



YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests

One enters the priesthood through the Sacrament, and this means precisely: through the gift of oneself to Christ, so that he can make use of me, so that I may serve him and follow his call, even if it proves contrary to my desire for self-fulfillment and esteem.

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

ADVENT

Advent is a time of waiting and hoping, of renewing our trust in God's merciful love and care, and of reflecting on the several comings (advents) of Christ in our lives. Besides his first coming at his birth we are asked to reflect on Christ's coming as the risen Lord at Easter, in the sacraments (especially the Eucharist), in our everyday lives, at the moment of death, (the third coming/middle coming) and at the end of human history (the second coming).

The Church invites us to join a pilgrimage of faith by showing us a prophetic vision of Christ's first coming through the prophecy of Jeremiah, his glorious Second Coming through the gospel selection from Luke, and his daily coming into our lives here and now through the second reading (third coming).

She also reminds us that these are days of "joyful and prayerful anticipation of Jesus' coming" because the Advent Season is intended to fill us with great expectations of the comings of the Messiah just as parents expectantly wait for the birth of their child, and make preparations for receiving the child into their family. We know that all valuable things in life – a healthy child, a loving marriage relationship, a work of art, a scientific discovery – need a period of quiet incubation.

To help us keep alive the freshness of Advent, we offer An Advent Examination (Edward Hays, A Pilgrim's Almanac, p. 196): "Advent is the perfect time to clear and prepare the Way. By reflection and prayer, by reading and meditation, we can make our hearts a place where a blessing of peace would desire to abide and where the birth of the Prince of Peace might take place. Daily we can make an Advent Examination. Are there any feelings of discrimination toward race, sex, or religion? Is there a lingering resentment, an unforgiving injury living in our hearts? Do we look down upon others of lesser social standing or educational achievement? Are we generous with the gifts that have been given to us, seeing ourselves as their stewards and not their owners? Are we reverent of others, their ideas and needs, and of creation? These and other questions become Advent lights by which we may search the deep, dark corners of our hearts.

May this Advent season be a time for bringing hope, transformation, and fulfillment into the Advent of our lives."

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of Nov. 29, 2009

Reading I **Jeremiah 33:14-16**
I will raise up for David a just shoot.

Psalm 25 "To you, O Lord, I lift my soul."

Reading II **1 Thessalonians 3:12--4:2**
May the Lord make you abound in love.

Gospel **Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**
Be vigilant at all times.

THEME:

Be on guard!

In today's Gospel, the Lord Jesus warns us not to let our hearts become drowsy. Instead, we are summoned to be ready for the coming of the Lord. That stance of readiness is described by Saint Paul today in the letter to the Thessalonians, where we are told to increase and abound in love for one another. As we listen to these inspiring words, let us pray that we will be ready for the coming of the Lord.

Questions of the week

Question for Children:

What helps you to grow in your faith?
Who helps you?

Question for Youth:

Advent is the Church season when we prepare for Christ's birth at Christmas.

What is one thing you can do to prepare yourself spiritually for Christmas?

Question for Adults:

Paul exhorts us to "make greater progress" in our spiritual lives.

What one-step could you take to make greater progress in your own life?

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.

RCIA

Tuesday at 6:30pm, the adult religion class will be discussing the Mass in detail and where, in scripture, some of the prayers are found.

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

Adult Advent Mission

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ville Platte is hosting Fr. Simeon Gallagher, OFM as presenter of a 4-day mission focusing on Scripture.

The mission will be held Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2, 3 from 6:00pm—7:30pm at the church.

ALTAR SOCIETY

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

Group III.....Irene Soileau, Week of Dec. 12, 2009

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Nov. 284:00 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. 298:00 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

Monday, Nov. 3012:10 pm Ruby Romero (BD), Lane Williams (BD)

Tuesday, Dec. 1NO MASS

Wednesday, Dec. 212:10 p.m. Lillian Richard

Thursday, Dec. 312:10 a.m. Wayne Bergeron

Friday, Dec. 412:10 p.m. Jackie Benoit (BD)

Saturday, Dec. 54:00 p.m. Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, M/M Robert Going Sr., Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, James E. Martin, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Jeanette Lalonde, Martin and Angela Cosgrove, Lee Martin, Francis J. Bertrand Sr.

Sunday, Dec. 68:00 a.m. Howard and Mable Richard, Youle and Therese Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, Alton, Elizabeth and Louis Vernon Joubert, Carol Pitre, M/M Pierre Hebert, Paul Sylvain Fontenot, Angela Aymond, Ezra (BD) & Velma Martin and Denise Hull (BD), Irl White

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard, and Marian Smith, Allen Richard, Bobbie & Julie Mouton, Ronnie & Steve Ardoin and the Rider family, Nestor and Etha Joubert, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas and Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Vera Boyd, Ernie and Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly, Mickey and Joyce Hollier, 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

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\$4,694.51
Opelousas Catholic Foundation\$501.03

Every Gift Comes From Above.



Thank you for your generosity!

Second Collection
Week of December 6, 2009
St. Landry Church Maintenance Fund

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 Courville, 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
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 Londero, 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 Roussel, 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

Parents are reminded about the next "Parent to Parent" session this Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 7:00pm in the OC Cafeteria. The topic surrounds expectations for your children and will be facilitated by Kathryn Jarrell. Please attend, and bring a friend!

Congratulations to the OC Vikings varsity football team for winning the District Championship and to the Junior High football teams! The sixth grade team won ACSAA 2009 Championship, while the 7th and 8th grade team was ACSAA runner up!

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 29 2:00pm Shoppe de Noel
Monday, Nov. 30 5:30pm Choir Practice
6:00pm Rel. Ed
6:15pm Rosary @ Monument
Tuesday, Dec. 1 6:30pm RCIA
Wednesday, Dec 2 6:30pm Pre-Baptism Class
Friday, Dec. 4 7:00am First Friday Adoration Begins
8:40am OC All School Mass
Saturday, Dec. 5 8:00am First Saturday Mass
7:00pm Altar Society Christmas Social

A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Opelousas Community Choir presents
A Christmas Celebration
including traditional sacred, and popular Christmas music

Four performance dates:
Dec. 4th & 5th @ 7:00pm and Dec. 6th @ 3:00pm
Above performances at Opelousas High School
Saturday, December 12th @ 7:00pm
St. John's Episcopal Church
Washington, La.

Free Admission-----Donations Accepted

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCHVerlie Savoy
CHAPELA prayerful anticipation of Christmas

