

The Pastor's Corner

Today we celebrate the fourth and final Sunday of Advent. As the time for the birth of our Savior approaches, we should intensify our preparation and anticipation of the Incarnation of our Lord. This Fourth Sunday of Advent reminds us of our "call" by God to a mission here on earth. The goal of our life on earth is to fulfill the mission God has given to us, whether it be as wife, husband, single person, mother, father or religious. God created us for this mission, but he made us free, so we are able to accept or reject the role God has given us in His plan of salvation. In order to determine our mission, we must discern what God asks of us, and this is done by prayer.

There are many different forms of prayer, such as formulary prayer (the "Our Father" or "Hail Mary"), meditation, lectio divino, etc. However, the most important thing we must do to understand our mission is to LISTEN in our prayer. If we are able to spend time in quiet and allow God to speak to us, then we can discern the mission He has for us. Whatever mission God has for us, He will provide the Grace to accomplish it. Once we determine what God is asking, then we decide whether or not to accept His invitation.

During this last week in Advent, as we prepare for and anticipate the coming of Jesus to the world, in our prayer let us put ourselves in a position to hear God's voice and accept the Graces Jesus gives us to fulfill our mission.

Fr. James Brady

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS WEEKEND

Children's Christmas Vigil Mass

4:00 PM Friday, Christmas Eve

Instructions for children bringing gifts:

Please process in before Mass with Father Brady. Meet at the inside entrance of the church at least 5 minutes before Mass to line up and process into church.

Please bring a new, unwrapped gift for a child.

As you come into the altar area, bow before the altar and place your gift where shown, and then return to the pew with your family.

Christmas Vigil Mass

6:00 PM Friday (Adult Choir)

Christmas Day

9:00 AM Saturday

This is the Only Mass on Christmas Day

Sunday, December 26, 2010 (Holy Family) 8 AM, 10 AM and 5 PM

NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND

December 31, 2010

Friday, 12:10 pm regular weekday Mass

Anticipated Mass for the Feast of Mary Mother of God:

Friday, December 31, 2010, 5:30 pm

January 1, 2011 Saturday

9:00 AM

Sunday Anticipated Mass for the Epiphany: January 1, 2011, 4:00 pm

Masses for The Epiphany

Sunday, January 2, 2011 8:00 am; 10:00 am; 5:00 pm

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of December 19, 2010

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Reading I Isaiah 7:10-14

The virgin shall be with child.

Psalms 24 "Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory".

Reading II Romans 1:1-7

Jesus is the son of David and the Son of God.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Joseph, son of David, have no fear about taking Mary as your wife.

THEME

Jesus is God made flesh

Our Advent journey brings us today to the table of God's word, upon which is spread a rich feast. Isaiah announces that the virgin shall be with child. Saint Paul offers a great hymn of praise to those who belong to Jesus Christ. Saint Matthew recounts the time leading up to the birth of Christ. Let us welcome Christ as the word of God is proclaimed in this sacred place.

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. The service is being held at:

Church: Our Lady Queen of Angels Church (Opelousas) Date: Dec. 20th (Monday) Time: 6:30 p.m. City at St. Landry Church

Bulletin Bites

What if Joseph, in the legitimate exercise of his free will, had said, "No, I will not take Mary into my home as my wife. Let her be stoned to death according to the law. Mary, despite the deadly consequences that could await her, had already freely said "Yes" and the Word was Incarnate in her womb. Happily for us all, Joseph received Mary into his home and lovingly cared for her and for the child that he knew was not his own. They are a family made holy by mutual love; courage and sacrifice (the Latin derivatives of the word "sacrifice" mean "making holy what we do"). They gave themselves to one another, and to us, in total love, without counting the cost or being deterred by the consequences. Imagine a world in which every family is characterized by such love, courage, and sacrifice; by "making holy what we do: regardless of the cost or consequences - every family, a holy family. Oh what a Christmas that would be!

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.

Pope Benedict XVI's Intention for December

General: That our personal experience of suffering may be an occasion for better understanding the situation of unease and pain which is the lot of many people who are alone, sick or aged, and stir us all to give them generous help".

Mission: "That the peoples of the earth may open their doors to Christ and to His Gospel of peace, brotherhood, and justice".

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Dec. 18 4:00 p.m. James E. Martin; Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally; Ervin & Marcylee Thibodeaux and Louis & Regina Burleigh; Ronnie J. Vidrine; Angela and Martin Cosgrove; Jeanette Lalonde; M/M Lee Martin; Eric Gautreaux; Adolph Taylor

Sunday, Dec. 19 8:00 a.m. Youle and Therese Fontenot; Martin J. St.Amand; Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard; Eddie DeKerlegand; A.B. Courville Sr. (DA)

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe; Frank Miller; M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull; Irl White; Mae H. Moore; Mary B. Martin; Bobbie & Julie Mouton, Steve & Ronnie Ardoin; and the Rider family

5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners; Preston and Marguerite D. Wylie

Monday, Dec. 20. 12:10 p.m Lee (DA), Vivian and Kristie Artigue; Pauline Christ; Terrell Wayne Fontenot

Tuesday, Dec. 21 NO MASS

Wednesday, Dec. 22 12:10 p.m. Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr.; Pauline Christ

Thursday, Dec. 23 12:10 p.m. Sam & Helen Guillory; Chester, Maius, and Myra Rozas; Olivier and Dudley Fruge

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 26, 2010 Opelousas Catholic Foundation

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Your Stewardship To God

Regular Offertory Collection\$5,824.76 Opelousas Catholic Foundation\$10.00 Maintenance & Repair\$168.00 Bishop's Services Appeal\$683.25 Immaculate Conception\$1,120.25 Flowers\$135.00

Every Gift Comes From Above.



Thank you for your generosity!

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 19 10:55am Practice for 10:00am Mass Choir 6:15pm Religious Ed for High School Students Monday, Dec. 20 5:30pm Choir Practice for 5:00pm Mass 6:15pm Rosary at Monument 6:30pm City-wide Penance Service @ Queen of Angels All School Mass Tuesday, Dec. 21 8:40am Thursday, Dec. 23 OFFICE CLOSED Friday, Dec. 24 OFFICE CLOSED Saturday, Dec. 25 Merry Christmas from Fr. Brady and Staff

DONATION

St. Landry Catholic Church received a donation from the St. Landry Altar Society in memory of

Marguerite Doucet Wylie

Welcome into our Catholic Family through the Sacrament of Baptism

Ridge Scott Briley son of Scott and Tammy Sue Hebert Briley

Prayer Intentions

Betty Jane Andrus, Janet Andrus, Clifford and Jane Ardoin, John Aucoin, Thelma Aucoin, Gervis "BB" Babin, Antoine Bajat, Anna Lee Beadle, Steve Bienvenu, Jerry 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 Intention, Vernita Stelly, Patrick Stewart Jr., James Touchet, Annette Voorhies, Brandy Willingham, Warren Wylie

It is Diocesan policy that to put someone on the Prayer List, you must first have his or her permission.

OC Corner

Technology enhancement of campus includes Promethean Boards in all classrooms. Students in grades K-6 have Learner Response Systems for use with the Boards; while grades 7-8 use advanced versions of LRS in Math classes. Students in grades 3-8 use Neo2 units for Accelerated Reading and more, and those in grades 4-6 also participate in Accelerated Math.

The Development Office reports that a few Entertainment books are remaining for sale at \$30, which would make great Christmas gifts.

The OCS family wishes all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year!

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.

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..

Thank you for helping to make our church look more beautiful during this Holy, Christmas season.

Special thanks to the American Bank and Trust Company for providing our parish calendars. They have been doing this for many years. Please remember to thank them whenever you meet them. The calendars are available at all doors of the church.

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 Courville, 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.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCHVerlie Savoy CHAPELPatience while waiting for Jesus' birth

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group I Alverda Deshotels, Week of Dec. 24, 2010 Group II Pap Roy, Week of Jan. 1, 2011