



**YEAR FOR PRIESTS**

*Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests*

The priest ...should make his spiritual life his highest priority. He is called to seek God tirelessly, while remaining attuned to the concerns of his brothers and sisters.

*Apostolic Exhortation* The Sacrament of Charity [Sacramentum Caritatis], no. 80 Feb. 22, 2007

**Updates from Msgr. Romero**

**Bulletin Inserts:** With today's bulletin, we have two inserts: One insert is about "Stewardship Sunday" and the other insert is concerning "Catholic Campaign for Human Development". Please note that while the diocesan collection date for the Campaign for Human Development is the weekend of November 21-22, 2009, we at St. Landry Catholic Church will take up this collection on the weekend of November 14-15, 2009. We have scheduled for the weekend of November 21-22, 2009, the monthly collection for the Opelousas Catholic Foundation. Thank you for your cooperation.

**The International Dinner:** We have our first Annual International Dinner this Sunday, November 8. It begins after the 10:00 a.m. mass. It is a potluck dinner. Parishioners are invited to come join our Church Family for fellowship, food and fun. It is being held at Opelousas Catholic School Cafeteria. Many thanks!

**Banners:** The family banners are due. We have two families who have completed and brought their banners to church. We need 10 families to complete the collection of families on one larger banner. Please place your banner on the altar rail as soon as possible. If we wait any longer, we will not be able to have them up before Advent. Otherwise, we will have to wait until next year to place them in church.

**Opelousas Ministerial Alliance's Pre-thanksgiving Service:** This year's Ministerial Alliance's Pre-thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, November 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Louisiana Memorial United Methodist Church on Lombard Street. I am doing the homily. Everyone is welcomed.

**RCIA**

Tuesday at 6:30 pm, the adult religion class will be discussing what the sacraments are and the graces they give us. In addition, Baptism and Confirmation will be explained. For more information, contact Deacon John Miller at 942-2911.

**Prayer for the Sick, Troubled, and Deceased**

O God, look with pity on Your servants who suffer. Ease their pain and comfort their loneliness. Give them the grace to bear this cross patiently with You in Christian reparation. We know that death is not the end but only a horizon that limits our sight. Life with You is immortal and love eternal. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord. AMEN

**READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING**

Week of Nov. 08, 2009

**Reading I 1 Kings 17:10-16**  
The jar of flour will not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry.

**Psalm 146** "Praise the Lord, my soul!"

**Reading II 1 Hebrews 9:24-28**  
Christ takes away sins by his sacrifice.

**Gospel Mark 12:38-44**  
The poor widow offered more than all the others.

**THEME:**

**We must give to God until we have given enough.**

Today the scriptures open the door into the lives of two poor widows. Their actions speak of hospitality, generosity, and true stewardship. Just as the widow in today's Gospel gives more than all the others, so we are called to give back to the Lord from our want. This is not easy, especially in a culture of consumerism. Let our hearts be moved as we hear the story of these two brave women.

**Questions of the week**

**Question for Children:**  
What part of your own possessions are you called to share?

**Question for Youth:**  
When you think of your own life, do you consider yourself to be rich or poor?  
How do you spend your money?  
Is there anything you should be doing differently?

**Question for Adults:**  
When you heard the Beatitudes today, which one did you hear most clearly as a summons for your own life?

**NOTE OF THANKS**

To the ST. LANDRY Family:

Food for the Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Father Gordon on his recent visit to your parish.

On behalf of our less fortunate brothers and sisters of Latin America and the Caribbean, we thank you for having shared in their lives. They, and you, are blessed by your generosity.

In Christ,  
The Food for the Poor Family

**Mission @ Our Lady Queen of Angels**

Beginning Sunday, Nov. 8th through Wednesday, November 11th from 7:00pm to 8:00pm, Fr. Daniel Francis, C.S.R., a Redemptorist Mission Preacher, will be conducting a Mission at our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Opelousas. Fr. Francis is a contributing author of "Theology of Preaching: Essays on Vision and Mission in the Pulpit" and travels the country sharing his message through stories. Please come and bring a friend.

**Advent Mini-Retreat**

WHAT: Advent Mini Retreat "The Meaning of Advent"  
WHERE Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church  
WHEN Dec. 3 beginning with 5:15 pm Mass and Dec. 4 beginning with 8:30am Mass  
PRESENTER: Msgr. Paul Metrejean.

**MASS INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, Nov. 7 . . . . . 4:00 p.m.** M/M Clayton Titard, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Wayne Dupre (BD), M/M Robert Goings Sr., Walfred LeBlanc Sr. & Wally, James E. Martin, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Jeanette Lalonde, Martin and Angela Cosgrove, Lee Martin (BD), Francis J. Bertrand Sr.

**Sunday, Nov. 8 . . . . . 8:00 a.m.** Youle & Therese Fontenot, Martin J. StAmand, Carol Pitre, Burke and Frances Reed, Paul Sylvain Fontenot, Angela Aymond, Ann Nhiem Pham

**10:00 a.m. . . . .** Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Maius, Myra and Chester Rozas, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas and Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Evie B. Soileau, Louise Lagrange, Oscar, Agnes and Robert Lee Roy, Marie Fruge, Pat and Agnes (BD) Doucet, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Marla Lafleur Pitre

**5:00 p.m. . . . .** St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit

**Monday, Nov. 9 . . . . . 12:10 pm** Verna Labbe Huckaby (BD)

**Tuesday, Nov. 10 . . . . . NO MASS**

**Wednesday, Nov. 11 . . . . . 12:10 p.m.** All Veterans, Eugene, Genie and Jonie Hebert

**Thursday, Nov. 12 . . . . . 12:10 p.m.** Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr., Deacon Carlo Cannatella (DA)

**Friday, Nov. 13 . . . . . 12:10 p.m.** Charlene Whaley

**Saturday, Nov. 14 . . . . . 4:00 p.m.** Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Jeanette Lalonde, Martin and Angela Cosgrove, Lee Martin, Francis Bertrand Sr., Dr. Henry J. Kaufman Jr. and Joseph Lafond, Llaime Purser Williams

**Sunday, Nov. 15 . . . . . 8:00 a.m.** Youle and Therese Fontenot, Martin J. StAmand, Carol Pitre, M/M Pierre Hebert, Burke & Frances Reed, Paul Sylvain Fontenot, Ann Nhiem Pham, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Irl White

**10:00 a.m. . . . .** Daniel Lagrange Sr., Family of Hugh and Lula Bihm, Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas and Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Evie B. Soileau, Tricia Guidroz (BD), Oscar, Agnes and Dr. Robert Lee Roy, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Clara Perry Roy

**5:00 p.m. . . . .** St. Landry Church Parishioners

**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**

*Every Gift Comes From Above.*

Regular Offertory Collection .....\$6,094.86  
Maintenance and Repair .....\$1,487.07  
Bishops' Service Appeal .....\$61.00  
Opelousas Catholic School .....\$3.00  
All Saints Day .....\$432.00



*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Second Collection**

**Week of November 18, 2009**  
**Campaign for Human Development**

Welcome into our Catholic Family by the Sacrament of Baptism

**Beauregard Bradford Johnson**

son of

Christopher Mark and Kimberly E. Arsement Johnson

**Cleaning for a Reason**

If you know any woman currently undergoing Chemo, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning--- 1 time per month for 4 months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up on the website: (<http://www.cleaningforareason.org>) Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. Be Blessed!

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Mason Alsandor, Nolan Ardoin, 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, Chris Brewster, Earl Briggs, Leeanna Briley, 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, 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, Lauren Margaret Higginbotham, Creighton Hoffpauir, Torris Hornsby, Doris Hudspeth, Annie & Austin Jagneaux, Dick Jefferies, T. Jennings, Thomas Johnson, Logan Joubert, Juliette Kaufmann, Gerald Kidder, Grace Kidder, Dana Klimavice, Joyce LaCasseAline Lafond, Michael Lanclous, 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 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, Llaime 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**

The OC Elementary department will hold a special Veteran's Day program with their Mass this Friday. Family members who are veterans are invited! Call 942-5404 to convey your plans to attend.

The varsity cheerleaders and Vikette Dance Team are holding their annual Cookie Dough sale this week; and the Vikette Dance Clinic for girls in K-8th grade is set for this Saturday (Nov. 14) from 9:00am to 2:00pm

**REMINDERS OF THE WEEK**

**Sunday, Nov. 8** 10:00am Rel. Ed. Students Grades 1-8  
Attend Mass  
11:00am International Family Dinner  
**Monday, Nov. 9** 5:30pm Choir Practice  
6:00pm Religious Ed.  
6:15pm Rosary @ Monument  
**Tuesday, Nov. 10** 6:00pm CDA meeting  
6:30pm RCIA  
**Wed., Nov. 11** 5:00pm Altar Society meeting  
6:00pm Assessments tests Grades 1-8  
**Thurs. Nov. 12** 7:00pm KC meeting  
**Friday, Nov. 13** 8:40am OC Elem. Mass

**National Adoption Month**

Adoptive Families and Birth Parents are invited to attend mass for National Adoption Month on Sunday, November 15 th at 11:00am-1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, La.

Covered dish luncheon afterwards. Please bring a dish for 8-10 people to share.

Catholic Social Services is accepting applications for domestic and international adoptions. Call 261-5454 for more information.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

CHURCH.....Increase in Religious Vocations  
CHAPEL .....End to Abortions

**ALTAR SOCIETY**

**Group VI**.....Norma Hargroder, Week of Nov. 14, 2009  
**Group VII**.....Gwen Fruge, Week of Nov. 21, 2009

## Stewardship Sunday by Msgr. Romero

As we celebrate Stewardship Sunday [November 8, 2009], let me review some basic principles:

### **Reasons why we should be stewards in our church parish and local community**

- It is an act of thanksgiving to God who continues to bless us with time, skills, health and wealth. By sharing these blessings with His other children in the parish and outside it, we are returning to God what is due to Him. We Stewardship is the model given by Jesus. He gave generously of himself to others and offered his life for all of us. By our stewardship we make a humble return of that sacrificial love shown by Christ.
- By faithful stewardship in our church parish and community we are helping our own brothers and sisters because by creation we are all God's children and by baptism we are all made brothers and sisters of Jesus our Lord and Savior.
- Stewardship by sharing is the ultimate criterion of reward or punishment on the day of the Last Judgment. (Matthew 25: 31 ff: Did we share food, drink, clothing, home, mercy and loving concern with those we encountered?).
- Stewardship is the source and means of additional blessing from God: Luke 6: 38: "*Give, and gifts will be given to you, a good measure, packed together, shaken down and overflowing, will be poured into your lap.*"
- Stewardship is the sign of a dynamic and growing church community radiating true Christian charity among its members and to the whole world.
- Stewardship fulfills a basic psychological need in human beings. God in creating our bodies has gifted us with external organs and senses precisely to reach out to others. They are meant to be our own extensions and God's extensions through us to reach out to others. Psychologically, the need of the giver to give is greater than the need of the receiver to receive.
- Stewardship widens our vision, broadens and softens our hearts and sanctifies our lives.

### **Lame excuses:**

- “I have no time. I am awfully busy.” But we always seem to find the time for pleasure, entertainment, socializing and so on.
- “I am not talented. I have no special skills.” But God doesn’t make junk! Each one of us is a bundle of skills, potentialities and gifts.
- “Somebody else will do it.” Maybe yes, but maybe no. In any case, we are each an integral part of this parish family so we must each play our role, big or small. Each of us is unique.

### **How can we live out stewardship?**

- By actively participating in one or more ministries in the church parish or volunteer service groups in the community. [I am appreciative of all who participate in our church ministries and of new volunteers who signed up at the recent Ministry Fair.]
- By using our special skills and training in fixing things in the church, Valentin Hall, and rectory we keep cost at a minimal.
- By inviting friends and neighbors and by assisting shut-ins to join us in the Sunday worship mass in our parish church.

- By faithfully and sacrificially contributing our fair share of support to the church parish, as worthy children of a generous and loving Heavenly Father.
- By actively participating in the liturgy by loudly reciting prayers, singing songs and behaving reverently in the church.
- By spending our time and talents in the family by training children in prayer life (spending daily at least 10 minutes in prayer and Bible reading) and teaching them Christian behavior, prayers and basics of our faith.
- Parents of young children should do something in church ministry. Your example helps your children develop good steward habits. I quote from John D. Rockefeller, Sr. (1839-1937) who said the following: “I never would have been able to tithe the first million dollars I ever made if I had not tithed my first salary, which was \$1.50 per week.” In like way, young children seeing parents involved in church ministry learn to be involved at a young age. As adults, these children are able to participate in church more easily because with their parent’s example while growing up, they are able to develop a life habit of volunteering and doing good.

SOURCE: FR. ANTHONY KADAVIL