WELCOME TO ALL!!

Christmas is such a wonderful and joyous time. One of the reasons for this joy is that our churches are full of worshippers, both Catholic and non-Catholic, to marvel at the mystery of the Incarnation of Jesus the Christ, our Savior. This coming together of so many to worship God is a wonderful thing to see and experience.

With so many new worshippers present, it may be helpful to recall what is necessary to receive Holy Communion at Mass. Following the dictates of Sacred Scripture (1 Cor. 11:27), the Church teaches that one should be properly disposed before receiving Holy Communion. In order to be properly disposed to receive Holy Communion, one must be Catholic and, after a reflective examination, not aware of having committed a serious sin. If a Catholic has committed serious sin, then Sacramental Confession should be made prior to receiving Holy Communion. One such serious sin is the failure to worship God by missing Mass on any Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation without good reason. After proper examination, if you know you are not properly disposed to receive Holy Communion, then you should make a Sacramental Confession prior to presenting yourself for Holy Communion.

Those who are not Catholic or are Catholic and not properly disposed to receive Holy Communion, if they so desire, are welcome to come up in the communion line and receive an individual blessing. They should put their index finger over their lips as they approach the minister to indicate their desire to receive a blessing.

Again, I am so delighted that you are with us during this special time. Together we rejoice in the Incarnation of Jesus and the promise it holds out to all of us - our hope for eternal life.

The Pastor's Corner

Rejoice, Our Lord Has Come!! This weekend we celebrate Christmas and the joy and peace that comes with Our Savior. The world celebrates Christmas in a more secular way than we as Christians do. While we include the worldly celebration of Christmas in our celebration, we must make sure that the meaning of Christ entering the world is not lost in that worldly celebration. Our Savior's coming is a gift and mystery that we should reflect upon during this season. The world will be finished with Christmas come Monday morning, but we live in the Christmas season until the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, January 9, 2011. We should take these weeks to continue to celebrate Christmas in its real sense - the reception of graces and our response to them in our continued conversion into the image and likeness of God as revealed in His Son. It would be a shame if, after working through our Advent Season, we let Christmas fizzle and end on Monday. With a special emphasis, we should continue to celebrate with joy and experience the peace of Jesus' presence in our life throughout the entire Christmas Season.

Please know of my continued prayers for all of our St. Landry family and my hope that you have a wonderful Christmas! For those who are traveling this weekend, you will be missed, but be assured of our prayers for your safe return. All the best to you and your families during this very special time of the year!!

Fr. James Brady

Junior Catholic Daughters

The Junior Catholic Daughters would like to thank Father Brady, the Catholic Daughters and the families of all the children who participated in the Living Rosary on December 5, 2010.

The next meeting of the Junior Cathoic Daughters will be Sunday, January 9th, at 3:00pm in Valentin Hall.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of December 26, 2010

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Reading I Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Revere your father, comfort your mother.

Psalm 128 "Blessed are they who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."

Reading II Colossians 3:12-21
Clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy.

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
Out of Egypt I called my son.

THEME,
We honor the relationships of parents and children.

Today's readings are filled with all kinds of images for family life. From the ideals set forth in the first and second readings to the story of the Holy Family's moment of crisis in the Gospel, we are given much to ponder. As the holy word is proclaimed, let us pray that our families will be strengthened and inspired by the examples of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Bulletin Bites

History has been harsh on Herod, and rightly so. He accomplished much but at a tragic cost to others. He ordered the death of his wife, Miriam, and several of his sons. He did not understand or accept the reason Jesus came into the world and he sent his soldiers to search for the infant and kill him. Before we join in the condemnation of Herod we should examine our souls to determine how well we have fulfilled our responsibility to search for Jesus so we can imitate him. Have we, in our own way, failed to understand and accept the real reason Jesus came into the world? Paul offers us a way to find Jesus and make Him alive in our hearts: "Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another…as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do…and let the peace of Christ control your hearts…And the word of Christ [will] dwell in you richly." Imagine a world in which everyone, including Herod and other powerful leaders, sought out and imitated Jesus.

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".

SEMINARIANS vs. PRIESTS
(Slammin' Sems vs. Running Revs)

5th Annual BASKETBALL GAME
Monday, JANUARY 3, 2011

6:00pm to 10:00pm @ St. Thomas More Gym, Lafayette
Admission: $5.00 Adults $1.00 Children (5 – 18),
Free for children under 5 years old.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH .....Verlie Savoy
CHAPEL .....Theresa Speyrer

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group II..... Pap Roy, Week of Jan. 1, 2011
Group III..... Irene Soileau, Week of Jan. 8, 2011

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Friday, Dec. 24 ..... 4:00 p.m. John H. Kewley, Harold Savoy, Daniel & Louise Lagrange, Hilary Dupre and Carolyn Arnaud ,Lloyd and Evelyn Arnaud, Ronnie J. Vidrine, Jack Robert, Oscar, Agnes & Dr. Robert Lee Roy, James Palmer, Willard Andrepont and Gertrude A. & Alvin Marks, Amar, Maryina & A.B. Courvelle Sr., Souls In Purgatory, Bobbie & Julie Mouton, Ronnie & Steve Ardoin and the Rider family, Verlie Savoy, Verna Dupre Pellerin Jeffery & Volta David, Robert & Ludie Perrodin, Jay Brown, Leonce & Mita David, Adolph Guillory and Bernard May, Ole Nan, Gladys F. Hollier, Clemance Stelly, Louis Hollier and Menthaud Hollier, M/M St. Ange Fournier Sr. and Fournier & Meullion families, M/M Edwin Frilot and Frilot & Auzenne families, Clement Ned Sr., Ronnie Savoie, Joe Bono and Percy Trahan, Anthony L. Lavergne, M/M Ellis Breaux, Ulysses Breaux, Mazie B. Guidry, Ethel B. Soileau, Ludy Latiolais, Jeanette Lalonde, Carol Pitre and M/M E. J. Leonard

6:00 p.m. ..... Allen Richard, Gilbert Hidalgo and Leonce Richard families, Angela and Martin Cosgrove, M/M Jessie J. Pitre Sr., Ernie and Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly, Mickey, and Joyce Hollier, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr., Raymus, Mary & Beedy Herpin and Geraldine Bellard Herpin, Claiborne Ryder, Armand and Jeanne Bellard, The Hoffman FamilyM/M John FaKouri Sr., John Jr. and Jacob, Youle & Theresa Fontenot, Ernest & Basilee Fontenot and family, Louis & Emma Brown and family ,Arthur Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, Alton, Elizabeth and Louis Vernon Joubert, Velma and Patsy Gail Boss, James E. Martin, Walter, Lucille, Mary and Cora Baillio, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, LeJeune, Miller and Mott families, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Camella Borne Hebert, Frank Miller, Eddie DeKerlegand, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Conrad O. Martin family, Kossuth Doucet family, Irl White, Jeanette Lalonde, Kelly Danaher (BD), M/M Lee Martin/ Riley Deville, Frank Burleigh, Inez, Clevence & Darrell Mott, Sol Reed and Katherine Reed, Theresa Speyrer, Judy M. & Lester LeJeune, Mayance Dupre and Clayton & Eula Soileau, Richard E. Savage, M/M John E. Meche, M/M Bertmance Lanclos, Harry and Frank Dubord, Regina Gleher and Burke Guillory Sr.

Saturday, Dec. 25 ..... 9:00 a.m. M/M John FaKouri Sr., John Jr. and Jacob; Youle & Theresa Fontenot; Ernest & Basilee Fontenot and family; Louis & Emma Brown and family ;Arthur Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; Alton, Elizabeth and Louis Vernon Joubert; Velma and Patsy Gail Boss; James E. Martin; Walter, Lucille, Mary and Cora Baillio; Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally; LeJeune, Miller and Mott families; Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe; Camella Borne Hebert; Frank Miller; Eddie DeKerlegand; M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull; Conrad O. Martin family; Kossuth Doucet family; Irl White; Jeanette Lalonde; Kelly Danaher (BD); M/M Lee Martin/ Riley Deville; Frank Burleigh; Inez, Clevence & Darrell Mott; Sol Reed and Katherine Reed; Theresa Speyrer; Judy M. & Lester LeJeune; Mayance Dupre and Clayton & Eula Soileau; Richard E. Savage; M/M John E. Meche; M/M Bertmance Lanclos; Harry and Frank Dubord; Regina Gleher and Burke Guillory Sr.

Sunday, Dec. 26 ..... 8:00 a.m. Youle & Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard, Eddie DeKerlegand, Eric Wayne Gautreaux

10:00 a.m. ..... Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Agnes and Adam Mallet, Grace Soileau, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Mae H. Moore, Bobbie & Julie Mouton., Ronnie & Steve Ardoin and the Rider family

5:00 p.m. ..... St. Landry Church Parishioners

Monday, Dec. 27. ..... 12:10 p.m Terrell Wayne Fontenot

Tuesday, Dec. 28 ..... NO MASS

Wednesday, Dec. 29 ..... 12:10 p.m. Alice Titard, Tracy Batton, Berchman "Laddie" Richard and Georgia R. Hebert, Perrault & Edwards families

Thursday, Dec. 30 ..... 12:10 p.m. Ernie & Lilly Ann McKinney (WA) and Steven, Lawrence, Lilly, Mickey and Joyce Hollier

Friday, Dec. 31 ..... 12:10 p.m. Theresa Speyrer (DA)

Friday, Dec. 31 ..... 5:30 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners

Saturday, Jan. 1 ..... 9:00 a.m. Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Verlie Savoy, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Irl White, Jeanette Lalonde, James Palmer

4:00 p.m. ..... Mary B. Martin, Wayne Dupre (DA)

Sunday, Jan. 2 ..... 8:00 a.m. Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard, M/M John FaKouri Sr., John Jr. and Jacob, Eric Wayne Gautreaux, Youle & Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, Donald J. St.Amand (BD)

10:00 a.m. ..... Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Ernie & Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly (BD), Mickey and Joyce Hollier, Mae H. Moore

5:00 p.m. ..... St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jesse J. Pitre Sr. (BD), Preston & Marguerite D. Wyble, Mary B. Martin

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

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 Steward Jr., James Touchet, 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.

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Second Collection
Week of January 2, 2011
St. Landry Maintenance Fund

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 26	**10:55am**	Practice for 10:00am Mass
Monday, Dec. 27	**5:30pm**	Choir Practice for 5:00pm Mass
	6:15pm	Rosary at Monument
Thursday, Dec. 30		**OFFICE CLOSED**
Friday, Dec. 31		**OFFICE CLOSED**
Saturday, Jan. 1		**A Blessed and peace-filled New Year from Fr. Brady and Staff**

OC Corner

Opelousas Catholic congratulates eight grade students who participated in the recent OC Science and Social Studies Fairs. Named the "Overall" winner in the Science Fair with his project in the Medicine and Health division was Drake Helton; and "Overall" winner in the Social Studies Fair with his History project was Jacob Moreau.

Merry Christmas from the OC School family to yours!

Looking For A Special 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.

Recently Celebrated Marriage Vows

Benjamin Ryan & Hailee Katherine Olivier Quebedeaux

James Bobby and Porsche Rayshawn Rideau Lazard

May the love and trust you enjoy,
grow evermore in your lives.

Welcome into our Catholic Family through the Sacrament of Baptism

Abelie Frances Dupre

daughter of
Frank Ross and Amanda Anne Stanford Dupre