

**The Pastor's Corner**

By the time this Sunday arrives, the roofing project for Valentin Hall should be completed except for some touch up work and the painting of the fascia boards. The roof looks great, and we want to thank our contractor, Mikor Construction, for doing such a professional job. The roofing projects on the rectory and the south sacristy will begin this week and should be completed within a week's time. I want to thank all for their patience in working around the construction during these weeks, especially our daily Mass attendees.

The readings this week focus on the need for us to recognize our sinfulness, because this recognition begins the process of our repentance, followed by God's mercy and forgiveness, and then resulting in our transformation in His Grace. As we hear the Gospel read today, we should each think of ourselves as the Lost Sheep, and think of the love God has for us at our return to the flock. Remember, Jesus did not come to condemn the world, but rather to liberate it and save it!

**Fr. James Brady**

**Prayer for Grandparents**

Dear God, please bless my grandparents.

Thank you for the life they gave my parents and for the life they give to me.

For the ways they helped me and made me strong, I give thanks.  
For the ways they love me no matter what, I rejoice.  
For the ways they have paved the road that leads me here, I am grateful.

Let them grow in wisdom and joy in life.  
Let them find peace and rest from their work.  
Let them be healed of every sickness and pain.  
And let them see with their own eyes the glory of your Son, Jesus, in the love of their children and grandchildren.

Bless them always until they come to rest in you.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Adult Religious Education Classes (RCIA)**

Tuesday at 6:30pm, the adult religion class will be discussing the Incarnation, (who is Jesus Christ).  
For more information, call Deacon John W. Miller at 337-942-2911.

**READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING**  
Week of September 12, 2010

**Reading I Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14**  
The people worship a golden calf, and God loses all patience with them.

**Psalm 51** "I will rise and go to my father".

**Reading II 1 Timothy 1:12-17**  
Paul, once the worst of sinners, is an example of Jesus' forbearance.

**Gospel: Luke 15:1-32**  
When the lost are found, even the angels rejoice.

**THEME,**  
**Come home! God's forgiveness is always there.**  
**God forgives before we even ask for forgiveness.**

Today's Gospel offers us some of the most moving parables we hear during the course of the liturgical year. Let our hearts be gladdened by the stories of the lost coin, the lost sheep, and the prodigal son. Let these words touch our hearts and help us realize how great is God's reconciling love for us.

**Questions of the week**

**Question for Children,**  
The father in this story welcomed his son home, even after he ran away and did bad things.  
How do you know God welcomes you after you do that?

**Question for Youth,**  
The prodigal son was welcomed home even though he had sinned.  
How hard is it for you to ask for forgiveness?  
Is it hard for you to believe that you are still loved even when you have sinned?

**Question for Adults,**  
When you wander away from being true to your faith, how do you know God will take you back?  
What signs do you see?

**Bulletin Bites**

"I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'"

It is important for parents to **tell** their children, **I love you!** Parents nurture, protect, and provide for their children during their early life then become role models, teachers, and disciplinarians. That last role may cause a child to doubt the love of a parent... One young couple learned early in their marriage to **tell** their children **I love you** and to **hug and kiss** their children every day. Their children learned to respond. Later, when their sons and daughters were covered with dirt and sweat after a tough football game or other event, they searched out their parents to hug and kiss their parents to hug and kiss them and say **I love you**, regardless of how they played or the outcome of the event. The parents, children and now grandchildren, all hug, kiss, and tell each other, **I love you!** They all know that they can go to each other, when necessary, and say, "I have sinned against heaven and against you, and I am sorry". They know they will be **hugged and kissed** and told **I love you**, no matter what they have done or failed to do. That is true stewardship of Christ-like love.

**Stewardship Expressions**

**Grandparents' Day (September 12th)** provides an opportunity to share special time, ask questions, hear stories, and gain a greater appreciation for the lives and contributions of earlier generations toward faith, family, and society. Time is a special gift to share in relationship with others. Offer a gift of your time this day.

**MASS INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE WEEK**

**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  
**Monday, Sept. 13** ..... 12:10 p.m. M/M Jesse J. Pitre Sr.  
**Tuesday, Sept. 14** ..... NO MASS  
**Wednesday, Sept. 15** ..... 12:10 p.m. Wayne Wyble, Avery "Bob" Vidrine (DA), Walfred LeBlanc, Sr., Walfred LeBlanc, Jr.  
**Thursday, Sept. 16** ..... 12:10 p.m. Wayne Wyble, Edwards-Perrault families  
**Friday, Sept. 17** ..... 12:10 p.m. John H. Kewley, Una L. Moreau, James E. Martin, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Lee, Vivian and Kristie Artigue, Ronnie J. Vidrine, Jeanette Lalonde, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Lee Martin, Oscar, Agnes and Dr. Robert Lee Roy  
**Saturday, Sept. 18** ..... 8:00 a.m. John H. Kewley, Una L. Moreau, James E. Martin, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Lee, Vivian and Kristie Artigue, Ronnie J. Vidrine, Jeanette Lalonde, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Lee Martin, Oscar, Agnes and Dr. Robert Lee Roy, Ray Prejean  
**Sunday, Sept. 19** ..... 8:00 a.m. Una L. Moreau, Youle and Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. StAmand, Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, M/M Conrad O. Martin, Joey Prather  
**10:00 a.m.** ..... Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Bobbie Mouton (DA), Allen Hudspeth Sr. Van, Edward, and Allen Jr., Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Frank Miller  
**5:00 p.m.** ..... St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit, Richard Miller (BD), Therether Sumner

**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 19, 2010**  
**Opelousas Catholic Foundation**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
**Your Stewardship To God**

Regular Offertory Collection .....\$6,097.39  
Church Building Main. Endowment .....\$500.00  
Maintenance & Repair .....\$1,856.90  
Cemetery Fund .....\$25.00

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**REMINDERS OF THE WEEK**

**Sunday, Sept. 12** 6:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting  
**Monday, Sept. 13** 5:30pm Choir Practice  
6:15pm Rosary at Monument  
**Tuesday, Sept. 14** 6:00pm CDA  
6:30pm RCIA  
**Wednesday, Sept. 15** 5:00pm Cemetery Tour Comm. Meeting  
**Thursday, Sept. 16** 6:30pm Come, Lord Jesus  
**Friday, Sept. 17** 8:00am Elem. School Mass  
Grandparents' Day

**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

**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, Vernita Stelly Patrick Steward Jr., James Touchet, Lou Vidrine, 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 holding "GRANDPARENTS" DAY" on Friday beginning with an elementary mass at 8:00am in St. Landry Church. Grandparents and special guests are encouraged to attend.

Parents are reminded of the PTO meeting on Wednesday at 6:00pm in the cafeteria and that progress reports will be posted on Edline by Wednesday. A few Entertainment books remain for sale in the Development Office.

**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](http://www.ourladyoftheoaks.com).

**Jesuit Spirituality Center**

**Individually Directed Retreats:**

September 27 through October 6

**Catholic Charismatic**

**Holy Spirit Day of Renewal**

September 18 9:00am – 3:00pm

Windolph Hall, Holy Rosary Campus  
Carmel Dr., Lafayette, La.

For more information, call 337-265-3773.

**St. Ignatius Rainbeau Festival**

Oct. 3rd. Annual Fun Day

For more information, call 662-3352

**Rosary Congress**

Twelfth Annual Rosary Congress

Oct. 4 through Oct. 8 at St. John Berchman's Church in Cankton, La.

More info. call 407-1741 or 668-4221.

**Vocation Supper for Young Men**

Wed., Oct. 6 at 6:30pm at Bishop Jarrell's residence.

Deadline to register is Wed. Sept. 29..

Call 261-5690 for more information or to register

**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](mailto:bbwyble@bellsouth.net) or phone 942-6940 – 945-2267.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**  
CHURCH..... Special Intention  
CHAPEL..... Safe trip for Fr. Brady

**ALTAR SOCIETY**  
**Group I**..... Alverda Deshotels, Week of Sept. 18, 2010  
**Group II** ..... Pap Roy, Week of Sept. 25, 2010