



YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests

This is also your mission [as priests]: to bring the Gospel to everyone so that everyone may experience the joy of Christ and that there be joy in every city. What can be more beautiful than this? What can be greater, more exciting, than cooperating in spreading the Word of life in the world, than communicating the living water of the Holy Spirit? To proclaim and witness joy: this is the central core of your mission.

Pope Benedict XVI's homily at Mass for the ordination of priests April 27, 2008.

Easter Blessing

**Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
Alpha, and Omega,
all time belongs to him,
and all the ages,
to him be glory and power,
through every age forever.
Amen.**

**By his holy and glorious wounds
may Christ our Lord
guard us and keep us.
Amen.**

**May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.**

**(From the Blessing of the Easter Candle,
Easter Vigil Liturgy)**

A Reflection on Baptism by St. Basil

We imitate Christ's death by being buried with him in baptism. ... The bodies of the baptized are in a sense buried in the water as a symbol of their renunciation of the sins of their unregenerate nature. As the Apostle says: "The circumcision you have undergone is not an operation performed by human hands, but the complete stripping away of your unregenerate nature. This is the circumcision that Christ gave us, and it is accomplished by our burial with him in baptism." Baptism cleanses the soul from the pollution of worldly thoughts and inclinations: "You will wash me," says the psalmist, "and I shall be whiter than snow." We receive this saving baptism only once because there was only one death and one resurrection for the salvation of the world, and baptism is its symbol. (From a work 'On the Holy Spirit' by Saint Basil, bishop).

Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Celebration

The second Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Celebration will recognize those **married for 25 and 40 years**. Our first anniversary mass was on February 7, 2010, for those celebrating 50, 60, or more years. These couples will be honored on **August 8 at 2pm, in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist**.

Bishop Jarrell will celebrate this special Mass and give certificates suitable for framing to all couples being honored. **Registration will start on April 6. More info call 261-5653.**

**READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING
Week of April 4, 2010**

- Reading I Acts 10:34a, 37-43**
Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen.
- Psalm 118** "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad."
- Reading II Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8**
All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven. Christ our Passover is sacrificed: Out with the old, in with the new.
- Gospel John 20:1-9**
Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John, each in her or his way respond to the empty tomb.

THEME:

We are a resurrection people!

Today we follow Mary of Magdala, Peter, and John to the tomb where we find the stone rolled away. Sharing their amazement, we find that the tomb is empty. That empty tomb stands as an everlasting sign of hope – hope for a world free from fear, free from sin, free from death. As God's word is proclaimed, let us be filled with joy and gladness on this Easter day.

Questions of the week

- Question for Children:**
What is good and new in your life?
- Question for Youth:**
Resurrection reminds us that what looks bad, can lead to something good. What has resurrected, or gone from bad to good, in your life over the past year?
- Question for Adults:**
In what way have you risen from "deadness" in your life?

STEWARDSHIP

**Easter Sunday
The Lord has truly been raised.**

**He was made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Luke 24:13-35**

The location of Emmaus has not been definitely established. Two sites northwest of Jerusalem make strong claims. One is approximately seven miles from Jerusalem, as reported in Luke's gospel, the other is approximately twenty miles, but makes a stronger case. The disciples that encountered Jesus would have left Jerusalem early in the morning. Walking at a brisk pace they could cover twenty miles in one day. They do not recognize Jesus, but are impressed with his knowledge of Scripture. They urge him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over. "It would be nice to know the location of Emmaus, but it is much more important that the two disciples realized, "Our hearts were burning within us?" They recognized Jesus as the Risen Lord in the Breaking of the Bread and rushed back to Jerusalem to tell the others. Do we recognize Jesus as the Risen Lord in the Breaking of the Bread? Do we rush out to tell others? This Easter is a good time to start to do that!

Stewardship Expressions

Consider what you have learned in Lent and Easter. Have you realized a new appreciation for Christ's life, death and resurrection in direct relationship to your life and eternal future? How will you continue to appreciate and develop this special bond of love that Christ extends to each person?

A steward is grateful for God's love and returns love abundantly.

**MASS
INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE
WEEK**

Holy Saturday, April 3 8:00 p.m. Francis J. Bertrand Sr., John H. Kewley, Jeanette Lalonde, Special Intention, M/M Robert Going Sr., Theresa D. Speyrer, Sol and Kate Reed, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Martin and Angela Cosgrove, Ernie and Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly, Mickey and Joyce Hollier, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. (BD) Philippe, Raymus, Mary, Beedy and Geraldine Bellard Herpin, The Hoffman Family, Claiborne Ryder, Armand and Jeanne Bellard, Hilary Dupre and Carolyn Arnaud, Lloyd and Evelyn Arnaud, James G. and Bertha C. Firmin, Harold Savoy, Jeffery & Volta David, Robert & Ludie Perrodin, Leonce & Nita David, Adolph Guillory & Bernard May

Easter Sunday, April 4 8:00 a.m. M/M John FaKouri Sr., John Jr. and Jacob, M/M Roy Whaley Sr., Youle and Therese Fontenet, Ernest and Basilese Fontenet and family, Louis and Emma Brown and family, Arthur Fontenet, Marin J. St.Amand, James E. Martin, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Irl White, J.Y. Fontenet (BD), Mayance Dupre, Harold Savoy, Ariel Lancois, The Howard Hidalgo Family

Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Vera Boyd, Allen Richard, Gilbert Hidalgo and Leonce Richard Families, Agnes and Adam Mallet, Jackie Benoit, Bobbie and Julie Mouton, Ronnie and Steve Ardoin, The Rider family, Mary Baillio (DA), Allison LaFleur, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Harold Savoy, Mary Bihm, Myrtle Lavergne, Alex Robertson (BD), Vernice Meche, Pat and Agnes Doucet, Clement Ned. Sr., M/M Elvin Ortego and family, M/M Albert Ortego, M/M Melvin Ortego, All Cancer Patients, Rose Marie Bienvenu, George Bienvenu, Todd Bienvenu, Virginia and Pattie Bienvenu, Norma and Lesley Gardiner

NO EVENING MASS
Monday, April 5 12:10 p.m. Mary Baillio (BD)
Tuesday, April 6 NO MASS

Wednesday, April 7 12:10 p.m. Belva (BD) and Burnell Fontenet and family

Thursday, April 8 12:10 p.m. Theresa D. Speyrer
Friday, April 9 12:10 p.m. Ethel L. Meaux, Lou Ella S. Lognion, Teddy J. Meaux

Saturday, April 10 4:00 p.m. Francis J. Bertrand Sr., Jeanette Lalonde, Special Intention, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Martin and Angela Cosgrove, Harold Savoy, Lee, Vivian and Kristie Artigue

Sunday, April 11 8:00 a.m. Angela Aymond, Youle and Therese Fontenet, Martin J. St.Amand, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Daniel and Louise LaGrange, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Msgr. Emery Labbe (DA), Steven and JoAnn Guidroz (WA)

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.**

Rice Bowl contributions are received at the Church Office or may be counted at home and given by currency in an envelope with the first collection. Please write on the envelope "Rice Bowl." Thank You!

**Second Collection
Week of April 11, 2010
Catholic Home Missions**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Your Stewardship To God**

Regular Offertory Collection	\$3,664.22
Maintenance Fund	\$225.50
Opelousas Catholic Foundation	\$571.28
Cemetery Fund	\$3.00

Every Gift Comes From Above.

Thank you for your generosity!

Feast of Divine Mercy

Good Friday marks the beginning of the Divine Mercy Novena and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday. Copies of the Novena are at the doors of the church. Please take one. Our Lady Queen of Angels will be celebrating the Feast on Sunday, April 11 at 3:00pm with Benediction. Everyone is invited.

Prayer Intentions

Kaleb Aymond, Anna Lee Beadle, Evelyn Bertrand, Chris Brewster, Lois Cormier, 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.

Reminders for the week

Monday, April 5	5:30pm	Choir Practice
	6:15pm	Rosary at Fr. LaFleur Monument
Thursday, April 8	7:00pm	KC Meeting

Around the Diocese

**Friends Day:
Community of Jesus Crucified**
(337) 896-0524
What is Paschal Time? April 17 9AM- -Noon

Theology on Tap:
Roy Petitfils, counselor and Administrator at St. Cecelia School in Broussard and Counselor Intern At Pax Renewal Center in Lafayette will be speaking on 21 April at 7:30pm, Tsunami in Lafayette. All young adults are invited to this popular monthly event. There is no fee to attend. For more information Call Mary-Rose Verret @ 261-5653.

Our Lady of the Oaks:
(337) 662-5410
Weekend Retreats for women May 6-8
May 20-23
Married Couples Retreat April 30/May 2

Jesuit Spirituality Center:
(337) 662-5251
Individually Directed Retreats: April 12-21,
April-May 5
When Women Pray April 22 - April 25
Gay & Lesbian Catholics May 21- May 23
Spirituality for 2nd half of life June 3rd - June 6
Wasting Time Creatively June 17 - June 20

O.C.CORNER

The Opelousas Catholic Drama Club invites family and friends to their spring production of Neil Simon's "Jake's Women", a two-act comedy. It will be held on stage in the OC gym on Thursday, Friday and Saturday (April 8, 9, 10) at 7:00pm and again on Sunday, April 11th at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$5.00 for students and \$8.00 for the general public and can be purchased at the door or from any Drama Club member. Call Hannah Stewart at 308-5845 for more information. A blessed Easter to all!

**PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
FOR ST. LANDRY CHURCH**

The St. Landry Catholic Church Pastoral Council elections for 2010 Council members are coming in May. The pastoral council member term is a 3-year commitment with a monthly meeting held on the first Monday of each month. The purpose of the church pastoral council is to advise our pastor on issues and events within the church parish. This year we have two positions to fill. Parishioners interested in becoming a candidate are to submit your name and a brief paragraph of your call to church parish involvement to the Church Office. Parishioners are asked to pray for enlightenment as we begin our discernment for Pastoral Council Membership. The deadline for submitting candidates is Thursday, April 15, 2010. For more information, contact Yvonne L Normand, Church Trustee, and Election Chair at 337-308-3474.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH.For those received into the Catholic Church this Easter

CHAPEL.....All La. Nat'l Guard Troops

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group VINorma Hargroder, Week of Apr. 10, 2010

Group VIIGwen Fruge, Week of Apr. 17, 2010