



YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests

The faithful expect only one thing from priests: that they be specialists in promoting the encounter between man and God. The priest is not asked to be an expert in economics, construction, or politics. He is expected to be an expert in the spiritual life.

Pope Benedict XVI's meeting with clergy in Warsaw, Poland on May 25, 2006.

Prayer for Pope Benedict XVI

The Knights of Columbus are praying for Pope Benedict XVI especially from April 11th to April 19th. As Pope Benedict's 5th anniversary of election is April 19th and installation is April 24th, parishioners are invited to join the Knights of Columbus in praying for Pope Benedict XVI. The prayer follows:

PRAYER

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd, Benedict, a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.

V. Let us pray for Benedict, the pope.
 R. May the Lord preserve him, give him a long life, make him blessed upon the earth, and not hand him over to the power of his enemies.
 V. May your hand be upon your holy servant.
 R. And upon your son, whom you have anointed.

Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory Be ...

Father Nicky Trahan

Because of reasons of health, Bishop Jarrell has granted Father Nicky Trahan the status of retired priest of the Diocese of Lafayette as of April 15, 2010. Father Nicky Trahan is residing at the same nursing home as Father Matt. Anyone wanting to write either or both, our beloved former pastor, Father Trahan, or our beloved former senior priest in residence, Father Matt, may do so at this address: Consolata Nursing Home, 2319 E. Main Street, New Iberia, LA 70560. Please pray for both Father Matt and Father Trahan. Thank-you!

In my role as Episcopal Vicar of the North Region, I am the Administrator of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Port Barre until Bishop Jarrell appoints a Pastor. We are looking for a priest to be Sacramental Minister who will do masses, funeral and etc. until a Pastor is appointed. *Mgr. Romero*

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 18, 2010

Reading I Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
 The apostles openly give witness to the power of Jesus' name.

Psalm 30 "I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me."

Reading II Revelation 5:11-14
 John declares the glory of Jesus, the Lamb of God.

Gospel John 21:1-19
 The risen Christ welcomes his own at the seashore.

THEME:

Jesus feed us so that we can feed and serve others.

In today's Gospel, we witness one of the Lord's post-Resurrection appearances. Jesus prepares breakfast for his disciples. Peter, who had betrayed Jesus a few days earlier, is invited to eat the fish Jesus has prepared. Just as Peter had denied Jesus three times, so today he professes his love for Jesus three times. Let us see in this simple seaside meal the expression of reconciliation that today's Eucharist offers to all who believe.

Questions of the week

- Question for Children:**
 Jesus asks Peter three times if Peter loves Jesus.
 What one thing can you do this week to show Jesus you love Him?
- Question for Youth:**
 Jesus asked Peter three times to "feed my sheep".
 Whom are you being called to help in your life right now?
- Question for Adults:**
 Christ continues to feed us as his disciples, even after his death and resurrection.
 How does the Eucharist feed your faith?

STEWARDSHIP

"Lord, you know everything, you know that I love you"

After appearing to the disciples two times in a room behind locked doors in Jerusalem, Jesus reveals Himself a third time to seven of His disciples who are fishing at the northwest end of the Sea of Tiberias (Galilee).

The scene is a reminder of His first call to them to become fishers of men. After preparing and sharing a breakfast of fish with them, Jesus asks Simon Peter three times, "Do you love me?" Peter, who had denied Jesus three times, finally says, "Lord you know everything, you know that I love you". Peter reveals his great faith in Jesus. Only God knows everything and only God could know what was in Peter's heart.

When we encounter Jesus He asks us, "Do you love me?" Is our faith in Jesus such that we have no doubt that He is God and that He knows what is in our heart?

How do we respond to Jesus?

Stewardship Expressions

Many people will receive the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation in April and May.

Celebrate their progression in faith formation.

Pray for their continued development throughout life.

Serve as a good role model and mentor to encourage further personal and spiritual growth.

Stewards mentor others toward a closer relationship with God.

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

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, Ronnie J. Vidrine

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, Carl James Lanclos (DA)

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

Monday, April 19. 12:10 p.m. Wayne Wyble, Inez L. Thomas

Tuesday, April 20. NO MASS

Wednesday, April 21 12:10 p.m. Martin (BD) and Angela Cosgrove

Thursday, April 22 12:10 p.m. Theresa D. Speyrer, Clifton Lanclos

Friday, April 23. 12:10 p.m. Wayne Wyble

Saturday, April 24 4:00 p.m. Jeanette Lalonde, Special Intention, Velma and Patsy Gail Boss, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Martin and Angela Cosgrove, Lee Martin, Ronnie J. Vidrine

Sunday, April 25 8:00 a.m. Angela Aymond, Youle and Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St.Amand, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Hilary Dupre (BD), Mary Joubert Bihm

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Harold Savoy, 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.


Second Collection
Week of April 25, 2010
Opelousas Catholic Foundation Fund

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Your Stewardship To God

Regular Offertory Collection	\$4,611.76
Maintenance Fund	\$235.65
Easter Offering	\$115.00
Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$50.00
Opelousas Catholic Foundation	\$10.00
Bishops Services Appeal	\$5.00
A/C Repair Fund	\$10.00

Every Gift Comes From Above.

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.

For more information, contact Yvonne L Normand, Church Trustee, and Election Chair at 337-308-3474.

OC CORNER

An important PTO meeting is set for Wednesday at 6:00pm in the school cafeteria, when the \$10,000 raffle drawing will be held.

Congratulations to the 20 students who placed in the District Literary Rally at LSU-E and good luck at the State Rally this weekend!

Prayer Intentions

Kaleb Aymond, Anna Lee Beadle, Evelyn Bertrand, Chris Brewster, Lois Cormier, Kirk Courville, Robert Danaher, Glenn Derington, Lani George, Agnes Kidder, 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 19	5:30pm	Choir Practice
	6:00pm	Rel. Ed.
	6:15pm	Rosary at Fr. LaFleur
		Monument for protection from hurricanes
Wednesday, April 21	5:30pm	1st. Eucharist Class
Friday, April 23	8:00am	High School Mass with Fr. Jaisson
		also Senate Induction

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 a 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 anyone who is elderly also the young who might have difficulty at a regular Cursillo.

For more information contact Gloria Matte. (896-0524).

Around the Diocese

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

Individually directed retreats	May 10-19
Weekend Retreats for women	May 24-June 2
	May 6-8
	May 20-23
Married Couples Retreat	April 30/May 2

Jesuit Spirituality Center:
(337)662-5251

Individually Directed Retreats:	April 26 - 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

Opelousas Elderly Awareness Seminar

Wednesday, April 21 from 9AM to 1PM at the Opelousas Civic Center.

Sponsored by the Opelousas Police Department.

Lots of helpful information to share: Free Health Screening; Blood Pressure Checks; Home Safety; Hearing and Diabetic Screenings as well as Music, Bingo, and Door Prizes.

Doors open at 7:30 am. Registration begins at 8AM. Dinner will be served.

Returned to Christ Through Death

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

George Wynne Stubbs MD
Jesse James Pitre Sr.
Richard Savage
Lucio Sanchez

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

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH	St. Landry Church Parishioners
CHAPEL	Earl Kidder Family

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group I.....Alverda Deshotels, Week of Apr. 24, 2010

Group II.....Pap Roy, Week of May 1, 2010