



YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests

**“In His Hands”
by B.J.Hoff**

Expresses what this season really means.

The Hands that made the world, gave the sun, and moon their light are the tiny Hands of a baby born one cold December night....

The Hands that stilled the wind and tamed the fury of the sea are the calloused Hands of a carpenter who lived in poverty...

The Hands that held the power to break the binding chains of sin are the gentle Hands that washed the feet of tired and dusty men.....

The Hands that cleansed the leper, healed the blind and raised the dead are the praying Hands of one who cried, “Not My will, but Thine instead...”

The Hands that shaped the universe and flung the stars in space are the nail-pierced Hands of a dying man who suffered in our place...

The Hands of our Creator, Lord and King of Heaven above, are the Savior’s Hands, forever reaching out to us with love

**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.**

Around the Diocese

December’s Charismatic “Sunday Vigil” Mass—

Saturday, December 26, 7:00p.m. What a great time to give praise to the Lord in celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus! Celebrant and homilist will be Fr. Hampton Davis. Call CCR office for more information at 265-3773 Monday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoon.

Holy Spirit Women’s Retreat with Kimberly Hahn

Kimberly Hahn, well-known around the world as a spiritual writer and teacher, will be the featured speaker, at the retreat held at the Hilton Hotel in Lafayette, January 22-24, 2010.

This year’s theme is “Daughters of the King: Chosen and Cherished”.

Kimberly will be joined by Fr. Hampton Davis of Lafayette, Sheila Butler and Patti Mansfield of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans.

Kimberly is the wife of Dr. Scott Hahn and together they have authored a best-selling book entitled **Rome, Sweet Rome** which details their conversion to the Catholic faith.

Prices and registration online at www.ccrno.org or call 1-504-828-1368.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of Dec. 27, 2009

Reading I 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
Samuel is dedicated to the Lord.

Psalm 84 “Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.”

Reading II 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
We are God’s children now.

Gospel Luke 2:41-52
Mary and Joseph find Jesus teaching in the temple.

THEME:

Jesus established his obedience to, and relationship with, God the Father

Like Samuel, son of Hannah, we have been dedicated to the Lord and have become God’s beloved children. The Letter of John tells God’s children just how to act: we must love one another as we have been commanded. Let us pray that the word of God proclaimed this day will inspire us to reach out in love to all of God’s family members who seek comfort and assurance in time of need.

Questions of the week

Question for Children:

Why is it important to obey our parents?
Why is it important to obey God?

Question for Youth:

Jesus was obedient to his parents, even though he was the Son of God. Why is obedience so important?
Is it something you struggle with?

Question for Adults:

How are you, too, called to our Father’s house?

Seminarians vs. Priests

(Slammin’ Sems vs. Runnin’ Revs)

BASKETBALL GAME

December 30, 2009
6:00pm to 10:00pm

St. Thomas More High School Gym

\$5.00 Adults \$1.00 Children

Jambalaya, Boudin, Snacks for Sale
Silent Auction

TIDBIT

“FAITH is the first factor in a life devoted to service. Without it, nothing is possible. With it, nothing is impossible.”
Mary McLeod Bethune

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

MOVING? NEW PHONE NUMBER?

Please notify the church office at 942-6552. THANKS!

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group VI.....Norma Hargroder, Week of Jan. 02, 2010

Group VII.....Gwen Fruge, Week of Jan. 09, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

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

Sunday, Dec. 27 8:00 a.m. Youle & Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. StAmand, Carol Pitre, Paul Sylvain Fontenot, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Dully and Oliver Fruge, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas and Dr. Dudley & Patsy 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

Monday, Dec. 28 12:10 pm Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr.

Tuesday, Dec. 29 **NO MASS**

Wednesday, Dec. 30 12:10 p.m. Ernie & Lilly Ann (WA) and Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly, Mickey and Joyce Hollier

Thursday, Dec. 31 4:00 p.m. New Year’s Eve, M/M Roy Whaley, James Palmer

Friday, Jan. 1 9:00 a.m. Verlie Savoy, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Irl White, Hilary Dupre and Carolyn Arnaud, Mayance Dupre, Edna & Jules Gaspard and Marilyn DeCuir, Harry and Frank Dubord, Mickey Sibille

Saturday, Jan. 2 4:00 p.m. Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Wayne Dupre (DA), Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Jeanette Lalonde, Martin and Angela Cosgrove, Lee Martin, Francis J. Bertrand Sr., Special Intention, Donald St. Amand (BD), Mickey Sibille

Sunday, Jan. 3 8:00 a.m. Howard and Mable Richard, Alton, Elizabeth and Louis Vernon Joubert, Paul Sylvain Fontenot, John Sr., John Jr., and Jacob FaKouri, Angela Aymond, Ruby Romero, Anna Le Bourque, Carrie D. Fontenot, Youle and Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard, and Marian Smith, Vera Boyd, Allen Richard, Evie B. Soileau

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.

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St. Landry Church Maintenance\$92.00
Bishops’ Services Appeal\$15.00

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Above.*



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Second Collection

**Week of January 2, 201009
St. Landry Church Maintenance Fund**

**Welcome into our Catholic Family by the
Sacrament of Baptism**

Hayden Cane Doucet
son of

Damian Paul and Stacey Lynn Fontenot Doucet

Recently Celebrated Marriage Vows

Jillianne Blair Tuttle and Eric Michael Hart

May the love and trust you enjoy, grow evermore in your lives

Memorial Donations for Christmas Flowers

\$40.00 Frank and Vickie Barron
Dallas and Amy Barron
\$20.00 M/M Albert Savoie
\$15.00 Yves Cortez

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 Jagneau, 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 Londero, 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.

Reminders for the week

Monday, Dec. 28 5:30pm Choir Practice
6:15pm Rosary @ Monument

Thursday, Dec. 31 4:00pm New Year Anticipated Mass
OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, Jan 01 9:00am New Years Day Mass

First Friday Adoration Suspended

**NO EVENING MASS
Saturday, Jan 02 No First Saturday Mass**

OC CORNER

As we approach the year 2010, Opelousas Catholic gives thanks for its many blessings in 2009.

This year has brought outstanding renovations to the campus and Promethean interactive boards in every classroom, thanks to the generosity of family and friends who support Catholic education.

May God bless each and every one with a happy, healthy and holy new year!

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCHVerlie Savoy
CHAPELA Blessed and Peace-filled 2010

