



YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests

The priesthood is indispensable because in the Eucharist itself, originating in God, the Church is built; in the Sacrament of Penance purification is conferred; in the Sacrament, the priesthood is, precisely, an involvement in the "for" of Jesus Christ.

Pope Benedict XVI's Meeting with the clergy of the Diocese of Bolzano-Bressanone on August 6, 2008.

Two Wolves

Someone forward to me a story about TWO WOLVES with their hand written note saying, "Reminds me of your sermon on Ash Wednesday." Here follows the story called TWO WOLVES:

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, "My son, the battle is between two wolves inside us all."

"One is Evil – It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.

"The other is Good – It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

On Ash Wednesday I referred to Mark 7:21-23 and Galatians 5:19-26. Anyone wanting to listen to it again can find in on the church's website at www.stlandrycatholicchurch.org, click on 'Prior Bulletin and Homilies', on the Homily Column click 'Ash Wednesday 5:30 p.m. mass'. Msgr. Romero

Mr. James Douget

Congratulations to Mr. James Douget on receiving the 'Citizens of the Year Award' from the Opelousas St. Landry Chamber of Commerce. This award was given last Thursday night, March 4, 2010. Mr. Douget attends the 8:00 a.m. mass. Thank you Mr. Douget for all you do in our community.

Stewardship Expressions

Review the many signs of God's love in your life. Count them, write them down, and highlight those with special meaning/value to you. Note and list the ways you show love to God in return for the gifts he gives you.

A Christian steward is grateful and returns God's gifts abundantly.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING
Week of Mar. 7, 2010

- Reading I** Exodus 3:1-8a 13-15
I AM sent you to me.
- Psalm 103** "The Lord is Kind and Merciful."
- Reading II** 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12
The life of the people with Moses in the dessert was written down as a warning to us.
- Gospel** Luke 13:1-9
If you do not repent, you will all perish as they did.

THEME:
Lent calls us to conversion

The sacred word of God is a spring that flows forth in this holy place to reveal our sinfulness and strengthen us in holiness. As we listen to God's word, let us pray that we will cease all grumbling and grow into real evangelizers, unafraid to share the wonders the Lord has worked in each of our lives.

Questions of the week

- Question for Children:**
God wants your faith to result in good living.
What steps can you take during Lent to make sure that happens?
- Question for Youth:**
What needs changing in your life right now and how will you invite God into that change?
- Question for Adults:**
What steps are you taking this Lent to make sure that your faith bears fruit in good works?

Forming Good Stewards

"For three years I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down! Why should I exhaust the soil?" Luke 13:1-9

Jesus tells of a gardener who pleads to save a fig tree so he can cultivate it and hope to make it productive. In chapters one and two of Genesis, God reveals that He created man and woman and gave them dominion over His Garden---all creation. Bishop Robert Morneau poignantly describes how God made us stewards of many gardens; the gardens of our faith, our body, our family, our mind, our creativity, our many abilities and most importantly, our ability to reason and our free will. He points out that all of the gardens belong to God and poses the question, "How are we caring for our gardens? Are we being good stewards? Have we cultivated our gardens or let them go fallow? Are our gardens as productive as God intended? If not, it is not too late. The first step is to identify and accept responsibility for the gardens that God has entrusted to our care. Do not be afraid. We have Jesus as our helper in our garden.

Blessing for the Keeping of Lent

"Lent is a privileged time of interior pilgrimage towards him who is the fount of mercy...Even in the 'valley of darkness'...while the tempter prompts us to despair...God is there to guard us and sustain us. In the desolation of misery, loneliness, violence, and hunger that indiscriminately afflict children, adults, and the elderly, God does not allow darkness to prevail. The gaze of Jesus embraces individuals and multitudes, and he brings them all before the Father, offering himself as a sacrifice of expiation. In turning to the Divine Master, in being converted to him...we will discover a 'gaze' that searches us profoundly and gives new life to...each one of us. It restores trust to those who do not succumb to skepticism."
Pope Benedict XVI

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

- 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; James Palmer; Allison LaFleur
- 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
- Monday, March 8.** 12:10 p.m. Stephen Fontenot (BD) and family; Clayton (DA) and Eula Soileau
- Tuesday, March 9.** 12:10 p.m. Irene Johnson Pitre
- Wednesday, March 10** 12:10 p.m. Sol Reed (DA)
- Thursday, March 11** 12:10 p.m. Wally LeBlanc (DA)
- Friday, March 12.** 12:10 p.m. Una L. Moreau
- Saturday, March 13** 12:10 p.m. Francis J. Bertrand Sr.; Jeanette Lalonde; Special Intention; Dr. Richard Hargroder; Lee Martin; Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally; Martin and Angela Cosgrove; Harold Savoy; Allison LaFleur
- Sunday, March 14-** 8:00 a.m. Angela Aymond; Youle and Theresa Fontenot; Martin J. St.Amand; M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull; Irl White; Harold Savoy; Pat and Linda Artall (WA) and family; Jules Gaspard (BD) and Marilyn DeCuir (BD)
- 10:00 a.m.** Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; Daniel and Louise Lagrange; Earl Briggs; Marcylee Thibodeaux (DA)
- 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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Your Stewardship To God

- Regular Offertory Collection\$3,523.14
- Maintenance Fund\$147.00
- O.C.S. Foundation Fund.....\$1.00
- BSA.....\$4.00
- Christmas Flowers.....\$1.00

Every Gift Comes From Above.



Thank you for your generosity!

Second Collection
Week of March 14, 2010
Bishop's Services Appeal

Reminders for the week

- Sunday, Mar. 7** 10:00am Rel. Ed. attend Mass— Grades 1-8
- Monday, Mar. 8** 5:30pm Choir Practice
6:00pm Rel. Ed
6:30pm Parish Council
- Tuesday, Mar. 9** 6:00pm CDA
6:30pm RCIA
- Wednesday, Mar.10** 5:00pm Altar Society
5:30pm 1st. Communion Class
6:00pm Assessment tests for grades 1-8
- Thursday, Mar.11** 7:00pm KC Meeting
- Friday, Mar. 12** 6:00pm Way of the Cross

O.C.CORNER

All Opelousas Catholic families have tickets to sell for the school's \$10,000 Raffle. Tickets are \$5.00 for each chance to win! Get yours as soon as possible!!
Parents are reminded of the early dismissal on Wednesday. Registration for 2010-2011 is in progress and classes are filling up. Call 942-5404 ext. 101 for more information.

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., Pat Woodson

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

Around the Diocese

Awakening Retreat at LSUE

Awakening 60 is a retreat for college-aged adults beginning at 6:00pm on Friday March 19 and ending in the afternoon of March 21. The retreat will be held at LSUE Catholic Student Center. Cost for the weekend including all meals is \$30.00.
To sign-up register online at www.awakeningretreat.org or call 466-2550

Lenten Mission at St. Anthony in Krotz Springs

- Sunday March 21 5:00pm
Monday, March 22 6:30pm
Tuesday, March 23 6:30pm

Lenten Mission at Holy Ghost Church

March 22-23-24—Monday—Wednesday @ 6:30pm
Theme: No Price too High With Deacon Alex C. Jones
Read more about Deacon Jones @ www.deaconalexjcjones.com

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

Friends of the Bereaved

On behalf of our aunt, Aline LaFond, Henry and I would like to thank you for helping us through the Bereavement, when Juliette Kaufman, my mother-in-law, passed away last month.
The tray of delicious sandwiches for the reception after the burial rites was greatly appreciated.
Sincerely, Charlotte Kaufman

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us.
Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.
The family of A.B. Reed

SANCTUARY LIGHT

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CHAPEL.....Earthquake Victime

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group IIPap Roy, Week of Mar. 13, 2010
Group III.....Irene Soileau, Week of Mar. 20, 2010