

The Pastor's Corner

This weekend, Bishop Jarrell addresses us about the Bishop's Services Appeal ("BSA"). Many of you have already received packets regarding this year's BSA. The BSA is the annual diocesan wide appeal which funds programs that help the poor and vulnerable in our diocese. As a practical matter, individual parishes do not have the resources to provide certain kinds of help to those in need, but with the pooled resources of all the parishes, the diocese is able to provide for those needs. One beneficiary of the BSA is our very own New Life Center here in Opelousas, which provides shelter and transitional housing for homeless women and children. Many of our own parishioners use services provided by the diocese, which are funded by the BSA. Let us respond generously to Bishop Jarrell's appeal for the poor and vulnerable of our parish and diocese.

Fr. James Brady

Bishop's Services Appeal

Jesus tells us "Whatever you did for the least ones, you did for me." (Mt 25:40). Jesus knows that an act of generosity will satisfy many hungers and quench many thirsts for those in our communities who are most in need.

There are a number of priorities facing our Diocesan Church that no one parish alone can address. Some require the strength and resolve of our entire Catholic Community working and sacrificing together as One Body. That is why every parish participates in the Bishop's Services Appeal, so that through our collective efforts, we can build the Father's kingdom by advancing the work of the Church.

Please respond generously.

Junior Catholic Daughter Court

Catholic Daughter Court St. Landry #119 is forming a Junior Catholic Daughter Court.

All girls, ages 6 - 18, are invited to an informational meeting/social on Sunday, October 10 from 3:00 - 5:00 at Our Lady of Mercy Catechetical Building.

The mission of the CDA Youth Program is to nurture personal and spiritual growth, to promote service to others and to foster an awareness and appreciation of diversity through a variety of suggested activities and experiences.

Please join us for an enjoyable afternoon on October 10.

For more information, please call Debbie Fay, 594-8198 after 6:00pm.

Pray for our Troops

Jonathan David Ardoin, Christopher Briley, Brandi Darbonne, Brian James Dendy, A.J. Korn, Andre Ledoux, 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

Adult Religious Education Classes (RCIA)

Tuesday at 6:30pm, the adult religion class will be discussing the Catholic Church, its origin and its qualities. For more information, call Deacon John W. Miller at 337-942-2911.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of October 3, 2010

Reading I Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4
How long, Lord, will you make me witness misery?

Psalm 95 "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts".

Reading II 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Guard the rich deposit of faith you were given.

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10
When you have done everything for the kingdom, do more.

THEME.

Faith is the anchor and force of life.

The prophet Habakkuk cries out to God in despair. The prophet is honest in his cry, for he feels abandoned and without help. Faced with the realities of war, terrorism, greed, and hopelessness that fill our earth, we also cry out to our God. These cries can only arise out of the hearts that know God's presence, mercy, and compassion. Using the parable of the mustard seed, Jesus tells us of the immense power of faith. Let today's sacred word strengthen our faith and urge us to proclaim justice to a suffering world.

Questions of the week

Question for Children,
Jesus teaches us that our faith is powerful and with it, we can do great things.
We can forgive, love, and share with others.
Which of these do you do most often?

Question for Youth,
The Gospel story tells us even a little bit of faith is enough to make amazing things happen.
How are you keeping your faith alive and growing?
What good things happen in your life because of your faith?

Question for Adults,
Being "in Christ" means living as Christ teaches.
What signs do you see in your life of generosity, forgiveness, hospitality, or any other of Jesus' teachings?

Bulletin Bites

"Lord, increase our faith."

In asking Jesus to "Increase our faith!" the apostles reveal a very human trait - the desire to have someone else do for us what we can do for ourselves. Jesus understood that the apostles were asking him to teach them how to grow in their faith, but he responds by challenging them to "Increase your own faith". Like the apostles, we are stewards of our own faith. We are responsible for the growth, maturity, and quality of our faith. As the Word Made Flesh and God Incarnate, Jesus lived and taught us how to constantly grow in our faith. His life and teachings are recorded for us in the Gospels and the other books of the New Testament. If, like the apostles, we truly want to "increase our faith" we must spend time every day reading and meditating on the Books of the New Testament, especially the Gospels. No one can do that for us. We must do it for ourselves. There will be a test.

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Oct. 2 4:00 p.m. M/M Robert Going Sr., James E. Martin, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Ronnie J. Vidrine, Jeanette Lalonde, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Kelly Danaher, Angela and Martin Cosgrove, Lee Martin

Sunday, Oct. 3 8:00 a.m. M/M John FaKouri Sr., John Jr. and Jacob, Youle (BD) and Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St Amand, Carol Pitre and M/M E. J. Leonard, Eddie DeKerlegand

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Allen Richard, Carl James Lanclos (BD), Robert Batton, Bobbie & Julie Mouton, Ronnie & Steve Ardoin and the Rider family, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Frank Miller, Angela Cosgrove (BD)

5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit, Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen, Edwards - Perrault families, Harold Savoy

Monday, Oct. 4 12:10 p.m. Suzanne Williams (BD), Eddie DeKerlegand

Tuesday, Oct. 5 NO MASS

Wednesday, Oct. 6 12:10 p.m. Wayne Wyble

Thursday, Oct. 7 12:10 p.m. Wayne Wyble

Friday, Oct. 8 12:10 p.m. Lucille S. Baillio (DA), Steve Guidroz (BD)

Saturday, Oct. 9 4:00 p.m. Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Ronnie J. Vidrine, Jeanette Lalonde, John Guidroz (DA), Dr. Richard Hargroder, Oscar, Agnes, and Dr. Robert Lee Roy, Angela and Martin Cosgrove, Lee Martin

Sunday, Oct 10 8:00 a.m. Youle and Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St.Amand, Carol Pitre and M/M E. J. Leonard, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Eddie DeKerlegand, Wanda (BD) and Mayance Dupre

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Martin Smith, Claude & Anna Soileau and Betty Valin, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Frank Miller, Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr.

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 October 10, 2010
Bishop's Services Appeal

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Your Stewardship To God
Regular Offertory Collection\$4,018.92
Maintenance & Repair\$256.00
Opelousas Catholic School\$10.00
Church Maintenance Endowment\$300.00
Bishop's Services Appeal\$1,007.30
Cemetery Maintenance Fund\$109.00

Every Gift Comes From Above.



Thank you for your generosity!

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Monday, Oct. 4 5:30pm Choir Practice
6:00pm Rosary at Grotto
Tuesday, Oct. 5 6:30pm RCIA
Thursday, Oct. 7 6:30pm Pre-Baptism Class
Friday, Oct. 8 8:40am All School Mass
Saturday, Oct. 9 6pm; 7pm; 8pm Cemetery Tours
Sunday, Oct. 10 10:00am Catholic School of Opelousas
Alumni Mass
2pm - 3pm Cemetery Tours

Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend

Attend a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend in preparation for your marriage.

Upcoming weekend dates are November 5 - 7 and January 21 - 23.

For other dates or to learn more visit www.lafayettecee.org or phone 337- 984-7954.

Prayer Intentions

Betty Jane Andrus, Janet Andrus, Clifford and Jane Ardoin, John Aucoin, Thelma Aucoin, Anna Lee Beadle, Gerry S. Bouchereau, Gerard Boudreaux, Wilbur Briley, Chris Brewster, Raylyn Chapman, Robert Danaher, Glenn Derington, Kacey Dupre, Shirley Emonet, Tristen Estes, Paul Franks, Vern Guidroz, 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, Vernita Stelly, Patrick Steward Jr., Ervin Thibodeaux, James Touchet, Lynette Venable, Lou Vidrine, Annette Voorhies, 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

Remember to take the family out to the OC Fall Fair this weekend to enjoy the rides, food, games, and music! The band, Matthew Ewing & Fueling the Fire, will play from 2pm to 5pm on Sunday.

It is Homecoming week! The parade will roll on Thursday at 6pm and the game will kick off on Friday at 7pm. The Alumni Assoc. will hold a brunch on Sunday, Oct. 10 for paid up members. May God bless the school and all its alumni!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Our Lady of the Oaks

Weekend Retreats for Women:

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:

October 11-20, October 25-November 3,
November 8-17 and December 6-15

AA Weekend: Staying Sober with 12 Step

Wednesday, December 1 - Sunday, December 5

For more information call 337-662-5251 or go online to jesuitspiritualitycenter.org

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.

Friends Day

Why Does God Allow Suffering? Saturday, October 9
9am - 12noon Community of Jesus Crucified
421 1/2 Carmel Dr. Lafayette. Gloria @ 337-896-0524

NOTICE COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Parish Council meeting scheduled for October 6 is cancelled due to a scheduling conflict.

The Council will meet at its next regularly scheduled time on November 3, 2010.

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Cemetery Tours

St. Landry Cemetery Tours, "Voices from our Past" is ready to host the Cultural Gumbo of historical re-enactments. The 2010 cast of spirits will tell their stories on Saturday, Oct. 9 and 16 at 6PM; 7PM; and 8PM. On Sunday, Oct. 10 and 17 the times are 2PM and 3PM.

Come enjoy hearing the VOICES from our PAST here at St. Landry Cemetery Tours. Entrance is \$10.00. For more information call 337-942-8318 or 337-308-3474.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH Youle Fontenot
CHAPEL Petitions granted through the rosary

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group IV Sarah Wagley, Week of Oct. 9, 2010

Group V Betty Leleux, Week of Oct. 16, 2010