

The Pastor's Corner

Last week on Monday, we began the elementary summer religion program for our children entering first through eighth grades. The program will continue this week, ending on Thursday. There are approximately 20 children enrolled in the program, and it is always a joy to see children learn about their faith. The classes are being held at the Opelousas Catholic campus and are being coordinated by our Director of Religious Education, Ann Purser. We have four teachers, including our seminarian, Alex Albert, and myself along with two volunteer teachers, Phyllis Guidry and Gerry Bouchereau.

It is a good time to remember that while the parish provides formal education of our children in religion classes, the first and primary educators of our children are parents. Proper education of children is both the right and obligation of their parents. It is important that parents transmit, by both word and deed, the faith handed down to them. Especially important is the teaching by "deed", that is, by example. No matter what is said about our faith, if there is not a serious and committed effort to practice the faith, the message will be undercut, or not taken seriously, by the child. Children may hear what is said, but they more closely watch what is done. Good parenting requires both.

I would like to thank our volunteer teachers for being generous with their time and talent. Also, many thanks to Mr. Perry Fontenot and the staff at Opelousas Catholic for making the facilities available to have summer religion. Their commitment to the education of the children of our parish is very much appreciated.

Fr. James Brady

Attention Altar Servers

An altar server in-service and picnic will take place on Saturday, July 24 from 10:00am until approximately 2:00pm. The in-service will be held in church. All current altar servers, prospective altar servers (those who have received First Communion), and parents are invited to attend.

The in-service will begin at 10:00am with a reflection on the ministry of serving at the altar and a training session. At approximately noon, lunch will be served on the parish lawn between the rectory and Valentin Hall. Please call the office if you plan to attend so the proper amount of food can be prepared.

Summer 2010

All are called to follow Jesus. How will you use your life and gifts to encounter God, spread the Gospel, live as a witness, inspire others, and build the Kingdom of God on earth through service and outreach?

Stewards define their response in word and action. God bless you this summer and always.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING
Week of July 18, 2010

- Reading I Genesis 18: 1 - 10a
Sarah and Abraham receive God as a guest.
Psalm 15 "He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord."
Reading II Colossians 1:24-28
The body of Christ suffers and rejoices in our sufferings and joys.
Gospel: Luke 10:38-42
Martha and Mary received Jesus as a guest.

THEME:

Hospitality—We welcome Jesus in our lives

Today we listen to remarkable stories of hospitality. As a community, we are called to extend the same kind of hospitality Abraham and Sarah extended to their guests. What they discovered is what awaits our discovery—the presence of God is manifested when we reach out in welcome to all.

Questions of the week

Question for Children: Can you name a time recently when you shared what you had with a friend or a classmate?

Question for Youth: Martha chose to serve. Mary chose to sit at Jesus' feet and listen to Him. Of those two actions, service, or prayer, which do you feel more comfortable with? Why?

Question for Adults: The Gospel today invites us to serve and to be hospitable. When did you welcome Jesus into your home through the presence of a neighbor or a stranger?

BULLETIN BITES

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things."

Martha is doing what was expected of a good Jewish woman of her day – preparing food for her family and guest. Her sister, Mary, also a good Jewish woman, plops herself down at the feet of Jesus and absorbs every word He says. Martha finally confronts Jesus, Lord, make her help me! Jesus knows that Martha is not doing anything wrong. She is doing what she believes is expected of her. And she is doing it very well. Jesus suggests she should not be so concerned about what others expect of her, but should spend time to discern what God expects of her. What God expects of us can be quite different than what the world expects of us. We discern God's will for us in prayer – prayer that is not about what we say to God, but about what we are willing to hear from God...

Fr. Hacker Fagot, S.J. [d. January 5, 2010] admits that "Too often my prayer is not God, Thy will be done! But, God Thy will be changed!"

Do we pray? What is our prayer?

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

- Saturday, July 17 4:00 p.m. James E. Martin, Walford LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Lee, Vivian, and Kristie Artigue, Ronnie J. Vidrine, Richard E. Savage, Jeanette Lalonde, Kelly James Danaher, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Lee Martin, Oscar, Agnes and Dr. Robert Lee Roy
Sunday, July 18 8:00 a.m. Youle & Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. StAmand, Carol Pitre and M/M E.J.Leonard, Therecile A. Jolivet (BD)
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, Ruby Romero (DA), Claude & Anna Soileau and Betty Valin, Frank Miller
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Catholic Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit
Monday, July 19 12:10 p.m. Dwayne & Mary Joubert (WA)
Tuesday, July 20 NO MASS
Wednesday, July 21 12:10 p.m. Christopher Carey
Thursday, July 22 12:10 p.m. Una L. Moreau
Friday, July 23 12:10 p.m. Irene J. Pitre, JoAnn Guidroz (BD)
Saturday, July 24 4:00 p.m. Velma & Patsy Gail Boss, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Martin and Angela Cosgrove, Ronnie J. Vidrine, Richard E. Savage, Jeanette Lalonde, Kelly James Danaher, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Lee Martin
Sunday, July 25 8:00 a.m. Youle and Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St.Amand, 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, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Francis Bertrand Sr. (DA), 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.

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Regular Offertory Collection \$6,426.85
Maintenance Repair \$428.00
Catholic Communications \$738.51
Bishop's Services Appeal \$10.00
Peter's Pence \$10.00

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Second Collection
Week of July 25, 2010
Opelousas Catholic Foundation

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

- Monday, July 19 8:00am Rel. Ed. at OC School
5:30pm Choir Practice
6:15pm Rosary at Monument
6:30pm Parish Council Meeting in Valentin Hall
Saturday, July 24 10:00am Altar Servers In-Service

SLIPPED BY US

A belated HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Fr. Brady on his 4th anniversary of ordination to the Priesthood, which was on July 8th. Father Brady, may you be blessed with many more years in your priestly vocation.

The Parishioners and Staff of St. Landry Church

Prayer Intentions

Clifford and Jane Ardoin, Anna Lee Beadle, Evelyn Bertrand, Gerard Boudreaux, Wilbur Briley, Chris Brewster, Kirk Courville, Robert Danaher, Glenn Derington, Cecelia Doucet, Shirley Emonet, Larry Fournier, Paul Franks, Craig S. Guillory, Agnes Kidder, Renella Lavergne, Deacon John Miller, Julie Mouton, Kevin Prestenbach, Melanie M. Richard, Novella Sebastien, Patrick Steward Jr., James Touchet, Warren Wyble

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

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.

The training will be held on Tuesday, July 20 at 8:15am at Opelousas Catholic.

Around the Diocese

The U.S. Bishops speak of the challenges of married love: "An enduring marriage is more than simply endurance. It is a process of growth into an intimate friendship and a deepening peace. We urge all couples: renew your commitment regularly, seek enrichment often...Take time to renew and enrich your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, July 23-25 and October 15-17 in Baton Rouge at the Tracy Center. For more information, call 1-800-586-5469. View a 20 minute video at: http://www.wvme.org

Natural family Planning Awareness Week-
July 25-31

"Trust, God has a plan for your marriage" is the theme of this year's National NFP Awareness Week. Go to http://www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/nfp/nfpweek.

Pray for Our Troops

Jonathan David Ardoin and Brandi Darbonne
Please call the office (942-6552) to add names.

All Powerful God, we pray for your continued guidance and blessings on all who serve our country in the military. Amen

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.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCHProtection from hurricanes
CHAPELRestoration of livelihoods, wildlife and land affected by oil spill

ALTAR SOCIETY

- Group VII.....Gwen Fruge, Week of July 24, 2010
Group I.....Alverda Deshotels, Week of July 31, 2010