

The Pastor's Corner

It's been a busy week! First of all, we welcome Msgr. Louis Melancon to our parish. Many of you already know him because of his good work at Opelousas Catholic. He will reside, for the next few weeks, here at St. Landry Church. Due to the renovations in the rectory, he will reside in Washington throughout this school year. Beginning in the Fall of next year, he will reside here at St. Landry on a more permanent basis. Between now and then, we look forward to Monsignor's presence in our parish.

On another note, this week we will take down the banners recognizing our families. The banners will return during the week of "Holy Family" in January. Overall, the banners remind us of the gift of our families, and we remember that gift.

Finally, the monstrance used for First Friday adoration in the Valentin Hall Chapel is broken and it is not feasible to repair it. If anyone is interested in donating a monstrance to replace it, please call me.

Fr. James Brady

BULLETIN BITES

"More blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

On November 1, 1950 Pope Pius XII, in his Encyclical Letter *Munificentissimus Deus*, proclaimed, declared and defined to be divinely revealed dogma that "...the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." Some ask why, how, when, and where? Those are fair questions. The simple answer is "It's a mystery!" But it is more important to ask, "Why not?" Why would Jesus not want to honor the young girl who accepted God's call to be his mother [at great risk to her life], who carried him in her womb and gave birth to him in a cave, who watched him grow and was with him when he died on a cross and who rejoiced at his Resurrection by assuming her uncorrupted body to be with him in heaven for eternity? The world would be a much better place if we all honored our parents, family, friends, and strangers who often do so much for us that we do not appreciate. Once again, Jesus reveals to us that gratitude is the beginning of generosity.

Religious Ed Classes

Registration is ongoing for High School Religion Classes. Come by the office (Monday through Thursday from 8:30am-noon & 1:00pm to 3:45pm) for registration forms. Fridays from 8:30am to 11:45am.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of August 15, 2010

Reading I Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab
A woman is clothed with the sun and crowned with stars.

Psalm 45 "The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold."

Reading II 1 Corinthians 15:20-27
Christ is the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56
As David danced before the ark, so John leaps in his mother's womb in the presence of the Lord in the womb of Mary.

THEME,

God's power among us gives us strength.

Mary's joyful song of praise, her Magnificat, resounds throughout this great festival in honor of her assumption into heaven. Let us be attentive, as was the Blessed Virgin Mary, to God's word of comfort, peace, and challenge for all who long to see the face of God.

Questions of the week

Question for Children,
How does your relationship to the Blessed Virgin Mary help your faith?

Question for Youth,
Mary said YES to God, to cooperating with God's plan for her life. What do you think God wants for our life?
How well are you cooperating with God's plan?

Question for Adults,
In your own words, how would you describe the role of Mary in the work of Christ?

Adult Religious Education Classes (RCIA)

Adult religious education classes will be starting September 7th. in Valentin Hall.
Registration starts at 6:30PM. Anyone interested in learning about the teachings of the Church or knows of anyone interested in becoming a Catholic is welcome.
For more information, call Deacon John W. Miller at 337-942-2911.

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 14 4:00 p.m. Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, James G. and Bertha C. Firmin, Ronnie J. Vidrine, Richard E. Savage, Jeanette Lalonde, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Lee Martin, Oscar, Agnes, Dr. Robert Lee Roy, Gertrude Johnson
Sunday, August 15 8:00 a.m. Una L. Moreau, Youle and Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard, William Andrepoint, Gertrude A. & Alvin Marks, Amar, Maryina and A.B. Courville Sr., Souls In Purgatory, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Irl White, Joey Prather
10:00 a.m...... Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Daniel and Louise Lagrange, M/M Jesse J. Pitre Sr., Claude & Anna Soileau and Betty Valin, Frank Miller, Mitzi Lanolos (BD) Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe
5:00 p.m...... St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit, Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr., Harold Savoy
Monday, August 16......12:10 p.m. Nicholas Artall (BD), Wally LeBlanc (BD), Mayance Dupre (BD)
Tuesday, August 17 **NO MASS**
Wednesday, August 18 12:10 p.m. Wayne Wyble, Ernie (BD) and Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lily, Mickey and Joyce Hollier
Thursday, August 19 12:10 p.m. Jeffrey (BD) Miller and Clarence Mott (DA)
Friday, August 20.12:10 p.m. Cora Baillio (DA)
Saturday, August 21 4:00 p.m. James E. Martin, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Ronnie J. Vidrine, Richard E. Savage, Jeanette Lalonde, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Lee Martin, Oscar, Agnes, and Dr. Robert Lee Roy
Sunday, August 228:00 a.m. Youle and Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Pitre, Joey Prather
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5:00 p.m...... St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit, Harold Savoy

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

Second Collection
Week of August 22, 2010
Opelousas Catholic Foundation

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Your Stewardship To God

Regular Offertory Collection	\$5,824.01
Maintenance Repair	\$675.00
Church Building Main. Endowment	\$500.00
Haiti Collection.....	\$2,478.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Every Gift Comes From Above.

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Monday, 16 August 5:30pm Choir Practice
6:15pm Rosary at Monument

Thursday, 19 August 6:30pm Come, Lord Jesus
For more information, call Lois @942-6552

Friday, 20 August 8:40am High School Mass

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 Laverne, Deacon John Miller, Ron Moreau, Julie Mouton, Melanie M. Richard, Novella Sebastian, Elaine Talbott, 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.

OC Corner

As the new year begins, there will be an "Open House" for parents of students in grades K-5 on Wednesday from 5:15pm – 6:00pm, followed by an important PTO meeting immediately afterwards in the cafeteria. PLEASE ATTEND!!!
Parents, families, and friends are also reminded to send in to school the Community Coffee and Campbell's UPC labels and the General Mills box tops collected over the summer to help Catholic education.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

AQUINAS INSTITUTE:
Regis. Aug. 16-26. Fall courses include: Introduction to Philosophy, Mariology, Liturgy & New Testament. \$225 for credit or \$50 for audit. Call 261-5674 to apply.

Marriage Help
2 weeks to Signup for Retrouvaille:
Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the Retrouvaille of Acadiana August program, which begins with a weekend on August 27-29. Call 1-800-470-2230 or visit the web site at www.helpourmarriage.com

Our Lady of the Oaks
Weekend Retreats for Women:
September 9-12 & 16-19
October 14-17 November 11-14
December 2-5

Married Couples Retreat:
October 22-24
For more information call 662-5410 or visit the website at www.ourladyoftheoaks.com.

Jesuit Spirituality Center
Individually Directed Retreats:
August 23, September 1,
September 13-22, September 27 through October 6

A Day of Renewal for Women
Saturday, August 21 from 9am-4pm.
Presenter: Andrea Vidrine

Workshop on Life Transitions:
Friday, September 10 through Sunday, September 12,
Presenter Father Hernando Ramirez, S.J.
Call 662-5251 or jeuitspiritualitycenter.org for more information.

Welcome into our Catholic Family through the sacrament of Baptism

Mia Grace Collins
Cylar Dawson Elter
Gabriel Jude Vidrine

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH For those discerning about medical treatments

CHAPELMayance Dupre

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group IV..... Sarah Wagley, Week of Aug. 21, 2010
Group V..... Betty Leleux, Week of Aug. 28, 2010