



YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests

We celebrate a holy day adorned with three mysteries:

this day a star led the Magi to the manger

this day wine was made from water at the wedding;

this day Christ willed to be baptized in the Jordan by John in order to save us,

alleluia

Text taken from the Magnificat antiphon for II Vespers of the epiphany

Appreciations from Msgr. Romero

First, I thank all who helped with church decorations for both Advent and Christmas.

Second, I also thank many parishioners (too many to mention) for your kind Christmas cards, gifts, and sweets. I think I will need to go on a diet after the Christmas Season is over. I appreciate you and love you.

May God bless you!

Advent was both elegant and simple. Christmas was festive and joyful. They were a job well done. Many thanks.

Parish Outreach

From our last Ministry Fair, a committee was established to visit our church parish. They choose a street and visited all the homes on that street. The committee visits once a month for about two hours. The first visit was on November 28, 2009. This counted for the month of December.

January 9, 2010 will be the next visit. We ask parishioners to please pray for this good work. We are trying to reach out to all people, asking whether we may help with spiritual matters and inviting people to come to St. Landry Catholic Church. We need prayer. I ask all homebound parishioners to pray for those the Outreach Committee meets with, and pray for the committee members as well. I also ask that the Adorers who gather on First Friday lift the outreach ministers in prayer and lift those to whom they visit. This is an effort of the whole body of believers gathered at St. Landry Church.

Msgr. Romero

RCIA

Tuesday at 6:30 pm, the adult religion class will discuss temporal punishment and indulgences, along with the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Orders. For more information contact Deacon John Miller at 942-2911.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING
Week of Jan. 3, 2010

Reading I **Isaiah 60: 1-6**
The glory of the Lord shines on all people.

Psalm 72 “Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.”

Reading II **Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**
The Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.

Gospel **Matthew 2:1-12**
The magi come with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

THEME:

Christ is the light of the world

Even in the darkness of war and terrorism, today’s scriptures shine forth as a beacon of light and peace. As these holy words are proclaimed, let us ask God to shine the light of peace upon lands and people who daily live in fear.

Questions of the week

Question for Children:
Christ is the light of our lives. How does he show you the way to live?

Question for Youth:
As the eyes of your heart become enlightened to Christ and his teachings, how does it change the way you live?

Question for Adults:
As children of God, we are called to be light, just as Christ was. Name one way you let your own light shine.

Forming Good Stewards

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.” Matt. 2:1-12

The Feast of the Epiphany originated in the Eastern Church and is celebrated in the Roman Rite as the Manifestation of the Lord to Astrologers [Magi] from Persia [present day Iran]. The astrologers made the long and difficult journey to Bethlehem to pay homage to a newborn Jewish child.

For us, the Feast of the Epiphany is another opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of the Birth of Christ—God Incarnate—and how He is manifested in our lives. It is an opportunity to ponder:

During Advent and the celebration of Christmas, did we grow in our understanding and appreciation of God present among us?

Did we make an effort equivalent to the Magi to present a gift to the Child Jesus—the gift of our time and a commitment to contribute more of our talents and resources to the mission of the Church through greater involvement in our parish faith community? If not, it is not too late!

Those gifts abound in our lives. Are we willing to share them with others?

Are we willing to manifest Jesus [make Him present] to others?

MOVING? NEW PHONE NUMBER?

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

ALTAR SOCIETY

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

Group I.....Alverda Deshotels, Week of Jan. 16, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

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, Ludy David Latiolais (BD)
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard, and Marian Smith, Vera Boyd, Allen Richard, Evie B. Soileau, ludy David Latiolais (BD), Clement Ned Sr., Barbara Ned
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit, Ludy David Latiolais (BD)
Monday, Jan. 4 **12:10 pm** Ernie and Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly (BD), Mickey and Joyce Hollier
Tuesday, Jan. 5 **NO MASS**
Wednesday, Jan. 6 **12:10 p.m.** Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward, and Allen Jr.
Thursday, Jan. 7 **12:10 p.m.** Ernie and Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly (DA), Mickey and Joyce Hollier
Friday, Jan. 8 **12:10 p.m.** Ethel L. Meaux, Lou Ella S. Lognon, Teddy J. Meaux
Saturday, Jan. 9 **4:00 p.m.** Martin and Angela Cosgrove, Verlie Savoy, Francis J. Bertrand Sr., Jeanette Lalonde, Special Intention
Sunday, Jan. 10 **8:00 a.m.** Paul Sylvain Fontenot, Verlie Savoy (BD), Ezra and Velma (DA) Martin and Denise Hull, Youle and Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St.Amand
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Evie B. Soileau, Verlie Savoy (BD)
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit, Verlie Savoy (BD)

Confessions: Saturdays 3:00-3:45 p.m.
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

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Every Gift Comes From Above.

Regular Offertory Collection\$5,161.44
 Christmas Offerings\$4,853.26
 Opelousas Catholic Foundation Fund\$791.91
 St. Landry Church Maintenance\$11.00



Thank you for your generosity!

Second Collection

Week of January 10, 2010
Bishop's Services Appeal

Reminders for the week

Monday, January 4 5:30pm Choir practice
 6:00pm Confirmation class for all
 6:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 5 6:30pm RCIA
Thursday, January 7 6:30pm Pre-Baptism class
Friday, January 8 8:30am All School Mass
Saturday, January 9 9:00am Parish Visitation

Safe Environment Recertification

As mandated by the U.S. Bishops and our Diocese of Lafayette, an annual recertification is necessary. This is for our employees and volunteers.

The first scheduled recertification will be held at Our Lady Queen of Angels on Monday, January 4th from 3:30pm – 4:30pm and again from 6:00pm – 7:00pm. Also Tuesday, January 5th from 3:30pm – 4:30pm. **This is for recertification only!**

I.C.O.N.S.

ICONS is in need of help with food, time, or money. Call 594-8845 on Mondays and Thursdays to offer help.

Around the Diocese

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

Theology on Tap

Judge Richard “Dickie” Haik will be speaking on January 20 at 7:30 pm. He will be speaking on “Abortion, Religion, and the Law: at this free, monthly meeting for young adults (18-35) married or single. There is free parking on the corner of Buchanan and Garfield Streets. For more information, call Mary-Rose @ 261-5653.

Jesuit Spirituality Center

An individually directed retreat will be held on Jan. 20-26 (3 or 5 day only)
 Other dates are Feb. 1-10; Feb. 22-March 3; March 8-17 and Holy Week, March 25-April 3.

Entering into Lent—A day of Prayer will be held on Saturday, February 20 from 9:00am—4:00pm. This will be a day of reflection to help participants enter into the observance of Lent and the Paschal Mystery. There will also be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

For an application form call 662-5251 between the hours of 8am and 5pm, or go online to www.jesuitspiritualitycenter.org.

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

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

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

Friends Day is scheduled for Saturday, January 30, 2010 at the Community of Jesus Crucified, 421 ½ Carmel Dr. Lafayette, La.

The day begins at 9:00am and ends with celebration of Holy Mass at 12 noon.

The theme of the day is **“Understanding the Unique Thought of Benedict XVI in Caritas In Veritate,”** his most recent encyclical.

Jim Seghers, Master of Sacred Scripture, Apologetics and Retreats, founder of Totus Tuus Ministries, and an instructor at Our Lady of Guadalupe Bible Institute, will present the topics. He is also heard on Radio Maria.

Everyone is invited to attend and registration is not necessary. For more information, contact Gloria at 896-0524.

Fr. Seelos Birthday Healing Mass

The healing mass with the sacrament of anointing will be held on Sunday, January 10 at 1:00pm. This will be held at the National Seelos Shrine at St. Mary's Assumption Church, 919 Josephine St. New Orleans, La. www.seelos.org

OC CORNER

Opelousas Catholic invites **prospective students and parents** to attend its annual Open House on **January 12th at 5:30pm** in the school cafeteria.

Please plan to attend and learn more about a quality Catholic education for your child, **preschool through 12th grade.**

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCHVerlie Savoy
 CHAPELTyra Newell

