

**The Pastor's Corner**

One of the things mentioned in my first homily here was the beauty of our Church buildings, and indeed they are both beautiful and historic. However, they are in need of some work. Unfortunately, we have water leaks in the Church sacristy, the rectory, and in Valentin Hall. Experts have been consulted, namely contractors and the architect for the diocese. It is believed the roof is the problem in Valentin Hall, as Monsignor Romero pointed out in his report to you his last weekend here. We are still working on the cause of the leaks in the Church and rectory, but it is believed they are related to the gutters and drains. The Trustees and Parish Council each met in the last two weeks, and all are in agreement that we should move forward with replacing the roofs on Valentin Hall and the parking garage in order to prevent additional damage. In addition, it would be cost efficient to re-work the gutter system and replace the rotted fascia on Valentin Hall while replacing the roof. The bid received for the work is approximately \$70,000. We plan to move forward with the project in the next few weeks once we obtain diocesan approval.

The cost of the project will be paid through the St. Landry Church Building Fund. This is a special fund that was set up approximately 20 years ago for the preservation of our buildings when they are in need of capital improvements. It is different from our monthly second collection for maintenance, which is used for regular maintenance of our buildings. Donations to the fund are recorded as "principal" unless otherwise indicated, which means those funds cannot be spent. Only the interest generated by the fund can be spent. Therefore, any gift to this fund is a perpetual gift to preserve our buildings. At this time, the fund is not adequate to meet the future needs of our parish. As many of you have told me, St. Landry Church has met your spiritual needs your entire life - some have been Baptized, received First Communion, made their First Confession, and been Confirmed and Married at St. Landry Church. Hopefully, many generations to come will have the same privilege. For those who have been blessed materially in this life, please consider making regular donations to the fund as part of your sacrificial giving. Also consider remembering the fund in your will. What a wonderful legacy it is to help perpetuate the worship of God by securing a proper place of worship for the future.

**Fr. James Brady**

**First Friday and First Saturday Adoration**

Beginning with the month of August, Benediction will be held at 7:45am on First Saturday.

The schedule for August is:

Aug. 6	7:00am	Adoration Begins
	12:10pm	Mass
Aug. 7	7:45am	Benediction
	8:00am	Mass

**READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING**  
Week of July 25, 2010

**Reading I Genesis 18: 20-32**  
Abraham bargained with God for the safety of the innocent.

**Psalm 138** "Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me."

**Reading II Colossians 2:12-14**  
God nailed our sins to the cross of Christ.

**Gospel: Luke 11:1-13**  
Jesus teaches us to pray and reminds us to persevere in prayer.

**THEME:**

**The Lord's Prayer is a map for life.**

Today's readings teach us about various aspects of prayer. Abraham's conversation with God reveals that prayer is quite often marked by persistence. In the Gospel, the Lord Jesus gives us the great gift of the Lord's Prayer. After offering this prayer, Jesus then outlines the kind of lives those who utter this prayer are called to live. Let us be attentive to God's saving word.

**Questions of the week**

**Question for Children:**  
Prayer is talking with God and listening to God in our hearts.  
Where do you talk to God and how do you listen to what God says to you?

**Question for Youth:**  
Jesus teaches us how important it is to pray.  
How do you ask God for what you need and how do you listen for his response?

**Question for Adults:**  
Jesus teaches us how to pray.  
When did you take time to pray this past week and to talk to and listen to God?

**BULLETIN BITES**

**"Lord, teach us to pray!"**

Abraham bargains to save Sodom. He starts out with fifty innocent people. God agrees. Obviously lacking confidence he will find fifty, he bargains God down to ten. He could not even find ten, so Sodom is destroyed. The Old Testament covenants with God. God always kept his part. The patriarchs and Israelites were not so faithful. The disciples saw Jesus as a person who was faithful to the Covenant and a man of prayer. They asked Him, "Lord, teach us to pray." He teaches them the Our Father. Then He tells the stories of the persistent woman and father who give their children bread and eggs, not snakes and scorpions. Are we confident when we pray to God, Our Father in heaven, that His Kingdom, *not ours*, will come, that His will, *not ours*, be done, for our daily bread, *not tomorrow's or next year's*, and to forgive our sins as *we forgive others*? Are we good stewards who are persistent in prayer *to learn Gods will*? If at first you don't succeed, skydiving may not be your thing. Try prayer instead, *and keep trying*.

**MASS INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE WEEK**


**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, Melissa & Sarah Francois, Elsie Collette and Bubba Kidder  
**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, Melissa & Sarah Francois, Elsie Colette & Bubba Kidder  
**Monday, July 26** ..... 12:10 p.m. Karla S. Miller (BD)  
**Tuesday, July 27** ..... NO MASS  
**Wednesday, July 28** ..... 12:10 p.m. Francis Bertrand Sr. (BD)  
**Thursday, July 29** ..... 12:10 p.m. Christopher Carey  
**Friday, July 30** ..... 12:10 p.m. Theresa D. Speyrer  
**Saturday, July 31** ..... 4:00 p.m. James E. Martin, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Harold Savoy, Ronnie J. Vidrine, Richard Savage, Jeanette Lalonde, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Lee Martin, Oscar, Agnes and Dr. Robert Lee Roy, Dorothy Daly Compton, Wilfred Lalonde  
**Sunday, August 1** ..... 8:00 a.m. M/M John FaKouri Sr., John Jr. and Jacob, Youle and Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, Carolyn Arnaud (BD), Harold Savoy, Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard  
**10:00 a.m.** ..... Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Allen Richard, Christopher Carey, Claude & Anna Soileau and Betty Valin, Frank Miller, Bobbie & Julie Mouton, Ronnie & Steve Ardoin and the Rider family  
**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**  
**Your Stewardship To God**

Regular Offertory Collection .....	\$4995.22
Maintenance Repair .....	\$385.80
Opelousas Catholic Foundation .....	\$2.00

Every Gift Comes From Above.



**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Second Collection**  
**Week of August 1, 2010**  
**St. Landry Maintenance Fund**

**REMINDERS OF THE WEEK**

<b>Monday, July 26</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	Choir Practice
	<b>6:15pm</b>	Rosary at Monument
<b>Tuesday, July 27</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	Cemetery Comm. Meeting
<b>Thursday, July 29</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Fr. LaFleur Comm. Meeting

**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

**Prayer Intentions**

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

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

**Mother Teresa's Relics in Lafayette**

First and second class relics of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta will be available for public veneration on Sunday, July 25 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at St. Genevieve Catholic Church (corner of Simcoe St. and the northbound lane of the Evangeline Thruway.)

The first class relics consists of:  
A reliquary containing some of Mother Teresa's blood and another containing a lock of her hair.

The second class relics consist of:  
Mother Teresa's crucifix rosary, sandals and sari (religious habit).

Despite the hasty arrangements, many people are expected. Everyone is welcome.

There will be a brief liturgy of reception before the faithful are invited to venerate the relics.  
Crowds are expected to be large. **Anticipate long waits.**

**Returned to Christ Through Death**

The St. Landry Church parishioners offer prayers and sincere condolences to the family of:  
**Wilfred "Choupique" Lalonde**

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

**In Thanksgiving**

St. Landry Church received a monetary donation in memory of:  
**Mrs. Aline Perrault**

**Welcome into our Catholic Family through the Sacrament of Baptism**

Malaiah Aubrie and Rhea Elise Gordon daughters of  
Natalie Dionne Lemelle and Lance Christopher Gordo

**Friends Day**

Friends Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 7 at the Community of Jesus Crucified, 421 ½ Carmel Dr. Lafayette, La.  
The day begins at 9:00am and ends at 12 noon.  
The Theme of the day is "Origin of the Bible and How to Read it."Fr. Clinton Sensat is our guest speaker.  
The second topic will be given by Mr. Joe Vidrine and it is :What is the difference between the Catholic Bible and the Protestant Bible?  
Everyone is invited to attend and registration is not necessary.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

CHURCH.....Souls In Purgatory  
CHAPEL.....Guidroz & Williams Families

**ALTAR SOCIETY**

**Group I**.....Alverda Deshotels, Week of July 31, 2010  
**Group II**.....Pap Roy, Week of Aug. 7, 2010