



**YEAR FOR PRIESTS**

*Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests*

There is no true knowledge without love, without an inner relationship and deep acceptance of the other. The shepherd cannot be satisfied with knowing names and dates. His way of knowing his sheep must always also be knowing with the heart.

Pope Benedict XVI's homily at the Mass for the ordination of priests on May 7, 2006.

**Prayer for Sunday Morning**

Welcome, O Holy Day of the Lord!  
Bright day of gladness for praising Jesus.  
Move our feet in haste to Mass,  
Move our lips to holy words,  
O God, it is thou has bought us,  
It is thou wilt come to take us.  
If in youth, we broke thy Law,  
Write it not against our age.  
Bind fast the Evil One,  
That he may not come nigh to us.  
Deliver us from this company,  
And from the seven deadly sins. Amen.

The above prayer is an ancient prayer said in Gaelic by families as they set out on foot for Sunday Mass. Perhaps we too in our post-modern times can adapt it for our own preparations for Sunday Mass.

By way of clarification as the above "Prayer for Sunday Morning" mentions the term 'Seven Deadly Sins', here follows The Seven Deadly Sins and the Seven Contrary Virtues: Pride/Humility, Envy/Charity, Gluttony/Temperance, Lust/Chastity, Anger/Patience, Greed/Generosity, Sloth/Zeal.

**First Communion**

This Sunday we celebrate First Communion with our parishioners. They are:

- Blake Burch
- Nicholas Dupre
- Brendon Gerald
- Erin Harmon
- Noah LaBruyere
- Amy Claire Miller
- John Ross Miller
- Madisonne Ned
- Drew Sebastien
- John Soileau
- Beau Stelly
- Landon Woodley
- Jade Zerangue

We congratulate these young parishioners for their commitment to Jesus and to Church. May God bless them and their families.

**READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING**  
Week of May 2, 2010

- Reading I Acts 14:21-27**  
The missionaries Paul and Barnabas complete their journey.
- Psalm 145** "I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God."
- Reading II Revelation 21:1-5a**  
Like bride and groom, God pledges everlasting love.
- Gospel John 13:31-33a, 34-35**  
Jesus' followers live by a new commandment: love one another.

**THEME:**  
**Jesus commands us to love one another**

Today we open our hearts to receive Christ's new commandment: that we love one another as He has loved us. Throughout this Easter season, we ponder that love, which gained for us the promise of eternal life. As we are drawn into the vision of Saint John in the book of Revelation, let us pray for a strengthening of our love for one another.

**Questions of the week**

- Question for Children:**  
How do you make obvious that you love your family and friends?
- Question for Youth:**  
The world is full of examples of people who do not love others. What are the results of hate that you see in the world? How would the world be different if we followed Jesus' commandment?
- Question for Adults:**  
Jesus' commandment to love another is a challenge. What will you do this week to deepen the love you have for those around you in life?

**BULLETIN BITES**

*"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you should also love one another."*

Jesus reminds us of the command God gave to the Israelites through Moses to **Love your neighbor as yourself**. Next, Jesus tells us to **Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you**. Psychologists only recently discovered that we must love ourselves in order to be able to love others. That is how God created us. Sadly, many of us do not love ourselves enough to feel that we can be loved by others, or by God. And, sadly, there is a risk that the only one that we will ever love will be ourselves. Jesus takes love to a whole new dimension. **Love one another as I have loved you – unconditionally: without a pre-condition of recognition, without expectation of being loved in return.** God made us stewards of His love – for ourselves and for others. Are we ready to give an account of our stewardship – to answer the question, "What have you done with My love?"

Hurricane season will begin June 1, 2010. The service for the North Region is as follows:

**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 INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE WEEK**

- 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 :Richard E. Savage, Jack Robert
- Sunday, May 2 8:00 a.m.** M/M John FaKouri Sr., John Jr., and Jacob, Youle and Therese 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, Dr. Dale Dupuis
- 5:00 p.m.** St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit, Harold Savoy, Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr.
- Monday, May 3 12:10 p.m.** Tim Falgoust
- Tuesday, May 4 NO MASS**
- Wednesday, May 5 12:10 p.m.** Tim Falgoust
- Thursday, May 6 12:10 p.m.** Theresa D. Speyrer
- Friday, May 7 12:10 p.m.** Lou Ella S. Lognion, Ethel L. Meaux, Teddy J. Meaux
- Saturday, May 8 4:00 p.m.** John H. Kewley, Jeanette Lalonde, Jimmie Roland Greco (BD), Dr. Richard Hargroder, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Martin and Angela Cosgrove, James Palmer, Alex Robertson, James G. and Bertha C. Firmin, Lee Martin, Ronnie J. Vidrine, Richard E. Savage, Earl "Bubba" Kidder Jr., Agnes & Evena Guillory, Oneza Roy, Eva & Dora Fontenot
- Sunday, May 9 8:00 a.m.** M/M John FaKouri Sr., John Jr., and Jacob, Angela Aymond, Noemie Greco and Laura Thibodeaux, Youle and Therese Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, Evelyn Arnaud, Mary Joubert Bihm, Irene J. Pitre, Virgie Soileau, M/M Robert Joubert, M/M Henry Fontenot, Marilyn DeCuir, Edna Gaspard
- 10:00 a.m.** Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Agnes Mallet, Ludy David Latiolais, Ernie and Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly, Mickey and Joyce Hollier, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Maxine C. Robison, Dr. Dale Dupuis, Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward, and Allen Jr., Ronald Joseph Zerangue, CDA Homebound members, Agnes and Pat Doucet, Mary Titard (DA), Bobbie Mouton, Ronnie and Steve Ardoin,, the Rider family
- 5:00 p.m.** St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit, Ludy David Latiolais, Harold Savoy, Helen Joubert Guillory, Dully Darbonne Fruge, Etha Soileau Joubert and Myra Manuel Rozas, Lucille Cortez Darbonne and Adeline Fontenot Fruge

**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 9, 2010**  
**Bishop Services Appeal**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** Every Gift Comes From Above.

**Your Stewardship To God**

Regular Offertory Collection .....	\$5,624.87
Opelousas Catholic School .....	\$595.25
Maintenance Fund .....	\$88.00
Bishops Services Appeal .....	\$40.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*



**OC CORNER**

The 2010 Annual Angel Appeal Drive has begun! Sixty percent of gifts will go directly into the Foundation Trust Fund, while 40% is targeted for new desks in elementary classes and refurbishment of lockers for junior high and high school.

Please consider blessing Catholic Education by mailing your gift to the OC Development Office, 428 E. Prudhomme Street, Opelousas, La. 70570.

**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.

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

**Reminders for the week**

<b>Monday, May 3</b>	5:30pm	Choir Practice
	6:00pm	CDA Rosary At Grotto
	6:30pm	Pastoral Council Meeting
<b>Thursday, May 6</b>	6:30pm	Pre-Baptism Class
<b>Friday, May 7</b>	<b>7:00am</b>	First FridayvAdoration
	8:30am	High School Mass
		Jr. Ring Ceremony
<b>Saturday, May 8</b>	8:00am	First Saturday Mass
<b>Sunday, May 9</b>	10:00am	Rel. Ed. Grades 1-8
		Attend Mass

**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 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)

**Around the Diocese**

<b>Our Lady of the Oaks: (337) 662-5410</b>	
<b>Individually directed retreats</b>	May 10-19
	May 24-June 2
Weekend Retreats for women	May 20-23
Married Couples Retreat	July 9-11
Mid-Week Retreat for Women	June 28-30
<b>Jesuit Spirituality Center: (337)662-5251</b>	
Gay & Lesbian Catholics	May 21- - May 23
Spirituality for 2nd half of life	June 3rd - - June 6
Wasting Time Creatively	June 17 - - June 20

**Recently Celebrated Marriage Vows**

Matt and Katie Dallas Mayer  
Derek and Megan Frederick Lanclous

May the love and trust you enjoy, grow evermore in your lives.

**Returned to Christ Through Death**



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

**Sister Colette Guidry, MSC**

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.....First Holy Eucharist Class  
CHAPEL.....The Bereaved

**ALTAR SOCIETY**

**Group III**.....Irene Soileau, Week of May 8, 2010  
**Group IV**.....Sarah Wagley, Week of May 15, 2010