

The Pastor's Corner

After being appointed pastor, it was clear that there were many things we had to address as a parish. One of the first things was the condition of our buildings. As Msgr. Romero mentioned before he moved to St. Anthony's in Eunice, there were several leaks in our buildings that needed attention. At this point, we have taken care of most of the leaks with the installation of the new roof and facade for Valentin Hall, and the work on the gutters and balcony roof of the rectory. We still have to address a leak in the South Sacristy of the church building, which is being evaluated. For now, pray for rain not only for our farmers, but so that we can test the roof repairs!!

One thing we must consider is the cost and benefit of the repairs we make to each building. As your pastor, my job is to determine what things we should pay to have done by outside vendors, and what things we can do ourselves as a community. After meeting many of our parishioners, it is clear that there is a great spirit to care for our church grounds and a great amount of expertise for particular projects. In that regard, beginning the 1st Saturday in November (November 7), and for 1st Saturday's until next summer, we will have a work day beginning after 1st Saturday Mass until around midday, at which time we'll have lunch provided by the parish. This is a great time to put our Faith into Action, and for our children to learn by example to give time and effort to their church. I invite all to attend 1st Saturday Mass, and then move outside to spruce up our grounds. The first project is the parking garage (scraping, sanding and painting). There is also a need for pressure washing and gas-powered leaf blowers, so if you can bring a pressure washer and/or leaf blower, please call the office so we can make plans for the work day. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Fr. James Brady

Blessing of the Graves

Saturday, October 30 at 5:30 pm
St. Landry Cemetery
Myrtle Grove Cemetery
Sunday, October 31 at 2:00pm
Bellevue Memorial Park

Notice from Fr. Brady

The deadline for registering for Confirmation and CCD classes is **Friday, October 22, 2010 at 11:45am.**

Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer Intention

That Catholic universities may more and more be places where, in the light of the Gospel, it is possible to experience the harmonious unity existing between faith and reason.

Bishop's Services Appeal

Each one of us is called through our common Baptism, to be a light to the world and do our share in implementing the victory Jesus won on the Cross. While we cannot always be the one to comfort the grieving, bring hope to the socially oppressed, teach the young and reach out to those in need, we can – through our generosity ensure that our Diocesan Church is strong and vibrant so that it is able to meet the needs of so many in the year ahead. The Bishop's Services Appeal provides the financial lifeblood for a broad range of ministries, apostolates, and outreach programs. Your generous gift can and will make a difference to the least among us. Your generous gifts given in His name will give praise to the Heavenly Father and make you a co-worker in his sanctifying and redemptive works.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING
Week of October 17, 2010

Reading I Exodus 17:8-13
As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight.
Psalm 121 "Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."
Reading II 2 Timothy 3:14- 4:2
The scriptures train you to stay with the task.
Gospel: Luke 18:1-8
Be persistent in prayer, especially in the pursuit of justice.

THEME,

Never stop praying. Have faith and never give up!

Today's scriptures remind us to be persistent believers. This means that we should never cease praying. We should also work tirelessly and persistently to care for God's people, especially the least ones. For the disciple, this persistence in prayer and enduring faithfulness are perhaps the most difficult challenges, for we can become tempted to lose heart. Let today's scriptures nourish us in persistence and faithfulness.

Questions of the week

Question for Children,
Jesus teaches us to trust God.
How does God help you in your daily life?
Question for Youth,
Jesus tells us that persistence will pay off, if we continue to pray to God.
How and when do you pray?
How could you grow in the ways that you pray?
Question for Adults,
When you pray, what do you ask for most often?
How do you know God gives you this request?

Bulletin Bites

"When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Jesus tells a story about a woman who seeks a just decision from a judge who, by his own admission, does not "fear God nor respect any human being". The judge is resistant but the woman is persistent. The judge becomes alarmed by her determination and renders the just decision she seeks. The woman had faith in the justice of her claim. Faith is the foundation of determination. Consider many of the products we enjoy today. They are the result of people who had faith in an idea and the persistence to find someone who could help them produce and market their invention. Persistence in prayer is a sign that we have faith that God will reveal his will for us. That is the kind of faith Jesus is referring to when he asks, "Will the Son of Man find such faith on earth?" That is the faith of a good steward.

Safe Environment

A continuing Ed Class for Safe Environment will be held in Valentin Hall at 6:30pm on Monday, October 25. Continuing Ed can be updated online at www.virtus.org. A safe environment training will be offered to all High School Religion Students AND parents in Valentin Hall on Sunday November 7 at 6:15pm.

Pray for our Troops

Jonathan David Ardoin, Christopher Briley, Brandi Darbonne, Brian James Dendy, A.J. Korn, Andre Ledoux, Benjamin Pitre, Danny Pitre, Julian Wiltz
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

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Oct. 16 4:00 p.m. Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Ronnie J. Vidrine, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Angela and Martin Cosgrove, Verna Dupre Pellerin
Sunday, Oct. 17 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,, Irl White, Eddie DeKerlegand, Perrell Fuselier, Harold (DA & BD) and John Doucet, Clement Ned Sr.
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Daniel and Louise Lagrange, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Frank Miller, Angelo Palazzo
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit, Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr., Harold Savoy
Monday, Oct. 18. 12:10 p.m Tony Fontenot (BD)
Tuesday, Oct. 19 NO MASS
Wednesday, Oct. 20 12:10 p.m. Aimee Guidroz (BD)
Thursday, Oct. 21 12:10 p.m. Wayne Wylie
Friday, Oct. 22. 12:10 p.m. Wayne Wylie
Saturday, Oct. 23 4:00 p.m. Terry Dupre (BD), Velma and Patty Gail Boss, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Ronnie J. Vidrine, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Oscar, Agnes and Dr. Robert Lee Roy, Kelly Danaher, Angela and Martin Cosgrove
Sunday, Oct 24 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, Souls In Purgatory, Willard Andrepont, Gertrude A. and Alvin Marks, Amar, Maryina and A.B. Courville Sr.
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Claude & Anna Soileau and Betty Valin, Ernie and Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly, Mickey and Joyce Hollier, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Frank Miller, Harold Savoy
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit, Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward, and Allen Jr.

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 24, 2010
Opelousas Catholic Foundation

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Your Stewardship To God
Regular Offertory Collection\$5,195.00
Maintenance & Repair\$374.00
Bishop's Services Appeal\$1,215.50
Opelousas Catholic Foundation\$10.00
World Mission Sunday\$1.00

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Thank you for your generosity!

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Saturday, Oct. 16 6pm; 7pm; 8pm— Cemetery Tours
Sunday, Oct. 17 2pm 3pm Cemetery Tours
Monday, Oct.18 5:30pm Choir Practice
6:00pm Rosary @ Grotto
Thursday, Oct. 21 6:30pm Come, Lord Jesus
Friday, October 22 8:40am High School Living Rosary in OC Gym

OC Corner

Family and friends are encouraged to stop by the OC Campus on Tuesday between 7:45am and 1:30pm to give blood in the Life Share Blood Mobile.
Good luck to the OC Quiz Bowl Team in their tournament on Wednesday.
Parents and family are invited to the high school Living Rosary on Friday morning in the school gym.
OC thanks all alumni who participated in the recent Homecoming festivities and reminds everyone to stop by Dupre Ballpark next weekend (Oct. 22-24) to see the Alumni Softball Tournament in action!

Center for Loss and Bereavement

An Extra Helping of Holiday Self-Care
Wednesday, November 17 @ 6:00pm at Hospice of Acadiana Conference Center.
The holidays can add stress for those who are grieving: join us for ideas on caring for oneself.
Call for more information @ 237-1332 ext. 3711 and/or to register. There are no charges for these workshops but you must pre-register.

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, Brandon Castille, Raylyn Chapman, Robert Danaher, Glenn Derington, Brad Douget, Vickie Duplechain, Kacey Dupre, Kristen Estes, Terry Fontenot, Paul Franks, Craig S. Guillory, Agnes Kidder, Renella Lavergne, Edward Leblanc, Deacon & Mrs. Laura Miller, Julie Mouton, Melanie M. Richard, Joseph James Robin, Jimmy Roy, Novella Sebastien, AL Soileau, 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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Our Lady of the Oaks

Weekend Retreats for Women:

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:

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

Radio Maria Fall Mariathon

Radio Maria is conducting its annual Fall Mariathon telephone fundraiser on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, October 19, 20, and 21. Please turn your dial to 1360 AM for this special programming and call 1-888-408-0201 to pledge your support for your Catholic radio station.

Prepare/Enrich Premarital Training

The Diocese of Lafayette is hosting a PREPARE/ENRICH training seminar for Priests, Deacons and other lay facilitators on a new premarital/counseling assessment tool. The training will be held on Saturday, November 6 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at Immaculata Center in Lafayette. The deadline to register is 22 October, 2010. Go to www.prepare-enrich.com to print a registration form or call 261-5653.

Ave Maria Rosary Group Retreat

A weekend retreat at the Cursillo center on November 5-7 presented by Juan Antonio Gil of Venezuela. For more information call Mel @ 942-2872 or Rose @ 543-7756.

A Pilgrimage to New Orleans

Pilgrims will visit the Shrine of Blessed Seelos; St. Louis Cathedral; the Ursuline Convent and the Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor. Date is 28 October 2010. Space is limited! For more information, contact Maria Tregre @ 291-1933.

Fallfest 2101

Pope John Paul Academy will host a Fallfest on Halloween, Sunday, October 31 from 1:00pm until 6:00pm. This will take place at De LaSalle Christian Brothers property at 1522 Carmel Drive in Lafayette. To purchase tickets or for more information call 896-6050 or visit www.pjpa.org.

Mending the Torn Fabric

Dr. Sarah Brabant, PH.D. will give a talk about grieving based on her book: Mending the Torn Fabric: For those Who Grieve and Those Who Want to Help Them. The talk will be held at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church in Duson on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 6:30pm –8:30pm. Open to all and no registration or cost.

SANCTUARY LIGHT
CHURCH.....Fr. Brady & All Clergy on Retreat this week.
CHAPELIn Thanksgiving

ALTAR SOCIETY
Group VI Norma Hargroder, Week of Oct. 23, 2010
Group VII Gwen Fruge, Week of Oct. 30, 2010