



YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests

Priests, even if they live far apart, are a true community of brothers who should support and help one another. This communion among priests is as important today as ever. In order not to drift into isolation, into loneliness with its sorrows, it is important for us to meet one another regularly.

Pope Benedict XVI is meeting with the clergy of the Diocese of Bolzano-Bressanone on August 6, 2008.

FROM: Msgr. J. Robert Romero, V.E.

Episcopal Vicar, Diocese of Lafayette, North Region

RE: Prayer Services/Mass before hurricane season

Hurricane season will begin June 1, 2010. Four Prayer Services/Masses are planned throughout the Diocese of Lafayette, one in each region. The schedules are:

CENTRAL Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
914 St. John Street, Lafayette
Date: Monday, May 24, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

SOUTH Ecumenical Prayer Service
St. Marcellus Catholic Church - Rynella
6100 Avery Island Road, (New Iberia)
Date: Thursday, May 27, 2010 6:30 p.m.

WEST St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church -
603 Main Street, Gueydan
Date: Thursday, May 27, 2010 6:30 p.m.

NORTH **Ecumenical Prayer Service**
Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church
1432 West Landry Street, Opelousas
Date: Thursday, May 27, 2010 6:30 p.m

MASS FOR THE ELDERLY

Join the Diocese of Lafayette on Sunday, May 2 at 2:00pm honoring all Senior Citizens at a Mass with Bishop Michael Jarrell. Immaculata Chapel, 1408 Carmel Dr., Lafayette, La. with a reception at Marian Hall. For more information, call 261-5545.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING
Week of April 25, 2010

Reading I Acts 13:14, 43-52
Paul and Barnabas preach to the Gentiles.

Psalm 100 "We are his people, the sheep of his flock."

Reading II Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
The Lamb of God is our shepherd who leads us to life-giving pastures.

Gospel John 10:27-30
No one can harm one of Jesus' lambs.

THEME:

Jesus knows us and calls us

Each year of this Fourth Sunday of Easter, we focus on the image of Jesus the Good Shepherd. As members of His holy flock, we open our ears to listen to his voice in the sacred word proclaimed this day.

Questions of the week

Question for Children:

Jesus promises to guard us like a shepherd does the sheep. How do you experience his loving care in your life?

Question for Youth:

Jesus said "My sheep hear my voice: I know them, and they follow me." How does Jesus speak to you?

What new path is he asking of you?

Question for Adults:

What is your experience of being a follower of Christ, of being cared for and guarded with him as shepherd?

BULLETIN BITES

"My sheep hear my voice, I know them and they follow me."

There are very few family members or friends that we cannot identify by their voice. Jesus tells us that His followers hear His voice. Jesus also says He knows us. Jesus does not need to know our voice. He knows US! He knows what we need before we say it. But, do we know the voice of Jesus? And, what do we do when we hear the voice of Jesus? Do we hear the voice of Jesus in prayer, when we stop speaking and listen – listen for God's will for us. Do we hear the voice of Jesus in our family, our friends, and strangers through the people and events in our lives? Jesus challenges us to be and to do all that God created us to be and do. When we hear ourselves saying, "Mo, I don't want to love that person or take that risk or challenge that evil, we probably just heard from God. How do we respond as stewards of our prayer life and of all that God has given us? Our first response may be "NO"! Our final response must be "YES LORD!"

Expressions

Let your inner "sunshine" glow for others to see. Your hopefulness, peace, contentment, and comfort in relationship with God, and in stewardship expressions, shine as testimonies to the life you choose to live as one of Christ's disciples.

Attitude, word, and deeds are visible "rays" of stewardship.

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

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 Therese 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

Monday, April 26 12:10 p.m. Martin J. StAmand (BD), Jesse Pitre, Sr.

Tuesday, April 27 NO MASS

Wednesday, April 28 12:10 p.m. Tim Falgoust

Thursday, April 29 12:10 p.m. Tim Falgoust

Friday, April 30 12:10 p.m. Una L. Moreau

Saturday, May 1 4:00 p.m. Jeanette Lalonde, Special Intention, M/M Robert Going Sr., James E. Martin (DA), Dr. Richard Hargroder, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Martin and Angela Cosgrove, James Palmer (DA), Lee Martin, Ronnie J. Vidrine

Sunday, May 2 8:00 a.m. M/M John FaKouri Sr., John Jr. and Jacob, Youle and Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. StAmand, Alton, Elizabeth and Louis Vernon Joubert, Mary Joubert Bihm

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Roy Whaley Sr. (DA), Bobbie & Julie Mouton, Ronnie & Steve Ardoin, the Rider family, Ervin (DA) and Marcylee Thibodeaux (WA), Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe

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

Confessions: Saturdays 3:00-3:45 p.m.
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

Second Collection

Week of May 2, 2010
Opelousas Catholic Foundation Fund

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Your Stewardship To God

Every Gift Comes From Above.

Regular Offertory Collection\$5,275.55
Maintenance Fund.....\$330.00
Bishops Services Appeal.....\$862.02
Catholic Home Mission.....\$110.00



Thank you for your generosity!

OC CORNER

Family and friends in the community are invited to attend "Business After Hours" in the OC Cafeteria on Thursday from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Come by to visit, enjoy refreshments, and see the new classrooms and chapel on campus!

Parents are reminded that progress reports will be posted on Edline by Tuesday. The senior class thanks the Catholic schools of Opelousas Alumni Association for the nice breakfast after mass last week.

Prayer for Priests

Dear Lord, we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry.

We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you"9Jn 2:5".

May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse.

May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross.

May your priests by holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls.

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, Novella Sebastien, 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 26	5:30pm	Choir Practice
	6:00pm	Rel. Ed.
	6:15pm	Rosary at Fr. LaFleur Monument for protection from hurricanes
Wednesday, April 28	5:30pm	1st. EucharistnClass
Friday, April 30	8:30am	Elem. School Mass
Saturday, May 1	8:30am	1st. Communion Retreat in Valentin Hall
		Children to be picked up at Church

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 his or her 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 accepting 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)

Around the Diocese

Our Lady of the Oaks: (337) 662-5410

Individually directed retreats	May 10-19
	May 24-June 2
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 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

COMMUNITY WALK

A community walk benefiting Mental health America of Louisiana on May 1, 2010 at 8:00am. This one mile wellness walk and health fair is being held at South City Park.

Thank You

Friends of the Bereaved: The family of Lt. Col. N. G. Duplechain is so grateful for your thoughtfulness in our time of sorrow. We attended the Mass on April 12 in Opelousas and Florida. Thanks my friends. *Pap Roy*

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH.....Martin J. StAmand
CHAPEL.....Intentions of Pope Benedict XVI

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group II.....Pap Roy, Week of May 1, 2010
Group III.....Irene Soileau, Week of May 8, 2010