



YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests

The first imperative [of a priest] is to be a man of God, in the sense of a man in friendship with Christ and with his Saints. From Pope Benedict XVI's meeting with clergy of the Dioceses of Belluno-Feltre and Treviso on July 24, 2007

Thanks expressed to Community November 9, 2009

Letter to the Editor, DAILY WORLD

With the visit of the tibia bone (the shinbone) of St. Mary Magdalene on Friday, November 6, 2009, I express appreciation to the many thousands (6,000 plus) who venerated this relic of St. Mary Magdalene at St. Landry Catholic Church. This is a great blessing for all of us. Young and old, black and white, protestant and catholic came. We who have come to Jesus as our Lord and Savior appreciate the witness of discipleship seen in the life of St. Mary Magdalene. The petitions left by visitors were placed at the foot of the altar. We prayed for all people who came and for their needs during Sunday's masses.

We came with the attitude of St. Jerome [who died on September 30, 420] telling us, "We do not worship, we do not adore, for fear that we should bow down to the creature rather than to the creator, but we venerate the relics of the martyrs in order the better to adore Him whose martyrs they are." Our coming to the relic of St. Mary Magdalene and to any relic of a Saint is a time we focus on God Himself who is seen in the life of the Saint whose relic we venerate.

Let us follow St. Mary Magdalene in a greater discipleship of Jesus Christ by coming to Jesus (1) wanting to see and to attend to Jesus Christ, (2) experiencing the joy and surprise of witnessing Jesus Christ in our lives, and (3) responding to Jesus' instruction to tell others of Jesus Christ. Mr. Richard Borgman's reflection is a good challenge for us, "This tibia knelt before the crucified and resurrected Christ. Imagine that your life is lived in such holiness that 2000 years after your death your bones are still bringing people to the Lord Jesus Christ." Our challenge is to be this holy so that God is seen in every detail of our life. Would not our world be a better place, maybe a touch of heaven on earth!

Remember 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)

Let us keep St. Mary Magdalene's visit fresh in our hearts by praying the following prayer often: "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, forever and ever. Amen." [From the Roman Sacramentary, July 22nd]

St. Mary Magdalene, pray for us!

Once again, thank you for your openness and your surrendering to God's will.

Sincerely Yours,
Very Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero, V.E.
Pastor of St. Landry Catholic Church
Episcopal Vicar, North Region/Diocese of Lafayette

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of Nov. 15, 2009

Reading I Daniel 12:1-3
Those who lead others to justice will shine like stars.

Psalm 16 "You are my inheritance, O Lord!"

Reading II 1 Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
By one offering, Christ has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated.

Gospel Mark 13:24-32
No one knows the day or the hour.

THEME:

Jesus will come again

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:
If Jesus came to visit you today, what would you do?
What would you say and how would you act?

Question for Youth:
If today were your last day, what would you be most thankful for?
What would you regret?

Question for Adults:
If today were your last, what would you do with it?

Bishop's Services Appeal

Many in the Diocese have responded generously to the Bishop's Services Appeal. This has enabled:

- Poorer parishes to remain open.
- The Diocese to provide sacraments and maintain a Catholic presence in faith communities.
- Children from all walks of life to receive Catholic teachings in a Christ centered environment. These very children are the hope of our future and the future of the Church.

Chaplains to care for the ill, the elderly, the lonely, the dying, the grieving, and those in prison.

Family life to be strengthened and the young to be kept active and engaged in the faith.

Elderly priests to be able to enjoy a peaceful and dignified retirement.

Our seminarians to be well educated to effectively serve and minister in parishes and other apostolates.

These are but a few examples of how your generous pledges will be placed in the service of Jesus Christ.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

For nearly 40 years, the (CCHD) Catholic Campaign for Human Development has embodied Catholic social teaching through pursuing justice and upholding the dignity of the human person. CCHD funds community projects led by low-income individuals. As more Americans feel the weight of the economic crisis, CCHD needs your support in this week's Collection more than ever. Thank you for your generosity.

RCIA

Tuesday at 6:30 pm, the adult religion class will be discussing the Holy Eucharist, why we celebrate and believe it is truly the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

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

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 8:30 am Mass

PRESENTER: Msgr. Paul Metrejean.

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

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.

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. Craig Pitre. Harris Savoy. Roland Boudreaux

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

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

Monday, Nov. 16. 12:10 pm Llane Purser Williams. Joe Bono (DA), Jeanne-Marie (BD)

Tuesday, Nov. 17 NO MASS

Wednesday, Nov. 18 12:10 p.m. Marla LaFleur Pitre. Edna Gaspard (BD)

Thursday, Nov. 19 12:10 p.m. Jackie Benoit (WA). Kelli Guidry Ditmar

Friday, Nov. 20 12:10 p.m. Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr. Sol and Kate Reed. M/M Roy Whaley Sr.

Saturday, Nov. 21 4:00 p.m. Glenn & Vickie Vidrine. Walfred LeBlanc Sr. & Wally. James E. Martin. Dr. Richard Hargroder. Jeanette Lalonde. Martin and Angela Cosgrove. Francis Bertrand Sr. Ernie and Steven McKinney. Lawrence (DA), Lilly, Mickey and Joyce Hollier. James G. and Bertha C. Firmin. Lee Martin

Sunday, Nov. 22 8:00 a.m. Youle and Therese Fontenot. Martin J. StAmand. Carol Pitre. Burke and Frances Reed. Angela Aymond. Paul Sylvain Fontenot. Ann Nhiem Pham

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith. Dr. Sidney and Alice Rozas and Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu. Oscar, Agnes and Dr. Robert Lee Roy. Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe. Evie B. Soileau. Helena Lacombe

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

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	\$5,384.27
Maintenance and Repair	\$747.00
Bishops' Service Appeal	\$1,029.45



Thank you for your generosity!

Second Collection Week of November 22, 2009 Opelousas Catholic Foundation

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!

WE ARE IN NEED OF---

TYPISTS---you do not have to be a speed typist! you may peck away one finger at a time! this is not for letters ; documents , etc.

We are **TRYING** to index our record books. We **NEED** a " typist list" from which we can call when needed. If you are willing to help, please call the office to tell us what day and time is the best for you and your time frame... Eg. 1 hour in the afternoon on Wednesday. Thanking you in advance. **The Office Staff**

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 Debailion, 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 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, Scott Vidrine, Llane 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 that progress reports will be posted to Edline on Tuesday; and the next session of "Parent to Parent" will be held on Tuesday evening from 6pm to 7pm on Tuesday evening in the school cafeteria. Please attend and bring a friend.

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 15	10:00am	CDA Group Mass
Monday, Nov. 16	10:30am	Fr. Lafleur Comm. Meeting
	5:30pm	Choir Practice
	6:00pm	Religious Ed.
	6:15pm	Rosary @ Monument
Tuesday, Nov. 17	6:30pm	RCIA
Wed., Nov. 18	5:00pm	Parish Visitors Meeting
Friday, Nov. 20	8:40am	OC All School. Mass
Sunday, Nov.22	7:00pm	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service @ United Methodist Church—15 E. Bellevue

Attention Knights and their Ladies

On Nov. 24, the Knights of Columbus of Louisiana will participate in a North American effort paying special tribute to Our Lady of Guadalupe through the Silver Rose Program. The Silver Rose will arrive in Opelousas and be displayed at St. Landry Catholic Church. The prayer service will begin at 7:00pm. The public is invited to take part in the procession. All 4th Degree members are encouraged to dress out for the procession. If there are any questions, please contact Deacon John Miller, Grand Knight 1173 at 942-2911.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH.....All Veterans
CHAPEL.....World Peace

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group VII.....Gwen Fruge, Week of Nov. 21, 2009
Group I.....Alverda Deshotels, Week of Nov. 28, 2009