



**YEAR FOR PRIESTS**

*Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests*

**Thanksgiving Appreciations by Msgr. Romero**

As we celebrate Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, I offer some reasons for thanks and appreciation this year:

I am thankful for the Parish Mission we had on March 23-24-25, 2009. It was conducted by Father Mark Thibodeaux, S.J. The Theme of the Mission was 'Cloister' (one's intimate relationship with God), 'Community' (one's relationship with loved ones), and 'Hospitality' (one's relationship with the stranger). It was a powerful experience.

I am grateful for the updated church website at www.stlandrycatholicchurch.org. Mr. Andrew Guidroz II is our web Coordinator for this site. He puts a lot of time to maintain the site. It is a good church presence on the internet. We have a website that has a blog, twitter, face book, video, weekly bulletin, weekly homily and more.

I am also appreciative of the update at Opelousas Catholic School's physical plant. This work is the result of 5 years of planning. We were able to update the classrooms during the summer so that with school beginning in August 2009 all classrooms were not only habitable but also functional. This update is not 100% improvement, but 1,000% improvement. We are still working on the rest of the project and should be completed soon. I cannot thank the public enough for your gracious support of this project.

This year's Ministry Fair has given us more parishioners involved in our church ministries. It is a great testament to our parishioners' love of God and Church. We even were able to grow our ministries, as a group of parishioners is forming a Church Parish Outreach/Parish Visitors Committee. I appreciate our maturity in church involvement.

The Cemetery Tours this year was an excellent way to remember those in our city who did community service. We as a community should appreciate these wonderful people. They are Mr. J. B. Sandoz, Sr. Mary Bernadette Beyer, Mrs. Cornelius Segar, Judge Arthur Simon, Mr. Charles Thibodeaux, Father Hyland, Miss Jannis Marie Ballard, Monsignor A. B. Colliard, and Father Verbis Lafleur. I thank all who made the Cemetery Tours such a success.

On the last day of October, St. Landry Court of the Catholic Daughters of America celebrated their 100th Anniversary. I enjoyed hearing their history. They were first named the Daughters of Isabella. They do great work. I thank God they are in our midst.

In April of 1912, the Daughters of Isabella gave St. Landry Church our Church Bell. The bell was not working as some electric parts were struck by lightning. By the grace of God, we were able to do repairs so that the bell could ring on the 100th Anniversary of the St. Landry Court. [Currently the bell is working, but we hope to get more use from it in the near future. Right now, we are testing the parts to make sure it will work without any problems. In a few weeks, we hope to have it ring on the hour beginning at 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.]. It is good to have a working church bell. It makes church feel more like church.

The visit of the Relic of St. Mary Magdalene was a surprise. WOW! What an impact St. Mary Magdalene made on us. The spiritual attachment we all have to her and her attachment to us is comforting. Let us appreciate a deeper love and discipleship of Jesus in us. The many people who came to St. Landry Church to visit the relic were terrific. It is good to see so many people growing in a deeper relationship to Christ by way of the Communion of Saints. I am most grateful to have witnessed this and give thanks to God.

The Church International Dinner on November 8 was both enjoyable and restful. It was good to be with parishioners and enjoy a good meal. We had around 35 participants. The variety of food and the abundance of food made it look like a food fest. It is a good way to bring us together as parishioners who attend different masses. This helps us know one another. The whole experience was gratifying.

Lastly, [on a personal note] I am grateful for the canonization of St. Damien the Leper on October 11, 2009. St. Damien is buried in the National Shrine of St. Joseph, Louvain, Belgium. He is buried in the crypt of the church. It was in this church I was ordained a deacon on May 1, 1974, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. I was a student at the American College in Louvain. I would at times stop by to visit Fr. Damien's tomb. As he served in Hawaii, our 50th state, he is not only a Belgian Saint but also an American Saint. In this Year of Priests, may all priests and future priests appreciate the gift of their priesthood and be as effective in their ministry as Fr. Damien.

**READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING**

**Week of Nov. 22, 2009**

**Reading I Daniel 7:13-14**  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion.

**Psalm 93** "The Lord is King, He is robed in majesty".

**Reading II Revelation 1:5-8**  
The Lord God is the Alpha and the Omega.

**Gospel John 18:33b-37**  
Are you the King of the Jews?

**THEME:**

**Jesus reigns over us in truth**

Let us listen to words that define for us what true kingship is. The Lord Jesus roots his kingly ministry squarely in the truth that comes only from God. As this liturgical year draws to a close, let our hearts once again be open to hearing the truth spoken by Christ the King, whose dominion lasts forever.

**Questions of the week**

**Question for Children:**  
Is it difficult or easy for you to tell the truth?  
How does Jesus help you?

**Question for Youth:**  
Today we celebrate Christ the King. How much do you let Jesus' truth rule your life?  
How difficult is it for you to follow Jesus?

**Question for Adults:**  
What is the truth for you? How do you live the truth everyday?

**Come Home for Christmas**

As Advent approaches, we celebrate the coming of Jesus. During this particular season of the Liturgical Year, we are reminded of our family and friends who have drifted away from the church.

Once again, the Diocese of Lafayette will be sponsoring their annual "Come Home for Christmas Program". We want our brothers and sisters to return home to be with their spiritual family.

Every active Catholic is encouraged to invite someone to accompany them to Mass on Christmas Day. Offer to pick them up and bring them with you. Please pray for the success of this outreach.

We also encourage you to participate in your parish program by submitting to the Rectory the name of a special friend or family member that you would like to invite to Come Home for Christmas. Please submit the names and addresses by December 11th.

**MEMORIAL GIFT**

A monetary gift was received from the St. Landry Altar Society for the St. Landry Church Maintenance Fund. This gift is in memory of Mrs. Ruby Romero, mother of Msgr. Romero.

**ALTAR SOCIETY**

**Group I**.....Alverda Deshotels, Week of Nov. 28, 2009

**Group II**.....Pap Roy, Week of Dec. 5, 2009

**MASS INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE WEEK**

**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, John H. Kewley (DA)

**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

**Monday, Nov. 23** ..... 12:10 pm Vern Guidroz (BD), Bobbie and Frankie Mouton (WA)

**Tuesday, Nov. 24** ..... NO MASS

**Wednesday, Nov. 25** ..... 12:10 p.m. Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward, and Allen Jr.

**Thursday, Nov. 26** ..... 8:00 a.m. **In Church** Paul Sylvain Fontenot, Louise Lagrange, Jerry Chauvin (DA), Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Francis J. Bertrand Sr., M/M Roy Whaley Sr., Verlie Savoy (DA), Mary Joubert (BD) and family, Hilary Dupre and Carolyn Arnaud

**Friday, Nov. 27** ..... NO MASS OFFICE CLOSED

**Saturday, Nov. 28** ..... 4:00 p.m. Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Terry Dupre (DA), Velma & Patsy Gail Boss, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Jeanette Lalonde, Martin and Angela Cosgrove, Verlie Savoy (DA), Lee Martin, Francis J. Bertrand Sr.

**Sunday, Nov. 29** ..... 8:00 a.m. Youle and Therese Fontenot, Martin J. StAmand, Carol Pitre, Eugene Hebert (DA), Burke and Frances Reed, Paul Sylvain Fontenot, Ann Nhiem Pham, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Sarah Joubert (BD), Gertrude A. Marks (DA)

**10:00 a.m.** ..... Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas and Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, 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, T.C., Eleanor and Atwood Quirk, Ena & Ernest McKinney

**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 .....	\$3,692.23
Human Development Collection .....	\$705.90
Maintenance and Repair .....	\$96.00
Bishops' Service Appeal .....	\$65.00
Christmas Flowers .....	\$1.00



*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Second Collection**  
**Week of November 29, 2009**  
**Christmas Flowers**

**DOLL & TOY FUND**

This year the Catholic Daughters are again sponsoring the Doll & Toy Fund for Christmas.

Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation please send a check or money order payable to DOLL & TOY FUND % Janis Courvelle, 1826 Edwards St., Opelousas, LA 70570.

We welcome NEW toys, which may be brought to Valentin Hall during office hours.

For more information, call 789-0971.

**WHAT?** An Advent Journey  
**WHEN?** Saturday, December 5  
**TIME?** 8:30am – 2:30pm  
**WHERE?** Our Lady of Mercy Church Hall  
**COST?** \$10.00  
**DEADLINE TO REGISTER:** 25 Nov. 2009  
**PRESENTER:** Robin Hebert  
**MORE INFO?** Call Debbie Fay @ 594-8198  
**SPONSORED BY:** The Catholic Daughters of America

**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 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, Francine Sibille Gardner, Gerald Kidder, Grace Kidder, Dana Klimavice, Joyce LaCasseAline 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, Jefferoy 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 Russell, 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, 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**

**OC CORNER**

Congratulations to the 23 seventh grade students who qualified for the Duke University Talent Search due to their exceptional achievement test scores: Camille Arceneaux, Ashton Barron, Alison Carrier, Mitchell Dupre, Lindy Fortier, Kaleb Gautreaux, Adrianna Francois, Elizabeth Hollier, Evan Ledoux, Brittany Lognion, Mia Manzanares, Jacob Moreau, Molly Pipes, Stephen Quebedeaux, Olivia Sebastien, Alyse Soileau, O.D. Tomlinson, Toni Torres, Tommy Trieu, Caleb Vidrine, Morgan Vidrine, Maggie Whipp, and Cade Wyble.  
Happy Thanksgiving to all family and friends of the community!

**REMINDERS OF THE WEEK**

**Sunday, Nov.22** 7:00pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service @ United Methodist Church—515 E. Bellevue  
**Tuesday, Nov.24** 7:00pm KC Prayer Service of Silver Rose  
**Thursday, Nov.26** 8:00am Thanksgiving Mass In Church Collection for ICON  
**Thursday & Friday** OFFICE CLOSED

**THE COLLECTION TODAY IS FOR ICON FOOD BANK**

**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. If there are any questions, please contact Deacon John Miller, Grand Knight 1173 at 942-2911.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

CHURCH .....Verlie Savoy  
CHAPEL.....Thanksgiving for Blessings

