition as the authentic relics of St. Mary Magdalene, the first witness of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus-Christ, are valid.

These relics of Mary Magdalene have been venerated in my diocese since the second century. They are presently kept by the Dominican priests in the cave of St. Baume, a part of my diocese.

A new reliquary has been constructed to allow one of the relics, a piece of the tibia, to travel to different countries for veneration by the entire Church. For those bishops who would like to have the relic in their diocese for veneration, a Dominican priest will accompany it.

+ Dominique Rey

September 21st, 2009



**Itinerary for St. Mary Magdalene's Relic
St. Landry Catholic Church
Opelousas, Louisiana
November 6, 2009**

8:40 a.m. Opelousas Catholic All School Prayer Service Receiving Relic

- Entrance of the Reliquary containing St. Mary Magdalene relic at the beginning of entrance procession.
- A Dominican Priest gives the homily.

Following the Prayer Service, there is personal veneration by the students and public.

10:30 a.m. A French Language Presentation

Following French Language Presentation, there is veneration by the public

12:10 p.m. Votive Mass of St. Mary Magdalene for the public.

- A Dominican Priest gives the homily.

Following Mass, there is personal veneration by the public.

3:30 p.m. An English Language Presentation

Following English Language Presentation, there is veneration by the public

6:30 p.m. A Spanish Language Presentation

Following Spanish Language Presentation, there is veneration by the public until departure of the Relic.

**The Lord said to Mary Magdalene: Go and tell my brothers that I shall ascend to my Father and your Father, to my God and to your God.
(John 20:17)**

PRAYER

**Father,
your Son first entrusted to Mary Magdalene
the joyful news of his resurrection.
By her prayers and examples
may we proclaim Christ as our living Lord
and one day see him in glory,
for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
[From Roman Sacramentary, July 22nd]**

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The Relic will be at St. Landry Catholic Church,
Opelousas, Louisiana
on November 6, 2009

As part of a first visit to the United States of America from October 21 to November 30 of 2009, a relic of St. Mary Magdalene will be at St. Landry Catholic Church on Friday, November 6, 2009. St. Mary Magdalene is the Apostle of the Apostles. As recorded in St. John's Gospel:

But Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept she bent over into the tomb and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the body of Jesus had been. And they said to her, "Women why are you weeping?" "They have taken my Lord, and I don't know where they laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there, but did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" She thought it was the gardener and said to him, "Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni," which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, "Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary of Magdala went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and what he told her. (John 20:11-18)

Bishop Dominique Rey of the Catholic Diocese of Frejus-Toulon, France certifies that "the relics presently recognized and venerated by tradition as the authentic relics of St. Mary Magdalene, the first witness of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, are valid. ... A new reliquary has been constructed to allow one of the relics, a piece of the tibia, to travel to different countries for veneration by the entire Church." (Letter dated September 21, 2009)

To prepare spiritually for this historic visit of St. Mary Magdalene's relic, please make an effort to:

- Want to see and to attend to Jesus Christ as St. Mary Magdalene did.
- Experience the joy and surprise of witnessing Jesus Christ in our own lives as St. Mary Magdalene did.
- Respond to Jesus' instruction to tell others of Jesus Christ as St. Mary Magdalene did.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

- Circle of Friends** Is a Separated and Divorced Support Group that meets at Holy Cross Church, 505 Broadmoor Blvd., in Lafayette. Meetings are held on Monday nights from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. The next meeting will be on October 19. To receive weekly e-mail reminders or upcoming events, please call 261-5653 or e-mail kchapman@diolaf.org.
- HCOA** A hospice provider, is sponsoring a Caregiver Support Group on the first Tuesday of each month from 5:30 to 7:00pm at 115 West Landry St. Call 942-3622 for more information.
- Theology on Tap:** For married or single ages 18-35 on Wednesday, Oct. 21. This month David Thies, musician, artist and missionary will be the guest speaker at Tsunami Restaurant in Lafayette.
- Cake Sale** Our Lady of Mercy will have a Bake Sale on Saturday, Oct. 24 in the church hall from 9:00am to 2:00pm.
- Charismatic Mass** **TAKE COURAGE—GET UP—JESUS IS CALLING YOU!**
Saturday, October 24, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm in the Prayer Library @ Community of Jesus Crucified, 421 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, La.
There will a supper break (brown bag or own your own) then move to Our Lady Queen of Peace for Mass at 7:00pm. Featured speaker is Br. Ben St. Croix of the Houston CCR Center. Registration is \$5.00 beginning at 12:45pm. More information call 265-3773.
- WRAP Sunday** The Catholic Daughters will be handing out White Ribbons Against Pornography after all Masses the weekend of Oct. 24 and 25. This is to inform the public on ways they can speak out and put a stop to pornography.
- French Rosary** Learn to pray the Rosary in French on Tuesday, October 27 at 10:00am in Our Lady of Mercy Church Hall.
- Parenting Classes** Project Well Springs with Our Lady of Mercy Church, through the Diocese of Lafayette, are sponsoring a series of Parenting Classes on 4 consecutive Tuesdays beginning October 27th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the Church Hall. Topics to be presented are Family Communication Skills; Coping with Stress and Anger; Appropriate & Consistent Discipline; and Effects & Warning Signs of Substance Abuse. Free but please pre-register by calling 942-4174.

RETREATS

Jesuit Spirituality Center In Grand Coteau, La.

Web Site---jesuitspiritualitycenter.org

Phone number---337-662-5251

Individual Directed Retreats: Oct. 19-28, Nov. 9-18, Dec.7-16

Discerning God's Will: Ignatian Way of Discernment

Sat. Oct. 31, 2009 presented by Fr. Mark Thibodeaux

Early Christian Iconography November 1—November 7, 2009

Instructor from the Prosopeon School of Iconology

Advent –Maranatha: Come, Lord Jesus Nov. 19—Nov. 22,2009

Silent Retreat presented by Sr. Noel Toomey, O.P.

Staying Sober with the 12 Steps: an AA Weekend...

Dec. 2—Dec. 6, 2009, Presented by Fr. Tom Weston, S.J.

FRIENDS DAY

Sat. Oct. 31, 2009 @ the Community of Jesus Crucified,

421 ½ Carmel Dr., Lafayette, La.

Presenter...Fr. Kevin Bordelon 9:00am through Noon Mass.

FALL FEST

St. Catherine Church in Arnaudville, La. Gumbo will be served on Oct. 31 from 4:00pm -8:00pm.

On Sunday, Nov. 1 dinners will be sold from 9:00am—2:00pm.

COME AND SEE

Men, high school age and older are invited to a weekend @

St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington, La. on Nov. 13 –

Nov. 15, 2009. There is no cost and transportation is provided

Deadline to register is Oct. 30, 2009

Contact Fr. Aaron Melancon @ 261-5690.

MENDING THE TORN FABRIC: A presentation about grieving @ Notre Dame

High School in Crowley. Thursday, November 19, 2009 at

6:30pm until 8:00pm. Dr. Sarah Brabant, Ph.D. will be the

presenter. No cost and no registration. Info 337-258-0073.

MEN OF THE EUCHARIST RETREAT: Nov. 20 –Nov.22, 2009 @ Our Lady of

Sorrows Retreat Center in St. Martinville, La.—342-2319.

Contact info: Vic Guidry-----824-3045.

CLEANING FOR A REASON: For any woman currently undergoing Chemo, a cleaning service will provide FREE housecleaning, once a month while she is in treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. <http://www.cleaningforareason.org>