



YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests

Archbishop Philip Hannan and the "Saints Franchise"

When John Mecom, the original owner of the Saints, decided to name the franchise the, "Saints", he called Archbishop Philip Hannan to make sure the Catholic community would not be offended. Archbishop Hanna assured Mr. Mecom that Catholics would not be offended. But he cautioned Mr. Mecom, "You do know that many of the saints of the Church were Martyrs."

Archbishop Hannan wrote a special prayer for the newly formed Saints football team. That was forty-three years ago. Archbishop Hannan is still alive and very active at ninety-six years of age. He just may have lived long enough to see "Hell freeze over!" when the Saints win the Super Bowl.

Another interesting note. The Super Bowl is in Miami . The current Archbishop Ordinary of Miami is a native priest ordained in New Orleans, Archbishop John Favalora. The Colts may have Payton Manning [a New Orleans native], but they don't seem to have a prayer.

PRAYER FOR SAINTS TEAM

O God, we ask your blessing upon all who participate in this event, and all who have supported our Saints. Our Heavenly Father, who has instructed us that the "saints by faith conquered kingdoms ... and overcame lions", grant our Saints an increase of faith and strength so that they will not only overcome the Lions, but also the Bears, the Rams, the Giants, and even those awesome people in Green Bay.

May they continue to tame the Redskins and fetter the Falcons as well as the Eagles. Give to our owners and coaches the continued ability to be as wise as serpents and simple as doves, so that no good talent will dodge our draft. Grant to our fans perseverance in their devotion and unlimited lung power, tempered with a sense of charity to all, including the referees.

May our beloved "Bedlam Bowl" be a source of good fellowship and may the "Saints Come Marching In" be a victory march for all, now and in eternity.

Philip M. Hannan
Archbishop of New Orleans

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING
Week of Feb. 7, 2010

Reading I Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
Here I am, send me!

Psalm 138 "In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord".

Reading II 1 Corinthians 15:1--11
I handed on to you what I received.

Gospel Luke 5:1 -11
They left everything, even their nets, and followed him.

THEME:

Let us preach the good news to all!

Today's readings are all about responding to the presence of God. Isaiah, Paul, and Peter react in similar fashion to God's presence. We believe that God comes to us when the sacred word is proclaimed. Let us respond to that living word with hearts filled with gratitude.

Questions of the week

Question for Children and youth:

What can you do to help your friends and classmates know more about Jesus?

Question for Adults:

If you were going to pray for healing for any reason, what would it be? What needs to be healed in our world and society?

Forming Good Stewards

"Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets!" Luke 5:1-11

Fishing is a difficult and dangerous way to make a living. The profits sometimes do not justify the perspiration and the peril. And it is highly unlikely that a man who has spent his life fishing on a small [14 miles north to south and 7 miles east to west], pear-shaped sea in the northern part of Galilee would accept the advice of a carpenter about where and when to lower his nets. That is why Simon's response to Jesus is such a strong statement of faith. When Simon Peter realized that Jesus was calling him to be his disciple he fell to his knees and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man". When Isaiah heard the Lord's call, he proclaimed his unworthiness. The Lord asked, Whom shall I send?" Isaiah responded, "Here I am Lord, send me!" Isaiah and Simon Peter teach us that responding to God and being a disciple of Jesus Christ, is not about being worthy. It is about being willing. If we wait until we feel worthy, we may never begin. If we are willing, we have already begun.

A Lifeline for Marriage

Retrouaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery.

For confidential information about or to register for the Retrouaille of Acadiana February program, which begins with a weekend on Feb. 26-28, 2010, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit the web site at www.helpourmarriage.com

Prayer is your personal communication with God. Know that you can communicate without equipment, time zone considerations or locations.

God is always present to you!

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Feb. 6 4:00 p.m. Francis J. Bertrand Sr., Jeanette Lalonde, Special Intention, M/M Robert Going Sr., James E. Martin, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Lee Martin, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, John Arthur Guidroz (BD), Theresa Pollingue, J.Y. Fontenot, Martin & Angela Cosgrove

Sunday, Feb. 7 8:00 a.m. Howard & Mable Richard, Paul Sylvain Fontenot, M/M John FaKouri Sr., John Jr. and Jacob, Youle and Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, J. Y. Fontenot, Kylie Joubert (BD), M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard, and Marian Smith, Vera Boyd, Daniel and Louise Lagrange, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Bobbie & Julia Mouton, Ronnie & Steve Ardoin, and the Rider family, Percy Credeur, Cora Baillio (BD), Esther Bihm, Earl Briggs

5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit, Evie B. Soileau

Monday, Feb. 8 12:10 p.m. J.Y. Fontenot, The Jenna Joubert family

Tuesday, Feb. 9 NO MASS

Wednesday, Feb. 10 12:10 p.m. Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward, and Allen Jr., J.Y. Fontenot

Thursday, Feb. 11 12:10 p.m. Joe Bono (BD), J.Y. Fontenot

Friday, Feb. 12 12:10 p.m. J.Y. Fontenot

Saturday, Feb. 13 4:00 p.m. Lee, Vivian (DA) and Kristie Artigue, Francis J. Bertrand Sr., Jeanette Lalonde, Special Intention, James E. Martin, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Lee Martin, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Therese Pollingue, Gil Sr. and Sue Deville, J.Y. Fontenot, Martin and Angela Cosgrove

Sunday, Feb. 14 8:00 a.m. Angela Aymond, Charles, Ethel and Charlene Ruffino, Youle and Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St.Amand, J.Y. Fontenot, Koby Joubert (BD), M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Irl White

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, John H. Kewley, Agnes and Adam Mallet, Jerry Chauvin Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Percy Credeur, Earl Briggs

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\$4,003.41
Haiti Earthquake Fund.....\$5,571.48
St. Landry Church Maintenance.....\$256.00
Opelousas Catholic Fund\$2.00
Bishop's Services Appeal\$1.00

Every Gift Comes From Above.



Thank you for your generosity!

Second and Third Collection

Week of February 14, 2010

BSA & Black & Indian Mission

Reminders for the week

Monday, February 08 5:30pm Choir practice
6:00pm Rel. Ed.
Tuesday, February 09 6:00pm CDA
6:30pm RCIA
Wednesday, February 10 5:00pm Altar Society
5:30pm 1st Penance Service
Thursday, February 11 7:00pm KC Meeting
Friday, February 12 7:00am First Friday Adoration Begins
8:30am OC Hi-School Mass
Confirmation Retreat Begins in the evening
Sunday, February 14 10:00am Rel. Ed. grade 1-8 attend Mass
11:00am End of Retreat Mass for Confirmants

Prayer Intentions

Anna Lee Beadle, Mary Joubert Bihm, Chris Brewster, Kirk Courville, Robert Danaher, Paul Franks, Frank Miller, Julie Mouton, Lilly Ann McKinney, Harold Savoy, Mary Jane Scherer, 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

Jesus Spirituality Center

Men's Retreat: at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau will be held March 04 through March 07. For registration, call Dr. Lucius Doucet II, Monday through Wednesday, at 942-4425. A deposit is required to hold your room.

Annual Day of Recollection at St. Edmond Church, 4131 W. Congress, Lafayette, La. on Thursday, February 18. Tickets are \$9.00 and includes lunch. Advance ticket sales only. For more information, please call RaNelle Simon at 232-2849.

Jesuit Spirituality Center

An individually directed retreat will be held on Feb. 22-March 3; March 8-17 and Holy Week, March 25-April 3.

A Day of Prayer presented by the Jesuit Spirituality Staff. Will help participants enter into the observance of Lent and the Paschal Mystery. Saturday, February 20, from 9:00am—4:00pm

Divine Mercy Conference...Plan Ahead
The Central Region of the Diocese of Lafayette sponsors an annual celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday at Our Lady of Fatima Church.

The Regional Celebration will include a one-day Divine Mercy Conference on Saturday, April 10, 2010.

The scheduled speakers for this one-day conference are Rev. Hampton Davis; Rev. Michael Champagne; Immaculee Llibagiza (Rwandan Genocide Survivor & Author); Marcus Grodi (Convert & Founder of "Coming Home Network International"); Dr. Bryan Thatcher, MD (Founder of Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy); and Annie Karto, Catholic Singer/Songwriter).

The cost is \$25.00 and registration forms are available at Valentin Hall.

For information or to register, contact Mary Bergeron (654-8682) or visit www.centralreligiononline.org

O.C. Corner

Congratulations to the "OC Teachers of the Year"---Mrs. Hope Charles, elementary teacher and Mrs. Marilyn Lavezzorio, high school teacher; as well as the "OC Achiever-Supporter of the Year"—Mr. Bret Meche.

The Spring Book Fair for grades 6-12 is set for this week in the high school library. Parents may view information on Edline by clicking the Book Fair link.

Senior parents are reminded about the Financial Aid Workshop on Thursday evening at 6:00pm.

PLEASE ATTEND!!

FUNDRAISER—KC COUNCIL 1173

KC Council 1173 is sponsoring a benefit Lunch consisting of BBQ Sausage Po-Boy with Chips for a donation of \$5.00., on Wednesday, February 24, 2010.

Lunches may be picked up at the KC Hall at 917 N. Main St. There is **FREE DELIVERY FOR ORDERS OF 10 OR MORE.**

Tickets are available during office hours at Valentin Hall or contact a KC member.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH.....Kate Reed
CHAPEL.....Consecrated Life

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group VBetty LeLeux, Week of Feb. 13, 2010
Group VINorma Hargroder, Week of Feb. 20, 2010