



YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests

The time he spends in prayer is the most important time in a priest's life, in which divine grace acts with greater effectiveness, making his ministry fruitful. The first service to render to the community is prayer.

From Pope Benedict XVI's meeting with priest in the Cathedral of Brindisi, June 15, 2008.

**Joining the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January 18-25, 2010
Msgr. Romero**

This year's theme is "You are witnesses of these things." (Luke 24:48) The year 2010 is the hundredth anniversary of the 1910 World Mission Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland. This conference marked the beginnings of the modern ecumenical movement. At the 1910 conference chapter 24 of St. Luke's gospel was read. To mark the centenary of the conference in this year's **Week of Prayer**, material jointly prepared and published by The Pontifical Council for Christian Unity and The Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches, suggest we use biblical passages from chapter 24 of St. Luke's gospel as prayer during the week.

These passages are:

- Day 1 – "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" (Luke 24:17)
 - Day 2 – "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" (Luke 24:17)
 - Day 3 – "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" (Luke 24:18)
 - Day 4 – "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth." (Luke 24:19)
 - Day 5 – "Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" (Luke 24:26)
 - Day 6 – "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:2)
 - Day 7 – "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" (Luke 24:38)
 - Day 8 – "Have you anything here to eat?" (Luke 24:41)
- (These scripture quotations are from The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible)

We can on each day close our scripture with a prayer used in the 1910 Conference:

Take us from where we are, to where you want us to be make us not merely guardians of a heritage but living signs of your coming Kingdom, fire us with passion for justice and peace between all people, fill us with that faith, hope and love which embody the Gospel, and through the power of the Holy Spirit make us one. That the world may believe, that your name may be enthroned in our nation, that your church may more effectively be your body, we commit ourselves to love you, serve you, and follow you as pilgrims not strangers.

SOURCE ON THE INTERNET: www.vatican.va – The Roman Curia, Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, Spiritual Ecumenism at the International Level [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18-25 January]

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING
Week of Jan. 17, 2010

- Reading I** **Isaiah 62: 1-5**
All shall behold your vindication.
- Psalm 96** "Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations."
- Reading II** **1 Corinthians 12:4-11**
The Spirit distributes gifts to each person.
- Gospel** **John 2:1-11**
Jesus transforms water into wine.

THEME:

Grace is God's free gift to us.

The three Gospel stories the Church celebrates as "epiphanies" are the visit of the magi to the newborn Jesus, the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, and the wedding feast at Cana. As we gather around the Lord at that wedding feast, let us pray that we will be transformed more and more into the image of Christ, manifesting his presence to those we meet.

Questions of the week

- Question for Children:**
What is one special gift that God has given to you to share with your friends or classmates?
- Question for Youth:**
Jesus got his start in ministry through the urging of his mother. Who urges you to pray, to go to Church, and do good works?
- Question for Adults:**
God fills each of us with grace (miracles) and gifts, what is one grace (miracle) or gift that you have shared with your family?

Forming Good Stewards

"Do whatever He tells you!" John 2:1-11

The Bible records four times when Mary speaks: At the Annunciation she concludes by saying, "May it be done unto me according to your word." Luke 1:34, 38. When she visits Elizabeth, she proclaims the Magnificat. Luke 1:46-55. Then Mary scolds Jesus for staying behind in Jerusalem. Luke 2:48. Mary's last words in the Bible are at the wedding feast at Cana. She says to Jesus, "They have no more wine"; then to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you!" John 2:3, 5. Mary is a woman of few words, [a total of 175 words recorded in the Bible]. But what powerful words they are! From "May it be done unto me according to your word," to "Do whatever He tells you!" she gives us a model of faith, courage and openness to the will of God. She challenges us to listen to Jesus in prayer and to do whatever He tells us, to become all that God created us to be. What is such a "woman of a few words" telling us to today? Probably: "Do whatever He tells you!"

RCIA

Tuesday at 6:30pm, the adult religion class will be discussing the different kinds of prayer, why we should pray and for whom. For more information, contact Deacon John Miller at 942-2911.

Welcome into our Catholic family through the Sacrament of Baptism

Natalie Marie Jarrell
daughter of
Charles Morgan II & Ashley Elise Bienvenu Jarrell

ALTAR SOCIETY

- Group II**.....Pap Roy, Week of Jan. 23, 2010
- Group III**.....Irene Soileau, Week of Jan. 30, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

- Saturday, Jan. 16** 4:00 p.m. Frank Greco (BD); Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Francis J. Bertrand, Jeanette Lalonde, Special Intention, Jerry Chauvin (BD); Lee Martin
- Sunday, Jan. 17** 8:00 a.m. Paul Sylvain Fontenot, Angela Aymond, Youle & Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St.Amand, Velma & Patsy Gail Boss
- 10:00 a.m.**..... Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Evie B. Soileau, Daniel and Louise Lagrange, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe
- 5:00 p.m.** St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit
- Monday, Jan. 18**OFFICE CLOSED
- Tuesday, Jan. 19**NO MASS
- Wednesday, Jan. 20** 12:10 p.m. Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward, and Allen Jr.
- Thursday, Jan. 21** 12:10 p.m. Percy Credeur
- Friday, Jan. 22** 12:10 p.m. Bryce Boullion (BD); Henry (DA) & Lillia Fontenot, Pat Artall (BD) & family
- Saturday, Jan. 23** 4:00 p.m. Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Francis J. Bertrand Sr., Jeanette Lalonde, Special Intention: Frank Greco (BD); Lee Martin
- Sunday, Jan. 24** 8:00 a.m. Paul Sylvain Fontenot, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Youle & Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St.Amand, Jacob Joubert (BD)
- 10:00 a.m.**..... Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Evie B. Soileau, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe
- 5:00 p.m.** Jackie Benoit, St. Landry Church Parishioners

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	\$4,021.39
St. Landry Church Maintenance	\$235.50
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$830.90
Church A/C Repair.....	\$20.00



Thank you for your generosity!

Second Collection
Week of January 24, 2010
The Church in Latin America

Reminders for the week

- Monday, January 18** OFFICE CLOSED
- 5:30pm Choir practice
- Tuesday, January 19** 6:30pm RCIA
- Wednesday, January 20** 5:30pm 1st Penance Class
- Friday, January 22** 8:30am Elem. School Mass for OC
- Saturday, January 23** 9:00am Parish Visitation

OC CORNER

Opelousas Catholic asks for your prayers for their Senior Ministry Team who is traveling to Washington, DC for the National Right-to-Life March this week. May the Lord keep them safe! Mark your calendars for the annual OC Tasters' Dinner and Auction event on February 3rd. Call the school for ticket information at 942-5404 ext. 105.

MOVING? NEW PHONE NUMBER?

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

DONATION

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

MILLIE CANNATELLA

Prayer Intentions

Anna Lee Beadle; Mary Joubert Bihm; Chris Brewster; Kirk Courville; Juliette Kaufmann; Frank Miller; Julie Mouton; Lilly Ann McKinney; Harold Savoy; Grace Soileau; Patrick Steward Jr.

It is Diocesan policy that to put someone on the Prayer List, you must first have his or her permission.

Around the Diocese

Theology on Tap

Judge Richard "Dickie" Haik will be speaking on January 20 at 7:30pm. 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.

23rd Annual Walk for Life

January 22, 2010 marks the 37th year we have allowed God's innocent unborn children to be legally destroyed by abortion in our country.

St. Landry Right to Life invites you to show support and respect for ALL life, born and unborn, elderly, or handicapped.

Come join our 23rd. Annual Walk for Life on Saturday, January 23rd, 2010 @10:00am at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church.

ALL FAITHS AND GROUPS are invited and encouraged to participate in the Walk for Life.

BRING THE FAMILY AND TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE!!!

For more information, contact John or Jeri Miller @ 948-9559.

Stress in Your Marriage?

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery!

For confidential information about or to register for the February program, which begins with a weekend on February 26-28, 2010, call 1-800-470-2230 **OR** visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.com

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH.....Tyra Newell
CHAPEL.....For Right To Life Participants

