

The Pastor's Corner

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent. Advent is a season that reminds us of the need for vigilance in maintaining and nurturing our relationship with Jesus.

This Sunday, the focus is on preparing to receive Christ at Christmas. We can prepare to receive Him in many different ways, but most importantly by making room in our souls for His arrival.

Fr. James Brady

Come Home for Christmas

As Advent approaches, we celebrate the coming of Jesus. During this particular season of the Liturgical Year, we are reminded of our family and friends who have drifted away from the church.

Once again, the Diocese of Lafayette will be sponsoring their annual "Come Home for Christmas Program". We want our brothers and sisters to return home to be with their spiritual family.

Every active Catholic is encouraged to invite someone to accompany them to Mass on Christmas Day. Offer to pick them up and bring them with you. Please pray for the success of this outreach.

We also encourage you to participate in your parish program by submitting to the church office, the name of a special friend or family member that you would like to invite to Come Home for Christmas.

Please submit the names and addresses by December 11th. If you prefer, the information made be dropped in the collection baskets on the weekends or mailed in.

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

All Powerful God, we pray for your continued guidance and blessings on all who serve our country in the military.

Junior Catholic Daughters

The Junior Catholic Daughters are presenting a living rosary following the 5pm Mass today. Please stay, pray and encourage them. Thanks

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 as well as visitors.

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

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of December 5, 2010

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- Reading I Isaiah 11:1-10
The wolf shall be a guest of the lamb
Psalm 72 "Justice shall flourish in his time and fullness of peace for ever."
Reading II Romans 15:4-9
God, the source of patience, enables us to live in harmony.
Gospel: Matthew 3:12
Prepare the way of the Lord!

THEME

God's kingdom is at hand - it is here.

The scriptures today summon us to the Lord's holy mountain, where peace and justice flourish. John the Baptist calls us to repentance, "for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

The Advent 2010 Penance Services & Missions North Region, Diocese of Lafayette

"Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom." [Collect Prayer, First Sunday of Advent, Roman Missal, 3rd Edition.]

Catholics are invited by Msgr. J. Robert Romero and the priests of the North Region to use the penance services and missions as a way of preparing for the Lord's coming. These services are as follows:

Church: Sacred Heart of Jesus (Ville Platte)
Parish Mission: Dates: Nov. 29th, 30th & Dec. 1st (Monday-Wednesday)
Time: 6:30 -7:30 p.m. Speaker: Fr. Jerry Mesley

Church: Holy Family (Lawtell) Date: Dec. 10th (Friday) Time: 7:00 p.m.
Parish Mission: Holy Family (Lawtell) Dates: Dec. 8th, 9th, & 10th (Wed. - Fri.) Time: 5:30 p.m. Speaker: Fr. Cedric Sonnier

Church: St. Charles Borromeo Church (Grand Coteau) Date: Dec. 9th (Thursday) Time: 7:00 p.m.

Church: St. Thomas More (Eunice) Date: Dec. 13th (Monday) Time: 6:00 p.m. Tri-Parish Penance Service.

Church: St. Augustine (Basile) Date: Dec. 15th (Wednesday) Time: 7:00 p.m.
Parish Mission: Dec. 13th, 14th, 15th, & 16th (Monday - Thursday)
Time: 7:00 p.m. Speaker: Deacon Cody Miller

Church: St. Joseph (Plaisance) Date: Dec. 15th (Wednesday) Time: 6:00 p.m.
Parish Mission: Dec. 14th and 15th (Tues. and Wed.) at 6:00 p.m.

Church: Our Lady Queen of Angels Church (Opelousas) Date: Dec. 20th (Monday) Time: 6:30 p.m. City-wide Penance Service.

Doll and Toy Fund

The annual Doll and Toy Fund, sponsored by the Catholic Daughters, is now underway.

Monetary donations may be mailed to Janis Courvelle, 1826 Edwards St, Opelousas, La. 70570.

Make checks or money orders payable to DOLL AND TOY FUND. We welcome NEW toys, which may be brought to Valentin Hall during office hours. Mon.-Thurs. 8:30am until 11:45 and again from 1:00pm until 4:00pm. On Fridays, no later than 11:45am.

For more information, call 789-0971.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Saturday, Dec. 4 4:00 p.m. M/M Robert Going Sr., James E. Martin, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Ronnie J. Vidrine, Grace Soileau, Angela and Martin Cosgrove, Jeanette Lalonde, Kirt Cormier, Debbie Joubert, M/M Lee Martin
Sunday, Dec. 5 8:00 a.m. M/M John FaKouri Sr., John Jr., and Jacob, Una L. Moreau, Martin J. St. Amand, Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard, Eddie DeKerlegand, Debbie Joubert
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Allen Richard, Bobbie & Julie Mouton, Ronnie & Steve Ardoin and the Rider family, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Frank Miller, Mary H. Moore
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners: Harold Savoy, Preston and Marguerite D. Wyble
Monday, Dec. 6 12:10 p.m. Allen Hudspeth Sr. Van, Edward, and Allen Jr., Pauline Christ, Willard Andrepoint (BD)
Tuesday, Dec. 7 NO MASS
Wednesday, Dec. 8 8:40 a.m. OC Students
12:10 p.m. M/M Jesse J. Pitre Sr., Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Miller-Fontenot families, Ezra (BD) & Velma Martin and Denise Hull (BD)
5:30 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Terrell Wayne Fontenot
Thursday, Dec. 9 12:10 p.m. Una L. Moreau, Inez Mott (DA) and Lester LeJeune (BD)
Friday, Dec. 10 12:10 p.m. Wayne Wyble, Sol Reed and Katherine Reed

Confessions, Saturdays 3:00-3:45 p.m. 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

Second Collection Week of December 12, 2010 4th Pledge BSA

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Your Stewardship To God
Regular Offertory Collection \$4,403.70
Opelousas Catholic Foundation \$684.56
Thanksgiving Day \$444.00
Maintenance & Repair \$350.50
Thank you for your generosity!

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, Activity. Includes reminders for Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday with specific times and activities like Mass, Choir, Rosary, etc.

Flowers for Christmas

Donations for Poinsettias are currently being accepted in the Church office in Valentin Hall. These monetary donations may be made in Thanksgiving or in memory of someone. The plants are costing \$25.00 this year, but we gladly accept however much you are able to give.

Donations will be listed as an insert in the Christmas bulletin, NOT WEEKLY. Thank you for helping to make our church look more beautiful during this Holy, Christmas season.

Prayer Intentions

Betty Jane Andrus, Janet Andrus, Clifford and Jane Ardoin, John Aucoin, Thelma Aucoin, Antoine Bajat, Anna Lee Beadle, Steve Bienvenu, Gerry S. Bouchereau, Gerard Boudreaux, Wilbur Briley, Chris Brewster, Dr. Dan Buller, Holly Burleigh, Brandon Castille, Raylyn Chapman, Robert Danaher, Glenn Derington, Dr. Seldon Deshotels, 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.

OC Corner

Parents, grandparents, family, and friends are invited to the OC elementary school Christmas Play (preschool - 5th grade) on Thursday evening at 6:00pm in the school gymnasium.

OC takes pride in her young "Christian Students of the First Quarter". Gracie Carriere, Emmie Courville, Jacques Vidrine, Amaya Iford, Drake Guidry, Toby Villemarette, Lora Charles, Myles Lynch, Lauren Bainter, Adrienne Allen, Aria Mouton and McCall Thibodeaux.

Welcome into our Catholic Family through the Sacrament of Baptism

Andrew Kai Talevich son of Damian and Morgan LaFleur Talevich

Looking For A Special Christmas Gift?

Copies of "St. Landry Catholic Church - 100 years" by Dr. Richard Harmon and "But He Dies Not" by Peter J and Suzanne Dore Guerra are both available for purchase in the church office in Valentin Hall.

Dr. Harmon's book is \$30.00 (hardback) and "But He Dies Not" (the Life, Faith and sacrifice of Fr. Joseph Verbis LaFleur) is \$20.30 for the soft cover and \$29.65 for the hardback.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)

The mission of CASA of St. Landry Association is to promote and support court-appointed volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children so that they can thrive in safe, permanent homes.

CASA recruits, trains and supervises competent volunteers who speak in the best interest of abuse and neglected children.

CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to watch over and advocate for abused and neglected children, to make sure they don't get lost in the overburdened legal and social service system or languish in an inappropriate group or foster home.

For many abused children, their CASA volunteer will be the one constant adult presence - the one adult who cares only for them.

For more information visit CASA at 729 W. Cherry St/call 948-3550 - 948-4751 or go to the website at www.casastlandry.org.

Save the Date

Faith, Love, You (FLY Fest) Jan. 8, 2011. Where's Your Peace! 8:00am -6:00pm with a closing Mass with Bishop Jarrell. Location: Opelousas Catholic Campus.

SANCTUARY LIGHT CHURCH.....Ezra Martin CHAPEL.....Denise Hull

ALTAR SOCIETY Group VI..... Norma Hargroder, Week of Dec. 11, 2010 Group VII..... Gwen Fruge, Week of Dec. 18, 2010