

The Pastor's Corner

This week at Mass we hear in the Gospel Reading what might seem to be confusing words from Jesus: "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple". Sacred Scripture is one way that God reveals Himself to us, but as Catholics, we also believe in God's revelation to us in Sacred Tradition. Both are important to our understanding of God and our faith. In Sacred Scripture, we have to remember that translation is important. Different translators might translate words or phrases differently. This is one of the reasons why certain bibles are approved by the Catholic Church, and others are not. In addition, proper interpretation of Sacred Scripture is also important. When we may be confused about what a certain passage in Sacred Scripture means, we should research or ask someone who has properly studied Sacred Scripture. Ideally, regular Bible study and the use of Catholic commentaries can help answer many of our questions. Two good study bibles are the "Ignatius Catholic Study Bible, New Testament" (New Testament only) and "The New American Bible, St. Joseph Edition" (both Old and New Testaments).

This particular scripture passage in today's Gospel should be interpreted as meaning we must put God first in our lives, ahead of even our family. Having a good relationship with God first, will flow through us and make it possible for us to have a good relationship with our family and neighbors. Without this good relationship with God, ultimately those other relationships will falter. So we must make sure we are in right relationship with God first, so that we can have authentic charity towards others in our lives.

Fr. James Brady

Two Prayers for Workers/Laborers

O God, the creator of all things, who formed the law of labor for the human race, graciously grant that by the merits and patronage of St. Joseph, we may do the work You assign us and earn the reward You promise. Through Our Lord, Jesus. Christ. AMEN

Lord God, You have created all things, and imposed on man the necessity of work. Grant that, following Joseph's example, and under his protection, we may accomplish the work you give us and obtain the rewards you promise. This we ask through our Lord, Jesus Christ. AMEN

Adult Religious Education Classes (RCIA)

Tuesday at 6:30pm, the adult religion class will be discussing the purpose of mans' existence and God and His perfections. For more information, call Deacon John W. Miller at 337-942-2911

Prayer for America

St. Jude, Patron of Hope, keep watch over America and all who defend our flag. Protect all who fight in the name of freedom and liberty. God Bless America.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING Week of September 5, 2010

Reading I Wisdom 9:13 - 18b Our choices in life are timid compared to God's choices for us.

Psalm 90 "In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge".

Reading II Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Paul baptizes a slave and then expects the slave's master to accept the slave as a brother.

Gospel: Luke 14:14: 24-33 Do you want to be a disciple? Renounce everything else, with no reservations, no regrets.

THEME, Commitment is required to follow Jesus

Today's Gospel is one of the most difficult for the modern believer to understand. Jesus' words sound too harsh. After all, isn't this the same Jesus who gave us the law of love? As Christians, we need to struggle with these hard sayings. As we listen to these words, let us be attentive to the reminder in today's passage from the book of Wisdom -- we simply can't think big enough to understand the Lord's intentions. We need the assistance of the Holy Spirit, whose presence we acknowledge in this holy place.

Questions of the week

Question for Children, Jesus says that in order to be one of his followers, we must be close to him. When do you feel closest to Jesus?

Question for Youth, Jesus tells his disciples that they must renounce their possessions in order to be His disciple. If you had to, could you leave everything behind to be with God? What would hold you back and how much of a struggle would it be?

Question for Adults, Today's Gospel is demanding! How do you as a modern man or woman "denounce your possessions?" What does this mean to you?

Bulletin Bites

"Anyone who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

"Uh, Jesus, can't I keep my iPhone4?" Jesus might point out that He said renounce [from the Latin words re=back and nuntiare + tell, meaning: To give up a claim, right, belief, practice, way of living, feeling, etc.] Jesus might add, "You may use that iPhone4, but you may not claim that it, or anything else you think you own, actually belongs to you.

Everything you think you possess comes from God and belongs to God, who wants you to have what you need to enjoy life, but not if that means others, who are in real need, must do without the necessities of life." That is a hard concept for people who cling doggedly to their possessions to understand and accept. As stewards of all we have God expects us to work out how much we need for ourselves and those for whom we are responsible, and how much we should share with others in need. So Jesus would probably say, "Enjoy MY iPhone4, and let others enjoy it too".

Stewardship Expressions

We celebrate Labor Day (September 6) recognizing the contributions people give to society through career and work efforts. Students of many ages and grade levels labor in their own way to learn and develop toward personal careers and lifetime contributions. Consider the many ways that people serve God and others each day.

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Sept. 4 ..... 4:00 p.m. M/M Robert Going Sr., James E. Martin, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Ronnie J. Vidrine, Richard E. Savage, Jeanette Lalonde, De. Richard Hargroder, Lee Martin, Oscar, Agnes and Dr. Robert Lee Roy

Sunday, Sept. 5 ..... 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, Carol Pitre and M/M E. J. Leonard, Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr.,M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Irl White, Joey Prather, Dwayne (BD) Joubert and family 10:00 a.m. .... Wilfred, Annette, Richard, and Marian Smith, Allen Richard, Bobbie & Julia Mouton, Ronnie & Steve Ardoin and the Rider family, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Edwards - Perrault Families, Peggy Wyble, Frank Miller 5:00 p.m. .... St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit, Harold Savoy, Therether Sumner

Monday, Sept. 6. .... 9:00 a.m. Labor Day Rada Bono (BD), Marie Delahoussaye (BD)

Tuesday, Sept. 7 ..... NO MASS

Wednesday, Sept. 8 ..... 12:10 p.m. Wayne Wyble

Thursday, Sept. 9 ..... 12:10 p.m. Wayne Wyble

Friday, Sept. 10. .... 12:10 p.m. Gary M. Miller (BD), Theresa D. Speyrer, Pierre and Alice Titard

Saturday, Sept. 11 ..... 4:00 p.m. Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, James G. and Bertha C. (BD) Firmin, Ronnie J. Vidrine, Jeanette Lalonde, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Lee Martin

Sunday, Sept. 12 ..... 8:00 a.m. Youle and Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard, Joey Prather

10:00 a.m. .... Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Daniel and Louise LaGrange, James D. "Robi" and Maxine C. Robison, Claude & Anna Soileau and Betty Valin, Ernie and Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly, Mickey and Joyce Hollier, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Peggy Wyble, Frank Miller 5:00 p.m. .... St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit, Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr., 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 September 12, 2010 Catholic University

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REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, Sept. 12 6:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting Monday, Sept. 06 9:00am Mass in Val. Hall Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED 5:30pm Choir Practice 6:15pm Rosary at Monument Tuesday, Sept. 07 6:30pm Fr. LaFleur Anniv. Mass 6:30pm RCIA Wednesday, Sept. 08 5:15pm Altar Society Thursday, Sept. 09 6:30pm Come, Lord Jesus 7:00pm KC Meeting Friday, Sept. 10 8:40am High School Mass

Prayer Intentions

Betty Jane Andrus, Clifford and Jane Ardoin, Anna Lee Beadle, Gerard Boudreaux, Wilbur Briley, Chris Brewster, Kirk Courville, Robert Danaher, Glenn Derington, Kacey Dupre, Shirley Emonet, Tristen Estes, Paul Franks, Craig S. Guillory, Agnes Kidder, Renella Lavergne, Deacon & Mrs. Laura Miller, Ron Moreau, Julie Mouton, Melanie M. Richard, Joseph James Robin, Jimmy Roy, Novella Sebastien, Elaine Talbott, Patrick Steward Jr., James Touchet, Brandy Willingham, Warren Wyble

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

OC Corner

OC is formally implementing an organized program named "Journey with Jesus" for all grade levels this year. It's components of school, family, and church in grades K-3 (Bronze Level); grades 4-8 (Silver Level); and grades 9-12 (Gold Level) will strengthen their growth as exceptional Christian leaders.

Entertainment Books 2011 with tons of discounts are available through the OC Development Office for \$30 through this week. Call 942-5404 ext. 105.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Our Lady of the Oaks

Weekend Retreats for Women:

September 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:

September 27 through October 6

Annual Women's Retreat:

January 21-23, 2011 at St. Charles Center in Moss Bluff, Louisiana. Space is very limited, so register early. Total cost for the retreat is \$240.00. There is a required, non-refundable deposit of \$120.00.

To register please call the office of St. Peter Catholic Church in New Iberia, La. at 337-369-3816.

ALABAMA IN OCTOBER

Religious Ramblers will be going on this 4-day trip to visit the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament (Mother Angelica) in Hanceville, as well as St. Bernard's Abby in Cullman.

Join us for this popular spiritual and fun get away from October 15th—October 18th.

E-mail Bonnie Wyble at bbwyble@bellsouth.net or phone 942-6940 - 945-2267.

Pray for our Troops

Jonathan David Ardoin, Christopher Briley, Brandi Darbonne, A.J. Korn, Benjamin Pitre, Danny Pitre.

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

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH ..... Lt. Rev. Joseph Verbis Lafleur CHAPEL .....All Grandparents

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group VII ..... Gwen Fruge, Week of Sept. 11, 2010 Group I ..... Alverda Deshotels, Week of Sept. 18, 2010