

The Pastor's Corner

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus, Christ the King. It marks the end of our liturgical year in the Sunday liturgical cycle, and is analogous to New Year's Eve in the secular world. Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent, analogous to New Year's Day in the secular world and the beginning of our journey towards Christmas in the Church. It's a time to celebrate the fact that Christ is our King, and there can be no more powerful king than He is. He has the power to change and transform us into His image and likeness regardless of our circumstances in this world. We can be at peace, even if the world around us is not. We know that He, and He alone, can conquer all things that might separate us from God. Today is a time to thank God the Father for the Gift of His only Son. It is a time to look back on the last year and celebrate those areas in our lives where we have improved our relationship with God, and to thank Jesus for giving us the Grace to win those battles. It's also a time to take stock of our failures in the last year, and to ask Him to help us in the coming year to conquer those things which separate us from Him. This begins with our anticipation and preparation during Advent to receive the greatest gift of all, the gift of the Incarnate Jesus, at Christmas.

Also, this Thursday is Thanksgiving, a secular holiday, but one which we can certainly celebrate in a Catholic way. Mass will be offered at 9AM in the church, and this would be a great way to start the day. Usually, Christ the King falls on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, but this year it falls the weekend before. After celebrating Christ the King, how fitting it would be to attend mass Thanksgiving day to thank God for the past year, both for our worldly blessings as well as our sufferings. Since suffering has been redeemed by Christ, it is no longer a curse, but rather a part of the mission God has given us here on earth for the salvation of the world. Suffering helps us and the people around us be more united to Christ Crucified, and this is a blessing, even if difficult to endure. I look forward to seeing all of you who can make it Thanksgiving morning.

Fr. James Brady

Blessings for the table

Merciful God, you are great in compassion and your tenderness for us is without measure.

We ask you to give us today our daily bread, and also to provide for the needs of all your hungry children around the world.

Through Christ your Son and our Lord.
Amen

Reminder from Fr. Brady

Please remember to join us for a social with coffee, juice and donuts after the 8am and 10am masses in the south sacristy.

ALL are welcome and it would be especially nice to meet our new parishioners and visitors.

CHILDREN: Don't forget to see Father after Mass and receive your Children's Bulletin!

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of November 21, 2010

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Reading I Malachi 3:19-20a

The shepherd David is anointed king.

Psalm 122 "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

Reading II Colossians 1:12-20

God has made us worthy to share the lot of the saints in light.

Gospel: Luke 22:35-43

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

THEME

In Christ, everything continues in being.

Today we conclude a year of listening to the Gospel according to Luke. We find ourselves at the foot of the cross witnessing an expression of God's reconciling love. If we have learned anything from Saint Luke, it is that we are called to come before God honestly admitting our sinfulness as we implore God's mercy and forgiveness. As we conclude this liturgical year and prepare for the Advent season, let us pray that, when we meet the Lord face to face, we will hear the words, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Shophe d'Noel

Shophe d'Noel serves nursing home residents with the experience of holiday shopping.

The Opelousas Sunrise Rotary organization is coordinating the event in Opelousas, on Sunday, November 28 from 2:00pm until 4:00pm.

Community Volunteers choose the nursing home they want to service (in Opelousas). Community Volunteers should arrive to help with set up between 1:00pm and 1:30pm.

The event is made possible from community donations of new and gently used items. Suggested donated items are lotions, ceramic figurines, fashion pins, ties, scarves, children toys, books, picture frames, etc.

Gift wrapping paper and tape are great helpers for wrapping the gifts at the gift-wrapping table.

The event needs volunteers to help the residents shop for their family members. Your family and organizational members are invited to learn how important these residents are to our community. This is a great intergenerational activity for our youth.

Donations are accepted at the following locations:

St. Landry Catholic Church at Valentin Hall.

Opelousas General Health System—boxes in foyers.

Call Yvonne L. Normand, Shophe d'Noel Chair at 308-3474 for more information.

Pray for our Troops

Jonathan David Ardoin, Christopher Briley, Brandi Darbonne, Jacob DeKerlegand, 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.

Junior Catholic Daughters

The Jr. Catholic Daughters will have a living rosary on Sunday, December 5th, following the 5pm Mass at St. Landry Church.

All children, ages 7-14, members and non-members, are invited to participate.

Please call Mary Joubert @ 594-8408 or Cindy Noel @ 942-5124 to sign up.

Intentions of Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI

General: "That victims of drugs or of other dependence may, thanks to the support of the Christian community, find in the power of our saving God, strength for a radical life-change."

Mission: "That the Churches of Latin America may move ahead with the continent-wide mission proposed by their bishops, making it part of the universal missionary task of the People of God".

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Nov. 20 4:00 p.m. Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Ronnie J. Vidrine, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Oscar, Agnes and Dr. Robert Lee Roy, M/M Roy Whaley (WA), Angela and Martin Cosgrove, Verlie Savoy, Jeanette Lalonde, Anna Nhiem Pham, Lee Martin

Sunday, Nov. 21 8:00 a.m. Youle and Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, Carol Pitre and M/M E. J. Leonard, Eddie DeKerlegand, Edna Gaspard (BD)

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Daniel and Louise Lagrange, Family of Hugh and Lula Bihm, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Frank Miller, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Irl White, Harold Savoy, Evanus Fontenot, Suzanne Cortez

5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr., Francis Crofton

Monday, Nov. 22. 12:10 p.m Wayne Wyble

Tuesday, Nov. 23 NO MASS

Wednesday, Nov. 24 12:10 p.m. Vern Guidroz (BD)

Thursday, Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Day 9:00am Mass In Church

Friday, Nov. 26. 12:10 p.m. Sam and Helen Guillory, Chester, Maius and Myra Rozas

Saturday, Nov. 27 4:00 p.m. John H. Kewley (DA), Mary Joubert (BD) and family, Terry Dupre (DA), Anna Nhiem Pham, Velma and Patsy Gail Boss, Kelly Danaher, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Ronnie J. Vidrine, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Oscar, Agnes and Dr. Robert Lee Roy, Angela and Martin Cosgrove, Verlie Savoy, Jeanette Lalonde, Lee Martin

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5:00 p.m. St. Landry Catholic Church Parishioners, Harold Savoy, Francis Crofton

Confessions, Saturdays 3:00-3:45 p.m.

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

Second Collection

Week of November 28, 2010

Opelousas Catholic Foundation

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Your Stewardship To God

Regular Offertory Collection\$5,334.25

Maintenance & Repair\$385.00

Bishops' Services Appeal\$981.35

Every Gift Comes From Above.



Thank you for your generosity!

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 21 10:00am Commissioning of the new Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

10:55am Practice for 10:00am Mass Choir

6:15pm Religious Ed for High School Students

Monday, Nov. 22 5:15pm Choir Practice for 5:00pm Sunday Mass

6:15pm Rosary at Monument

Wednesday, Nov. 24 Noon Office closed until Monday

Thursday, Nov. 25 9:00am Mass in Church

Sunday, Nov. 14 10:55am Practice for 10:00am Mass Choir

Memorial Donation

A donation in memory of Francis Crofton was made by the St. Landry Altar Society.

Prayer Intentions

Betty Jane Andrus, Janet Andrus, Clifford and Jane Ardoin, John Aucoin, Thelma Aucoin, Anna Lee Beadle, Steve Bienvu, Gerry S. Bouchereau, Gerard Boudreaux, Wilbur Briley, Chris Brewster, Dr. Dan Buller, Holly Burleigh, Brandon Castille, Raylyn Chapman, Robert Danaher, Glenn Derington, Harley Doucet, Brad Douget, Vickie Duplechain, Kacey Dupre, Shirley Emonet, Tristen Estes, Linda and Terry Fontenot, Paul Franks, Craig S. Guillory, Ted Guillory Jr., Agnes Kidder, Renella Lavergne, Edward Leblanc, Norma Jean Leger, Deacon John & Mrs. Laura Miller, Julie Mouton, Lonnie and Cindy Ortego, Helen Richard, Melanie M. Richard, Joseph James Robin, Jimmy Roy, Novella Sebastien, Al Soileau, Special Intentions, Vernita Stelly, Patrick Steward Jr., Ervin Thibodeaux, James Touchet, 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.

Women's Day of Reflection

Catholic Daughter Court #119 will be sponsoring a women's Day of Reflection. Please join us on Saturday, November 20 from 8:30 to 3:15 at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church Hall.

The Advent Day of Recollection is designed to prepare us for the wonderful liturgical season of Advent. The keynote speaker will be Patti Clement, Spiritual Director from Baton Rouge.

Seating is limited, so please register early. Application deadline is November 12.

For more information, please call Debbie Fay @ 594-8198.

OC Corner

Opelousas Catholic School gives thanks for its renovated classrooms and it's added technology due to the recent 150th Anniversary Capital Campaign! Anyone who would like to give a gift to the campaign may mail it to the attention of the Development Office at OCS on 428 E. Prudhomme Street.

A special "Open House" for prospective parents and students will be held on December 1st at 5:30pm. Please mark your calendars!

May God bless all with a wonderful Thanksgiving full of love, family and friends!

THANK YOU

During a time like this, we realize how much our family and friends really mean to us.

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.
From the family of Eumae Dupuis

The DeKerlegand Family would like to say "Thank You" to everyone who had special thoughts, said prayers and/or came by the funeral home when our son, Eddie, passed away in September. Also, "Thank You" to the Bereavement Committee for the food that was sent. Your compassion and sympathy will forever be appreciated.

Sincerely, Norman and Rose DeKerlegand & Family

KC Council 1173

FLAGS: The Knights of Columbus Council 1173 established a fund to replace the Flags around the Fr. LaFleur Monument as they become worn.

Many thanks to the donors: Fred Benoit, Dalton Comeaux, Cynthia Guidry, Ivan's Locksmith, and Pat Woodson..

For more information contact any Council 1173 Knight or Kenneth Thibodeaux @ 942-2736.

Po-Boy Lunch: On Wednesday, November 24, Council 1173 will be having their annual Sausage Po-Boy and Chip sale for a cost of \$5.00.

The time for pick-up is from 11:00am -1:00pm at the KC Hall on North Main Street.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH.....Verlie Savoy
CHAPEL.....In Thanksgiving for our many blessings

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group III..... Sarah Wagley, Week of Nov. 27, 2010

Group IV..... Betty Leleux, Week of Dec. 4, 2010