



YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests

I think these things are essential [in the daily life of a priest]: the Eucharist, the Office of Readings, prayer and a conversation every day, even a brief one, with the Lord on his words, which I must proclaim. And never lose either your friendship with priests, listening to the voice of the living Church, or the availability to the people entrusted to me, because from these very people, with their suffering, their faith experiences, their doubts and difficulties, we too can learn, seek and find God, find our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the Roman Major Seminary on February 17, 2007.

Appreciations from Msgr. Romero

Many thanks to all who helped care for the Church's liturgical environment during Lent and the Easter Triduum. I thank all who worked on the Easter decorations. A great job!!

I also thank all the altar servers, lectors, extra ordinary ministers of communion, ushers, sacristans, and music ministers for their good work. The many demands of the Easter Triduum Liturgy were surpassed with trouble-free teamwork.

In addition, acknowledgement is due to all who participated in the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday. These are Shelby Boudreaux, Alice Cormier, Lloyd Cormier, Howard Fournier, Mark Fuselier, Frances Hargroder, Audra LeJeune, Lee LeJeune, Gloria Miller, Madisonne Ned, Tyler Smith, and Beau Stely.

Thanks to one and all!
Msgr. Romero

A Description of Greeting in the Lord

There is an ancient homily on Holy Saturday that speaks of Jesus Christ and Adam meeting after Jesus' death. Here is an excerpt:

He [Jesus Christ] has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, he who is both God and the son of Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the cross, the weapon that he won the victory. At the sight of him, Adam, the first man he created, struck his breast in terror and cried out to everyone: "My Lord be with you all." Christ answered him: "And with your spirit." He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying: "Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

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 5: 12-16**
Peter's faith in Jesus enables him to work signs and wonders.
- Psalm 118** "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting".
- Reading II Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19**
He is the first and the last, the one who lives.
- Gospel John 20:19-31**
How blessed are those who have not seen but have believed.

THEME:

Receive the Holy Spirit

Today's scriptures invite us to gather around the risen Christ, whose words echo across the millennia to each person in this holy place: "Peace be with you." This blessing is at the heart of the message of Easter. As the scriptures are proclaimed, let us pray for a continued outpouring of peace on a world grown weary by war and violence.

Questions of the week

- Question for Children:**
Jesus appeared to the disciples even though they were afraid and locked in the closed room.
How can you show Jesus to another person this week by the way you act?
- Question for Youth:**
Thomas didn't believe because he hadn't seen Jesus with his own eyes.
How hard is it for you to believe in God without being able to see God?
How do you see God in the words and actions of others?
- Question for Adults:**
Jesus said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe". Give one example of how you will show your belief in Jesus this week – how you are being sent forth.

STEWARDSHIP

"Blessed are those who have not seen and believed."

John tells us that the disciples who abandoned Jesus when He was arrested and taken to the cross [John was one of them] were locked in a room a week after they had seen him risen from the dead and had appeared to them in that same room. Jesus had good reason to be disappointed with them, but He says to them, "Peace be with you!" He knew it was difficult for them to believe even though they had seen. And He knew how difficult it would be for us who had not seen to believe. That is why, at our Baptism, our parents, or we ourselves if we are old enough, promise to make our faith constantly grow stronger in our hearts and to bring that faith unstained into heaven. We renewed our Baptismal Promises on Easter Sunday. What have we done to make our faith grow stronger in our hearts? What are we doing? What will we do in the future? Are we being good stewards of our faith?

Stewardship Expressions

Stewardship starts with the personal experience of the Risen Christ in our midst and in our hearts. It is a vocation to discipleship. We have so much to consider as we progress through Easter and Spring.

Learn about Our Lord's special grants of mercy and forgiveness to sinners on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 11th). Citizen stewardship is reflected on tax day (April 15th). We celebrate and value God's Creation in special ways on Earth Day (April 22nd). Throughout the month, let us strive to further develop our personal relationship with the Risen Christ and give witness to our discipleship through our stewardship expressions of daily living.

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

- 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 Fontenot, Martin J.StAmand, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Mary Joubert Bihm
- 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
- Monday, April 12**12:10 p.m. Norwood Duplechain
- Tuesday, April 13**NO MASS
- Wednesday, April 14** 12:10 p.m. Norwood Duplechain
- Thursday, April 15** 12:10 p.m. Evie B. Soileau (BD)
- Friday, April 16**12:10 p.m. Barbara (BD) & Michael Fontenot and family
- Saturday, April 17** 4:00 p.m. Jeanette Lalonde, Special Intention, James E. Martin, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, James Palmer, Alex Robertson, Lee Martin
- Sunday, April 18**8:00 a.m. Youle and Therese Fontenot, Martin J. StAmand, Gervais Guidroz (BD), Rodney Stelly (DA), Mary Joubert Bihm
- 10:00 a.m.** Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Ervin Thibodeaux (BD), Harold Savoy, Ernie and Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly, Mickey and Joyce Hollier, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe
- 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 18, 2010
Bishop's Services Appeal

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Your Stewardship To God

Regular Offertory Collection	\$5,182.27	Every Gift Comes From Above.
Maintenance Fund	\$1,472.86	
Easter Offering	\$1,172.00	
Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$818.92	
Opelousas Catholic Foundation	\$35.00	
Bishops Services Appeal.....	\$40.00	



Thank you for your generosity!

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.

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.

Feast of Divine Mercy

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, Lani George, Mrs. James Ivy Louviere, 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 12	5:30pm	Choir Practice
	6:00pm	Rel. Ed.
	6:15pm	Rosary at Fr. LaFleur Monument
	6:30pm	Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 13	6:00pm	CDA Meeting
Wednesday, April 14	5:00pm	Altar Society
	5:30pm	1st. Eucharist Class
Thursday, April 15	6:00pm	Regional Meeting
		Pastoral Council Presidents

Around the Diocese

Holy Ghost Church:
There will be a Day of Reflection for African American Men at Holy Ghost Catholic Church on Saturday, April 17, from 9AM to 3PM. The cost is \$5.00 and lunch will be provided. Call 261-5694 for more information.

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 April 21 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

Congratulations to OC eighth grade student Siobhan Prasad for placing FIRST in the REGIONAL Science Fair with her project on the effects of sleep deprivation!

Don't miss the last performances of "Jake's Women" this weekend in the OC Gym by Drama Club members - - Saturday, April 10, at 7pm and Sunday, April 11, at 2pm.

The time is nearing for the drawing of the \$10,000 Raffle...get your \$5.00 chances soon!!

Special Needs Cursillo for Women

There is a Special Needs Cursillo for Women scheduled for July 22-25, 2010 at the Cursillo Center located in Prairie Rhonde, 3651 Hwy. 104, Opelousas. This special Cursillo is for anyone who wants to make Cursillo, which is an experience of a deeper understanding of their Catholic faith and a way of learning to live more profoundly a life dedicated to Christ. This Cursillo will be at a slower pace for women of all ages and backgrounds. We are excepting physically handicap, as well as anymore who is elderly also the young who might have difficulty at a regular Cursillo. For more information contact Gloria Matte. (896-0524).

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCHForgotten Souls in Purgatory
CHAPELFor Victims of Violence

ALTAR SOCIETY

- Group VII**Gwen Fruge, Week of Apr. 17, 2010
- Group I**.....Alverda Deshotels, Week of Apr. 24, 2010