

President George Washington's Prayer for our Country on Independence Day, July 4th

'Almighty God, We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection, that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

NOVENA IN PREPARATION OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

The Carmelite Sisters at the Monastery of Mary, Mother of Grace invite us to join them in a novena in preparation of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, July 16, 2010. This year the theme of the novena is the Family. The novena begins on July 8th. The novena prayer follows:

PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY

God, you are the Father of everything in Heaven and on earth, Father, you are love and life, make every human family on earth become, through your Son Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary through the power of the Holy Spirit, a source of divine charity and a true sanctuary of life and love for the generations to come.

May Mary, Mother of the Church and Mother of Carmel, be also the Mother of the "domestic church." With her help may every Christian family truly become a "little church" in which the mystery of the Church is mirrored and given new life. May she, the Handmaiden of the Lord, be for every family an example of humble and generous acceptance of the will of God. May she, the sorrowful Mother at the foot of the cross, comfort the sufferings and dry the tears of families in sorrow, difficulty of distress. May she, the Mother of Grace, intercede that the thoughts and deeds of spouses will be directed to the good of their families and all the families of the world. Through her, the Mother of Hope, may the younger generations find in the family strong support for their humanity, so that they may grow in truth and love. May all families, strengthened by the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony and the intercession of the Mother of Carmel, live in the faith and love that will prove to be stronger than any weakness or crisis, economic hardship, separation, sickness or suffering they must endure. And may the family of the Church, supported by the Mother of the Church, complete her mission among all nations in the family and through the family. Amen.

Adapted for Familiaris Consortio

Thank You

We would like to sincerely thank the "Friends of the Bereaved" for the food you provided following the services of our father, Frank. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

The Miller Family

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING Week of July 4, 2010

- Reading I Isaiah 66:10-14c
Mother Jerusalem will gather her children.
Psalm 66 "Let all the earth cry out to God with joy."
Reading II Galatians 6:14-18
I bear in my body the brand marks of Jesus.
Gospel Luke 10:1-12, 17-20
If people welcome you, bid them peace. If not, shake their dust from your feet and move on.

THEME:

We are called to evangelize.

We welcome the sacred word of God this day with hearts open to transformation. This word has the power to change us. As this word is proclaimed in our midst, let us receive it with hearts filled with joy. Let us respond by echoing the sentiments of the psalmist: "let all the earth cry out to God with joy."

Questions of the week

- Question for Children: How do you let others know about your faith?
Question for Youth: Jesus sent the disciples out into the world, but told them that it wouldn't be an easy job. How have you shared your faith with others this past week? What were the risks for you?
Question for Adults: To what part of the harvest are you being sent? What are you being called to do for the Reign of God?

BULLETIN BITES

"The seventy-two returned, rejoicing, and said, 'Lord, even demons are subject to us because of your name.'"

The seventy-two disciples that Jesus sent in thirty-six directions were amazed at their success. Did they really have faith in Jesus as they left on their mission? We can almost hear them grumbling. "He is sending us like lambs among wolves with no money, no provisions, no sandals, and we cannot even greet people on the way. Does he expect us to work miracles?" But off they went. And they performed miracles. Despite their doubts, they had faith in Jesus and they were able to do great things because of their faith. When we feel called to step out in faith to imitate Jesus in our world, do we have doubts? Do we fail to act because of our doubts? Or do we act, despite our doubts, amazed at what we can accomplish when we have faith in Jesus? As a result of our Baptism it is our responsibility to nurture our faith in Jesus so we can constantly be amazed at what we can accomplish in His name.

Summer 2010

Celebrate life in special moments and accomplishments, in the ordinary happenings of daily living, opportunities and events that arise, in friendships, in health and happiness, and in all that inspires particular meaning and gratitude.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



- Saturday, July 3 4:00 p.m. Frank Greco (DA), M/M Robert Going Sr., James E. Martin, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Martin and Angela Cosgrove, Family of Artibuse and Alice Thibodeaux, Priscilla Kleinpeter (DA), Ronnie J. Vidrine, Richard E. Savage, Jeanette Lalonde, Kelly James Danaher, Seldon J. Deshotels Jr.
Sunday, July 4 8:00 a.m. M/M John FaKouri Sr., John Jr., and Jacob, Youle and Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St.Amand, Alton, Elizabeth and Louis Vernon Joubert, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Allen Richard, Bobbie & Julie Mouton, Steve and Ronnie Ardoin, and the Rider Family, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Jack Robert, Clement Ned Sr. (BD), Claude & Anna Soileau and Betty Valin, Frank Miller
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit
Monday, July 5 12:10 p.m. Youle Fontenot (DA)
Tuesday, July 6 NO MASS
Wednesday, July 7 12:10 p.m. Christopher Carey
Thursday, July 8 12:10 p.m. Maggie Williams
Friday, July 9 12:10 p.m. Jesse J. Pitre Sr., Bernard Joubert (BD)
Saturday, July 10 4:00 p.m. Noemie F. Greco (DA), Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Family of M/M Mentor Richard, Harold Savoy, Ronnie J. Vidrine, Richard E. Savage, Jeanette Lalonde, Johnny Pontiff (DA), Kelly James Danaher
Sunday, July 11 8:00 a.m. Youle and Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St.Amand, Harold Savoy, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, M/M Kossuth Doucet, Irl White, Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Daniel and Louise Lagrange, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Frank Miller
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit

Confessions: Saturdays 3:00-3:45 p.m. 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes 'Your Stewardship To God', 'Regular Offertory Collection', 'Peter's Pence', 'Maintenance Repair', 'Opelousas Catholic Foundation', and 'Catholic Communication Campaign'.

Every Gift Comes From Above.



Thank you for your generosity!

Second Collection Week of July 11, 2010 Catholic Communications

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Table with 2 columns: Day and Event. Includes 'Monday, July 5 OFFICE CLOSE', 'Wednesday, July 7 4:30pm Altar Society meeting of officers', and 'Thursday, July 8 6:30pm Pre-Baptism Class'.

CDA BINGO

The Catholic Daughters is sponsoring a BINGO with Salad Bar on Saturday, August 7. More information in next week's bulletin.

Prayer Intentions

Clifford and Jane Ardoin, Anna Lee Beadle, Evelyn Bertrand, Gerard Boudreaux, Chris Brewster, Kirk Courville, Loretta Crouch, Robert Danaher, Glenn Derington, Shirley Emonet, Larry Fournier, Lani George, Kay Johnson, Agnes Kidder, Renella Laverne, Mrs. James Ivy Louviere, Deacon John Miller, Julie Mouton, Kevin Prestenbach, Melanie Richard, Novella Sebastian, Patrick Steward Jr., Warren Wyble

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

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

ATTENTION

A.I.C.; Holy Ghost & OC Graduates

If anyone has a group picture of a graduating class in cap/gown from AIC; Holy Ghost; or Opelousas Catholic, please share it with the Catholic Schools of Opelousas Alumni Association. The association is refurbishing the alumni wall composite pictures, and some class pictures are missing. Thus, a group picture of this type could be enlarged and framed for the hallway.

Please contact Becky Diesi at 948-1068; Donald Giron at 281-0360; or Kathy Hebert at 942-8565 as soon as possible.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

A safe environment training will be held for all students in grades 1-8 attending summer religion classes. All parents/guardians of children are asked to attend. A date and time will be announced at a later date.

PARISHIONERS—OLD AND NEW

If you are not registered in our parish census, we invite you to do so by providing:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DROP IN COLLECTION OR BRING TO THE OFFICE.

NOTICE

In observance of Independence Day, the office will be closed on Monday, July 5th; however the 12:10pm mass will still be held in the chapel.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH.....World Peace
CHAPEL.....Fr. James Brady

ALTAR SOCIETY

- Group V.....Betty Leleux, Week of July 10 2010
Group VI.....Norma Hargroder, Week of July 17 2010