



YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests

CHRISTMAS NOVENA PRAYER

From the Monastery of Mary, Mother of Grace

Father, in Baptism we have been freed from sin and reborn as your children. Through Mary, may this Christmas celebration renew in us the graces of our Baptism and make us more like Jesus, your Son and hers.

In Confirmation, you anointed us with your Holy Spirit. Through Mary, may this Christmas celebration root all your people in the grace of their Confirmation and make them courageous in living their faith.

In the Holy Eucharist, you give us the body and blood of Jesus, the eternal High Priest, whom Mary conceived and brought forth. Through her, may this Christmas celebration deepen our faith and increase our love for Jesus, truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

In Penance, you forgive our sins and restore Jesus' life in our souls. Through Mary may this Christmas celebration make us more receptive to the power of this sacrament and more forgiving toward others.

In Matrimony, you sanctify the union of man and woman. Through Mary may this Christmas celebration enable husbands and wives, parents and children to love one another deeply and to support one another in trials and difficulties.

In Holy Orders, you consecrate to the Priesthood of your Son the men you have chosen. Through Mary may this Christmas celebration conform all priests more fully to Jesus, the great High Priest.

In the Sacrament of the Sick, you give peace and courage to the ill and the elderly. Through Mary, may this Christmas celebration bring healing and comfort of soul and body to the sick, the suffering, the troubled, and tempted. AMEN

Start the prayer on the 17th for a 9-day novena to end on Christmas Day.

**The Advent 2009 Penance Services
North Region, Diocese of Lafayette**

The Catholic Priests of the North Region/Diocese of Lafayette invite all Catholics to come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent. Let us listen to St. Luke as he quotes from the Prophet Isaiah (Luke 3:1-6, Gospel reading of 2nd Sunday of Advent, Cycle C): "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths". In Advent we prepare for the Lord's Coming. We invite all Catholics to let the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) help us identify our sins, be sorry for our sins, confess our sins. Let us get our life ready to meet Jesus.

Church: St. Leo the Great (Leonville) **Date:** Dec. 16th (Wednesday) **Time:** 7:00 p.m.

Parish Mission: St. Leo The Great Church Dec. 14th-16th (Monday-Wednesday) **Time:** 6:00 p.m.
Presenter: Fr. Greg Cormier

Church: St. Anthony of Padua (Eunice) **Date:** Dec. 14th (Monday) **Time:** 6:00 p.m. Tri-Parish Penance Service.

Church: St. Ann (Mallet) **Date:** Dec. 18th (Friday) **Time:** 7:00 pm
Parish Mission: St. Ann (Mallet) **Dates:** Dec. 17th & 18th (Thursday & Friday) **Time:** 6:00 p.m.

Church: Our Lady Queen of Angels Church (Opelousas) **Date:** Dec. 21st (Monday) **Time:** 6:30 p.m. City-wide Penance Service

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of Dec. 13, 2009

- Reading I** **Zephaniah 3: 14-18a**
The Lord will sing joyfully because of you.
- Isaiah 12** "Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel."
- Reading II** **Philippians 4: 4-7**
Rejoice in the Lord always, for the Lord is near.
- Gospel** **Luke 3:10-18**
They all asked whether John might be the Christ.

THEME:

John baptized with water, but the Messiah will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Today John the Baptist reminds his followers that the nearness of the Lord should be marked by a sharing of food and clothing with the poor. This kind of behavior characterizes those who wait in joyful hope for the coming of the Lord. This is true joy: helping those who are most in need. Let today's holy word inspire us to be a people filled with Christian joy.

Questions of the week

- Question for Children:**
Why is it so important to keep promises which you have made?
- Question for Youth:**
What do you remember from stories about your Baptism?
What does your Baptism mean to you now?
- Question for Adults:**
How can you live the promise of your Baptism each day?

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY
MASS SCHEDULE**

CHILDREN'S MASS and Vigil Mass

4:00 PM Thursday, Christmas Eve

Instructions for children bringing gifts:

Please process in **before Mass with Msgr. Romero.**

Be at the inside entrance of the church at least 5 minutes before Mass to line up to come into church.

Please bring a new, unwrapped gift for a child.

As you come into the altar area, bow before the altar and place your gift as directed.
Then go to the pew to be with your family.

Christmas Vigil Mass

6:00 PM Thursday

Christmas Day

9:00 AM Friday

Only Mass on Christmas Day.

New Year's Day Masses/ Mary, Mother of God

December 31, 2009, Thursday

Anticipated Mass at 4:00 PM

January 1, 2010 Friday

Mass at 9:00 AM

Only Mass on New Year's Day.

RCIA

Tuesday at 6:30pm, the adult religion class will be discussing Confession and why we confess to a priest: how to make a good Confession and what is contrition.
For more information, contact Deacon Miller at 942-2911.

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

- Saturday, Dec. 12** 4:00 p.m. Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Jeanette Lalonde, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Lee Martin, Francis J. Bertrand Sr.
- Sunday, Dec. 13** 8:00 a.m. Youle and Therese Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, Carol Pitre, Paul Sylvain Fontenot
- 10:00 a.m.** Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Maius, Myra and Chester Rozas, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas and Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Louise Lagrange, Lee & Abbie (BD) Babineaux, 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
- Monday, Dec. 14** 12:10 pm Martin (DA) and Angela (DA) Cosgrove
- Tuesday, Dec. 15** NO MASS
- Wednesday, Dec. 16** 12:10 p.m. World peace and all military personnel
- Thursday, Dec. 17** 12:10 a.m. Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward, and Allen Jr.
- Friday, Dec. 18** 12:10 p.m. Most Blessed Advent Season
- Saturday, Dec. 19** 4:00 p.m. Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Ervin & Marcylee Thibodeaux, Louis & Regina Burleigh, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Armance & Eugene Hebert, James E. Martin, Jeanette Lalonde, Martin and Angela Cosgrove, Lee Martin, Francis J. Bertrand Sr.
- Sunday, Dec. 20** 8:00 a.m. Youle and Therese Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, Carol Pitre, Paul Sylvain Fontenot, Angela Aymond, Lawrence Marks
- 10:00 a.m.** Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Sam and Helen BD) Guillory, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas and Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Helena Lacombe, 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**

Every Gift Comes From Above.

- Regular Offertory Collection\$4,724.79
St. Landry Parish Maintenance\$1,846.24
Flowers for Christmas.....\$124.00



Thank you for your generosity!

Second Collection

**Week of December 20, 2009
Retired Religious 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.

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

- Monday, Dec. 14** 5:30pm Choir Practice
6:15pm Rosary @ Monument
- Tuesday, Dec. 15** 6:30pm RCIA
- Friday, Dec. 18** 8:40am OC High School Reconciliation

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to the Board of American Bank for providing our Church calendars for so many years and continue to do so. Please say "Thank You" to them when you meet up with them.

Also, from the Knights of Columbus Council #1173, a special thanks to Dr. Richard Harmon for allowing them to use a snow scene of the church from his book, "St. Landry Catholic Church—100 Years. The color picture will be our cover for the 4 Sundays of Advent.

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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 Hoffpaur, 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 Lanolos, 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 Rousell, 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

NOTICE

All names on the Prayer Intention List will be removed on the weekend of January 3rd, due to the list being exceedingly long. People forget to call to remove names once they are well or are no longer with us. We will begin accepting names again starting Jan. 6, please call us to put a name on the 2010 list. Due to space, the list will be listed alphabetically on different weekends.

OC CORNER

Parents are reminded about the "Parent to Parent" session on Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm and about early dismissal on Wednesday at 1:30 pm to accommodate a faculty meeting.

Family and friends are asked to continue collecting the UPC labels from Community Coffee and Campbell's products along with General Mills box tops and Tyson Project A+ labels. Please forward these to the O.C. Development Office to help Catholic Education.

Annual Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Celebration

The Office of Family Life Ministry is again sponsoring the Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Celebration to honor couples who have been married 25, 40, 50, 60, or more years.

Due to the large number of participants this past year, we have decided to host TWO separate Marriage Anniversary Celebrations.

The first celebration will recognize those married for 50, 60, or more years. These couples will be honored on 7 February 2010, 2:00pm at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Abbeville, La.

Couples who wish to be honored must register no later than Dec. 18, 2009. Registration forms are available in the office at Valentin Hall...

For more information, please call 261-5653.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCHVerlie Savoy
CHAPELSuccess of Parish Visitation Ministry

ALTAR SOCIETY

- Group IV**Sarah Wagley, Week of Dec. 19, 2009
Group VBetty Leleux, Week of Dec. 26, 2009