



YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests

If you [bishops] yourselves live in a manner closely configured to Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for his sheep, you will inspire your brother priests to rededicate themselves to the service of their flocks with Christlike generosity. Indeed a clearer focus upon the imitation of Christ in holiness of life is exactly what is needed in order for us to move forward.

Pope Benedict XVI's address to the bishops of the United States in Washington, D.C. on April 16, 2008.

The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church addresses Confirmation

265. What place does Confirmation have in the divine plan of salvation? [1285-1288, 1315]

In the Old Testament, the prophets announced that the Spirit of the Lord would rest on the awaited Messiah and on the entire messianic people. The whole life and mission of Jesus were carried out in total communion with the Holy Spirit. The apostles received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and proclaimed "the great works of God" (Acts 2:11). They gave the gift of the same Spirit to the newly baptized by the laying on of hands. Down through the centuries, the Church has continued to live by the Spirit and to impart him to her children.

268. What is the effect of Confirmation? [1302-1305, 1316-1317]

The effect of Confirmation is a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit like that of Pentecost. This outpouring impresses on the soul an indelible character and produces a growth in the grace of Baptism. It roots the recipient more deeply in divine sonship, binds him more firmly to Christ and to the Church and reinvigorates the gifts of the Holy Spirit in his soul. It gives a special strength to witness to the Christian faith.

A Prayer for Protection from Hurricanes

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season, we turn to you, O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. AMEN

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READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING
Week of May 16, 2010

- Reading I Acts 1:1-11**
The Lord Jesus ascends into a cloud.
- Psalm 47** "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, a blare of trumpets for the Lord."
- Reading II Ephesians 1:17-23**
Christ is the head of the church, where he is, we are to follow.
- Gospel Luke 24:46-53**
Jesus commands us to go and baptize.

THEME:

Jesus ascends to heaven!

Throughout the fifty days of Easter, we have rejoiced in the resurrection of Christ. Today we listen to the story of his glorious ascension into heaven, where he intercedes for us at the right hand of the Father. As we listen to these words, let our hearts sing for joy, for the Risen Lord is truly with us in this holy place.

Questions of the week

- Question for Children:**
Jesus blessed the disciples and said He would be with them in a special way. When was Jesus with you in a special way?
- Question for Youth:**
The disciples were filled with joy even though Jesus was leaving them. Have you ever been joyful when you had to say goodbye to someone who was special to you? What was the source of that joy?
- Question for Adults:**
How often we stand looking up at the sky to find God. When did you see God present in your life this past week?

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2010

As our seniors of 2010 go out into the world, let us focus on them with love. They need to know that God loves them and that God has a plan for them that is good and fulfilling. They need to know that we should not just create our own destiny but should find it. They need to know that they should always walk with God and then they will see what true love and devotion is, as they see God's care for them. They need good and true spiritual prayer lives and to know that they should never break from God and His Church. As their families, let us impress upon them that Mass, prayer, and God are "not only obligations", but that they are our blessings! It is only with God that we find we are loved unconditionally. **Congratulations and may God bless all of you.**

ALTAR SOCIETY

- Group V**.....Betty Leleux, Week of May 22, 2010
Group VI.....Norma Hargroder, Week of May 29, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

- Saturday, May 15** 4:00 p.m. Jeanette Lalonde, Ludy David Latiolais (DA), James E. Martin, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Martin and Angela Cosgrove, Harold Savoy, Vivian, Lee and Kristie Artigue, James G. (BD) and Bertha C. Firmin, Lee Martin, Ronnie J. Vidrine, Richard E. Savage, Earl "Bubba" Kidder Jr.
- Sunday, May 16** 8:00 a.m. Youle and Therese Fontenot, Martin J. StAmand, Mary Joubert Bihm, Harold Savoy, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Jill Boullion (BD) and family
- 10:00 a.m.** Wilfred, Annette, Richard, and Marian Smith, Daniel and Louise Lagrange, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Dr. Dale Dupuis, Virgie Soileau, Ronald James Zerangue
- 5:00 p.m.** St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit
- Monday, May 17** 12:10 p.m. M/M Jesse J. Pitre
- Tuesday, May 18** NO MASS
- Wednesday, May 19** 12:10 p.m. Kelly Danaher
- Thursday, May 20** 12:10 p.m. Theresa D. Speyrer, Evelyn T. Batton, Judy LeJeune (BD)
- Friday, May 21** 12:10 p.m. Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward, and Allen Jr.
- Saturday, May 22** 4:00 p.m. Jeanette Lalonde, Velma and Patsy Gail Boss, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Martin and Angela Cosgrove, Lee Martin, James D. "Robi" Robison (DA), Ronnie J. Vidrine Richard Savage, Earl (Bubba) Kidder Jr., Lois Cormier
- Sunday, May 23** 8:00 a.m. Angela Aymond, Youle and Therese Fontenot, Martin J. StAmand, Mary Joubert Bihm
- 10:00 a.m.** Wilfred, Annette, Richard, and Marian Smith, Harold Savoy, Ernie and Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly, Mickey and Joyce Hollier, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Dr. Dale Dupuis
- 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 May 23, 2010
Opelousas Catholic Foundation

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Your Stewardship To God

- Regular Offertory Collection\$5,013.17
Maintenance Fund\$279.00
Bishops Services Appeal\$761.46
Flowers\$6.00
Opelousas Catholic Foundation\$2.00
Home Missions\$1.00
Catholic Relief\$1.00

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Thank you for your generosity!

Recently Celebrated Marriage Vows
Hunter and Margeaux Sylvester Tujague
May the love and trust you enjoy, grow evermore in your lives.

NOTICE
The American Legion Post 45 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct a Memorial Day Ceremony after 10:00am Mass in front of Fr. Joseph V. LaFleur Monument on Sunday, May 30. For more information, contact Ken Thibodeaux at 942-2736.

Prayer Intentions

Kaleb Aymond, Anna Lee Beadle, Evelyn Bertrand, Chris Brewster, Kirk Courville, Robert Danaher, Glenn Derington, Lani George, Lynwood Hidalgo, Agnes Kidder, Mrs. James Ivy Louviere, Frank Miller, Deacon John Miller, Julie Mouton, Kevin Prestenbach, 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		
Saturday, May 15	5:15pm	Confirmation Practice
Sunday, May 16	10:00am	Confirmation with Bishop Jarrell as Celebrant
Monday, May 17	5:30pm	Choir Practice
	6:00pm	Rosary @ Grotto
Tuesday, May 18	12:15pm	OC Graduation Practice
Thursday, May 20	7:00pm	OC Graduation
Friday, May 21	8:00am	OC Jr. High Awards

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 anyone who is elderly also the young who might have difficulty at a regular Cursillo. For more information contact Gloria Matte (896-0524)

OC CORNER

OC is proud of the elementary students who participated in the St. Jude's Math-a-Thon. They collected a total of \$10,288 for the children of St. Jude's!
End-of-the-year programs set for this week include the ALL Sports Banquet on Monday at 6:00PM in the gym; the Senior Awards Banquet on Wednesday at 6:00PM in the gym; and the 2010 Graduation Mass on Thursday at 7PM in St. Landry Catholic Church. The Junior High Awards program will be held at 8AM on Friday in church.

Returned to Christ Through Death

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

Lois Prejean Cormier and Alice Evelyn Titard Batton

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

Is Your Marriage in Trouble?

The next Retrouvaille program is scheduled for May 28-30. For additional information call 1-800-470-2230. **All inquiries are confidential.**

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH.....Confirmation class of 2010
CHAPEL.....2010 Graduates

