



**YEAR FOR PRIESTS**

*Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests*

**Christmas Blessings**

**May Mary who brought forth Jesus that first Christmas through her motherhood of grace draw you ever closer to her Son, our Savior and great High Priest, that He may give you peace, grace and salvation in abundance this Christmas and throughout the New Year.**

*[Adapted from a Christmas card from the Carmelite Nuns, Lafayette, Louisiana]*

**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 where you will be shown. Now 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 of New Year's Day.

**EXERCISE DAILY—WALK WITH THE LORD**

**READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING**  
Week of Dec. 20, 2009

- Reading I Micah 5:1-4a**  
From Bethlehem shall come the ruler of Israel.
- Psalm 80** "Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved."
- Reading II Hebrews 10:5-10**  
Behold, I come to do your will.
- Gospel Luke 1:39-45**  
Mary visits her kinswoman Elizabeth

**THEME:**

**Jesus is identified as Lord before He is born**

The first reading and Gospel tell stories of a place and a person: Bethlehem and Mary. Bethlehem was such a tiny place that it was not even counted among the clans of Judah. Mary was a young Jewish woman living what many would consider an insignificant life. Yet Bethlehem is the place where the Son of God was to be born. And Mary carried that Son within her womb. These readings speak to each of us. When we may feel unimportant or insignificant, we may be surprised by what God has in store for us.

**Questions of the week**

- Question for Children:**  
How does the Blessed Virgin Mary help you to follow Jesus?
- Question for Youth:**  
When have you experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit?
- Question for Adults:**  
What role does Mary play in your own spirituality?  
If you were Elizabeth, how would you greet her at your doorway, if she were to arrive there?

**The Advent 2009 Penance Services**  
**North Region, Diocese of Lafayette**  
**Citywide Penance Service**  
**Church:** Our Lady Queen of Angels in Opelousas  
**Date:** Monday, December 21st  
**Time:** 6:30pm

**Memorial Donation**

A monetary gift has been made to St. Landry Church in memory of:

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1) Mrs. Ruby Romero    | 2) Mrs. Jackie Benoit   |
| 3) Mr. Donald Chachere | 4) Mrs. Bonnie Kerr Amy |
| 5) Mr. Jimmy Bienvenu  | 6) Mr. Harold Fontenot  |
| 7) Mr. Larry Martinez  |                         |

**MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT**  
**Begins:** Friday, January 8 at 7:00pm  
**Ends:** Sunday, January 10 at 3:00pm  
**Place:** Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center  
420 Main St., St. Martinville, La.  
**More Info:** Cheryl Moss @ 337-254-8158

**Thoughtful Statements**  
Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.  
God does not call the qualified  
He qualifies the called.  
God grades on the cross, not the curve.

**ALTAR SOCIETY**  
**Group V** .....Betty Leleux, Week of Dec. 26, 2009  
**Group VII** .....Norma Hargroder, Week of Jan. 02, 2010

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**  
**CHURCH** .....St. Landry Church Parishioners  
**CHAPEL** .....Healing of ill parishioners

**MASS INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, Dec. 19** ..... 4:00 p.m. Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Ervin & Marcylee Thibodeaux, Louis & Regina Burleigh, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Armanac & Eugene Hebert, James E. Martin, Jeanette Lalonde, Martin and Angela Cosgrove, Lee Martin, Francis J. Bertrand Sr., Special Intention

**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

**Monday, Dec. 21** ..... 12:10 pm Lee (DA), Vivian and Kristie Artigue

**Tuesday, Dec. 22** ..... NO MASS

**Wednesday, Dec. 23** ..... 12:10 p.m. Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr.

**Thursday, Dec. 24** ..... 4:00 p.m. Daniel Lagrange Sr., Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Eugene, Genie and Jonie Hebert, T.C., Eleanor and Atwood Quirk, Ena and Ernest McKinney, Bertha & Marise Martin and Liz Puckett, Louise Lagrange, Sol and Kate Reed, M/M Roy Whaley Sr., Agnes and Adam Mallet, John H. Kewley, Francis Wilson Jr.

**6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve** Allen Richard, Gilbert Hidalgo and Leonce Richard Families, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas and Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Ernie and Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly, Mickey and Joyce Hollier, James G. and Bertha C. Firmin, Raymus, Mary & Beedy Herpin and Geraldine Herpin, Claiborne Ryder, Hoffman family, Armand and Jeanne Bellard and family, James Palmer

**Friday, Dec. 25** .. Christmas Day 9:00 a.m. M/M John FaKouri, John Jr., and Jacob, Youle and Therese Fontenot, Ernest and Basilee Fontenot and family, Louis and Emma Brown and family, Martin J. StAmand, Mrs. Leroy (Gail) Marks, James E. Martin, Cleve, Inez and Darrell Mott, Jackie Benoit, Paul Sylvain Fontenot, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Agnes and Pat Doucet, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Francis J. Bertrand Sr., M/M Roy Whaley Sr., Bobbie & Julie Mouton, Ronnie & Steve Ardoin and the Rider family, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Irl White, Kossuth Doucet family, Conrad O. Martin family, Hilary Dupre and Carolyn Arnaud, The Billeaudeau and Doucet families, Anthony Lavergne, M/M Ellis Breaux, Ulysses Breaux, Mazie B. Guidry, M/M Eugene Lavergne, Ruby Romero, Anna Lee Bourque, Carrie D. Fontenot, Mayance Dupre, Eula & Clayton Soileau, Joseph A. & Armina Fontenot and family, Joseph and Tally Deville

**Saturday, Dec. 26** ..... 4:00 p.m. Velma & Patsy Gail Boss, Jeanette Lalonde, Martin and Angela Cosgrove, Lee Martin, Francis J. Bertrand Sr.

**Sunday, Dec. 27** ..... 8:00 a.m. Youle and Therese Fontenot, Martin J. St.Amand, Carol Pitre, Paul Sylvain Fontenot, M/M Ezra Martin, Denise Hull

**10:00 a.m.** ..... Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Dully and Oliver Fruge, 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

**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 .....	\$8,172.77
St. Landry Parish Maintenance .....	\$24.00
Bishops' Services Appeal .....	\$826.00
Immaculate Conception .....	\$712.37
Religious Retirement .....	\$1.00
Opelousas Catholic School .....	\$1.00

*Every Gift Comes From Above.*

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Second Collection**  
**Week of December 27, 2009**  
**Opelousas Catholic Foundation Fund**

**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, 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, Allison Fontenot, 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, 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 Roussell, Rose Ryder, Marie Saucier, Harold Savoy, Mary Jane Scherer, Anna Belle Soileau, Clarence Soileau, Elaine Soileau, Grace 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**  
Congratulations to Aryanna Prasad, OC sophomore, who won the St. Landry Parish American Legion Oratorical Contest and will compete at the district level in February. OC is also proud of fourth grader Faith Mayfield who recently played the role of an angel in Lafayette Ballet's, "The Nutcracker". Cheers for the varsity cheerleaders who received third place in the LHSAA State Cheer Championship!  
From the Opelousas Catholic School family to yours.....MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**Reminders for the week**

<b>Monday, Dec. 21</b>	5:30pm	Choir Practice
	6:15pm	Rosary @ Monument
<b>Wednesday, Dec.23</b>		Altar Society Put Flowers Out in Church
<b>Thursday, Dec. 24</b>	4:00pm	Children's Mass
	6:00pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
<b>Friday, Dec. 25</b>	9:00am	Christmas Mass
		NO EVENING MASS