



YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests

It seems to me that throughout his time of discipleship, even until his own crucifixion, Saint Peter always had to listen anew to Jesus, to enter more profoundly into the mystery of his priesthood, of Christ's priesthood communicated to the Apostles and their successors. In this sense, the figure of Peter appears to me like the image of all of us in these days.

Pope Benedict XVI's address at the conclusion of the annual Lenten retreat...February 16, 2008

Mass Readings Change for Scrutiny

As we come closer to the Easter Triduum, the Catechumens who are in The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) are enrolled into the Rite of Election on the first Sunday of Lent. Then the celebration of the first, second, and third scrutiny occurs on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent respectively. When the scrutiny is celebrated, the readings for the Sunday mass where the scrutiny is celebrated come from the Cycle A Readings. So for the Sundays of March 7, 14, 21, 2010, at the 10:00 a.m. mass, our readings will be from Cycle A and not from Cycle C. At all other masses during these weekends, the readings will be from Cycle C. We are happy Ms. Dorothy Henry is a catechumen and will be received into the church at the Easter Vigil.

Lenten Mission

I appreciate the mission Father Jerome Neyrey, S.J. directed with us on February 22, 23, 24, 2010. He lead us into a renewed appreciation of the Paschal Mystery. I am so pleased at the number of people who attended. Many thanks. Let us continue toward the Easter Triduum with sense of awe and respect as we take in our God's love and care for us.

Way of the Cross

The Way of the Cross is celebrated at St. Landry Catholic Church on Fridays of Lent (except Good Friday) at 6:00 p.m. Following the Way of the Cross is a short period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. We use for the Way of the Cross, the version composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori.

Background of Way of the Cross: It is called Via Crucis (or Via Dolorosa) in Latin. In the early centuries the common starting point was the Antonia Fortress and the Praetorium near the northwest corner of the second Temple. Through the decades various routes led to Golgotha, the place of the Skull. Eventually a traditional path developed, although it is not until the middle of the fifteenth century into the writings of an English pilgrim, William Wey, that there is a description that somewhat matches what could be described as the traditional Way of the Cross today. In Jerusalem, only nine of the typical Stations exist on the way. The others are inside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

Over the years various meditations have been written for the Via Crucis, one of the more popular classic ones by St. Alphonsus Liguori. In recent years Pope John-Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI have sought to focus more on the scriptural roots of the events of Christ's final hours. Consequently, a new ordering of the Via Crucis with newly written meditations is celebrated in Rome at the Coliseum each Good Friday. We can download those meditations at: www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/documents/index_via-crucis_en.html.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING
Week of Feb. 28, 2010

Reading I Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
In a holy covenant, God promises Abram a homeland.

Psalm 27 "The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Reading II Philippians 3:17---4:1
The journey of faith is open to all.

Gospel Luke 9:28b-36
His face changed in appearance and his clothes became dazzling white.

THEME:
Lent calls us to transform our lives

Today's readings are all about promises. God promises Abraham that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars in the skies. In the story of the Transfiguration, we are given a glimpse of the promise of glory made to those who put faith in Christ. Bathed in the brilliant light of the Transfiguration, we open our hearts to listen once again to the dazzling promises made by our loving and compassionate God.

Questions of the week

Question for Children:

Jesus invites you to be close to him, to see him with clear eyes. What is Jesus like as a friend?

Question for Youth:

What do you most want God to help you with?

Question for Adults:

Sometimes we can see Christ with clear eyes, as the disciples did on that mountain.

What can you share about such a time in your life?

Forming Good Stewards

"Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

Luke 9:28b—36

Tradition holds that the Transfiguration occurred on Mount Tabor just after Jesus predicted his suffering and death, and then explained the conditions of discipleship. When Peter observed Jesus change in appearance and conversing with Moses, the Great Law Giver, and Elijah, the Great Prophet, he was frightened, but then felt privileged and secure. He proposed to make three tents or dwellings. It is possible Peter wanted to keep Jesus safe. OR he may have realized that disciples of Jesus risked the same fate and he wanted to avoid the consequences of being a disciple of Jesus. That is particularly true when we feel called to be good stewards of God's world by fully sharing our time, our abilities, and our resources. In the end, the Father leaves us no choice. He says of Jesus, This is my chosen Son, listen to Him."

As I make my Lenten journey with You, send me Your Spirit, help me to give of myself, help me to turn away from sin, and help me to fast and pray, so that I may know You better and serve You better. Let me journey to share Your grace with the world.
AMEN

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group I.....Alverda Deshotels, Week of Mar. 6, 2010

Group I.....Pap Roy, Week of Mar. 13, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Feb. 27 4:00 p.m. Francis J. Bertrand Sr., Jeanette Lalonde, Special Intention, Velma and Patsy Gail Boss, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Lee Martin, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Martin and Angela Cosgrove, Therese Pollingue
Sunday, Feb. 28 8:00 a.m. Angela Aymond, Youle and Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St.Amand, Ethel Soileau, Harold Savoy, Gertrude A. Marks (BD), J.Y Fontenot
10:00 a.m...... Wilfred, Annette, Richard, and Marian Smith, Allen Richard, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Earl Briggs, Lena Trahan (BD)
5:00 p.m...... St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit, Special Intention
Monday, March 1.....12:10 p.m. Charlene Whaley
Tuesday, March 2.....12:10 p.m. Harold Savoy
Wednesday, March 3..... 12:10 p.m. Bobbie and Mary Bihm (WA)
Thursday, March 4..... 12:10 p.m. Mark Miller (BD)
Friday, March 5.....12:10 p.m. Ethel L. Meaux, Lou Ella S. Lognion, Teddy J. Meaux, Theresa D. Speyrer
Saturday, March 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, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Therese Pollingue
Sunday, March 7..... 8:00 a.m. M/M John FaKouri Sr., John Jr., and Jacob, Youle & Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St.Amand, Alton, Elizabeth and Louis Vernon Joubert, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Harold Savoy
10:00 a.m...... Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Vera Boyd, Roy Whaley Sr., Bobbie & Julie Mouton, Ronnie (BD) and Steve Ardoin and the Rider family, Earl Briggs
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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Regular Offertory Collection	\$4,612.60	Every Gift Comes From Above.
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Bishop's Services Appeal	\$90.00	



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Second Collection

Week of March 7, 2010
St. Landry Church Maintenance Fund

Reminders for the week

Monday, March 1	10:30am	Lafleur Committee Meeting
	5:30pm	Choir Practice
	6:00pm	Rel. Ed.
Tuesday, March 2	6:30pm	RCIA
Friday, March 5	8:30am	All School Mass
		NHS-BETA Induction
	6:00pm	Way of the Cross
Sunday, March 7	10:00am	Rel. Ed. Grades 1-8
		Attend Mass

Returned to Christ Through Death

The St. Landry Church parishioners offer prayers and sincere condolences to the families of

Irene Johnson Pitre

O Lord, grant to those who have died the joy of your presence, and us who are living, the happiness of knowing this.

Prayer Intentions

Kaleb Aymond, Anna Lee Beadle, Evelyn Bertrand, Mary Joubert Bihm, Chris Brewster, Kirk Courville, Robert Danaher, Paul Franks, Lani George, Frank Miller, Julie Mouton, 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

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

Come and See Retreat:

March 26-28 (Friday through Saturday) for men, high school age and up at St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington, La.

There is no cost and transportation is provided. Meet with the faculty and seminarians. Enjoy great food and fun as well as pray about a priestly vocation.

Register as soon as possible and no later than March 15.

Contact Fr. Aaron Melancon at 261-5690 for more information.

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

Matthew Kelly Event:

Australian-born bestselling author and gifted speaker Matthew Kelly will speak in Lafayette on Sunday, April 11 and Monday, April 12 at 7:00pm. The event will be held at St. Thomas More High School. Admission is free and open to all.

Sunday night's talk is entitled "A Call for Joy" while Monday night's talk will ask "What holds you back?"

For more information, call 232-4656

O.C. Corner

The OC Athletic Council is holding their Spring Barbecue Dinner sale on Sunday, March 7th, for \$6.00 per dinner with the option of chicken or pork. Contact any OC student or Dwayne Joubert @ 594-8408 as soon as possible for tickets.

OC classes are enjoying masses with Msgr. Louis Melancon in the school's new chapel during Lent. Parents and family members may attend the masses and should check with their children for the scheduled times.

Parents are urged to register children for the 2010-2011 school year as classes are filling. Call 942-5404 ext. 101 for more information.

DONATION

St. Landry Catholic received a monetary donation from St. Landry Altar Society in memory of:

Harold "Bugs" Savoy and Ethel Breaux Soileau

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