

**The Pastor's Corner**

At this time of year, it is always good to give God thanks for the gifts He has given to us, the first and foremost being His Son, from whom all graces flow and who is the source of our salvation. We should also take into account the particular gifts we have received in the past year and thank God for them. Each and every one of us has at least been blessed with the gift of living another year here on earth, with the opportunity to grow in our knowledge and love of God.

In my case, there is a specific gift that St. Landry Church has been to me. I want to thank all of you for your warm welcome and your support of me in my vocation to serve you as pastor. The last six months have been nothing but a joy for me, and I am lucky to be here. You have been supportive in every initiative we have undertaken, and been patient in letting a new pastor learn, hopefully, how to be a good pastor. As I meet and get to know more and more of you, my appreciation for God's gift to me to be pastor here only deepens. I want to especially thank our staff, who have been absolutely wonderful in their help to me, and especially patient during this time of transition for our parish.

I want to thank you for your generosity, especially over the last few weeks. The number of cards, the good food that only people of south Louisiana can appreciate, and the Christmas gifts you dropped by, were humbling. I will try to thank you individually when we see each other. In the meantime, please know of my thanks and appreciation for all you have done for me and our parish, not only during the past few weeks, but also during the last six months. Next week, the Pastor's Corner will provide a brief report on the things we have done in the last six months, and our vision for the next year.

Thanks again, and may God bless you in this Christmas Season, that you may receive the Graces God the Father gives to you in the Incarnation of His Son, that you may cooperate with them through the power of the Holy Spirit, and that you may come to know Him ever deeply in the upcoming year.

*Fr. James Brady*

**Junior Catholic Daughters**

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

**Pope Benedict XVI's Intention for December**

**General:** That the riches of creation be preserved, valued and made available to all, as precious gifts from God to mankind.  
**Mission:** That Christians may achieve full unity, bearing witness to the universal fatherhood of God to the entire human race.

**In The Name of Jesus Be Healed  
Seelos Birthday Healing Mass  
with Sacrament of Anointing**

Sunday, January 9, 2011 at 1:00pm with Fr. Byron Miller as celebrant. Mass to be held at the National Seelos Shrine/St. Mary's Assumption Church, 919 Josephine St. in New Orleans. For more information visit www.seelos.org or phone 504-525-2495.

**READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING**

Week of January 2, 2011

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- Reading I Isaiah 60:1-6**  
The glory of the Lord shines on all people.
- Psalm 72** "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."
- Reading II Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**  
God's secret plan is revealed.
- Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**  
They presented gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**THEME**

**The Mystery of the Incarnation  
Jesus is a gift to all humanity.**

The delightful story of the visit of the magi to the Holy Family reminds us that God's love is meant to reach all people. Let God's word reach into our hearts this day, bringing the splendor of God's glory to a world searching for peace.

**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.

**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.

**Marriage Anniversary Mass**

Couples married for 50, 60 or more years will be honored on February 27 at 2:00pm at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church.  
Bishop Michael Jarrell will celebrate this special Mass and will give certificates suitable for framing to all couples being honored.  
A reception will follow the Mass in the Parish Hall. Registration will close on January 31.  
For more information, please call the Office of Marriage and Family Life @ 261.5653.

**John Michael Talbot**

The top selling Catholic musician in the world will visit Our Lady Queen of Angels on January 26, 2011.  
John Michael will lead a Holy Spirit-filled evening starting at 7:00pm. There is no charge. Also CDs and books will be sold during the event.

**MASS INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE WEEK**

- Friday, Dec. 31** ..... 12:10 p.m. Theresa Speyrer (DA)  
5:30 p.m. .... Mary B. Martin, Wayne Dupre (DA), Ronnie J. Vidrine
- 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), Richard LeBlanc (B-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
- Monday, Jan. 3** ..... 12:30 p.m. Ludy David Latiolais (BD)
- Tuesday, Jan. 4** ..... NO MASS
- Wednesday, Jan. 5** ..... 12:30 p.m. Perrault & Edwards families
- Thursday, Jan. 6** ..... 12:30 p.m. Terrell Wayne Fontenot
- Friday, Jan. 7** ..... 12:30 p.m. Ernie & Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly (DA), Mickey and Joyce Hollier, Gloria M. Miller (BD)
- Saturday, Jan. 8** ..... 4:00 p.m. Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Jeanette Lalonde
- Sunday, Jan. 9** ..... 8:00 a.m. Carol Pitre and M/M E. J. Leonard, Eric Wayne Gautreaux, Caleb Fontenot (BD), Youle & Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand  
10:00 a.m. .... Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Maxine C. Robison (DA), Ezra & Velma (DA) Martin and Denise Hull, Mae H. Moore  
5:00 p.m. .... St. Landry Church Parishioners, Marguerite D. Wyble, Joe Lalonde

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

**Second Collection  
Week of January 9, 2011  
Bishop's Services Appeal**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION  
Your Stewardship To God**

- Christmas.....\$7,295.24
- Regular Collection .....\$3,579.69
- Maintenance/Repair Fund .....\$290.00
- Maintenance/Repair Endowment .....\$1,400.00
- Opelousas Catholic School .....\$610.25

Every Gift  
Comes From  
Above.



Thank you for your generosity!

**REMINDERS OF THE WEEK**

A Blessed and Happy New Year to all!!

*Fr. Brady and Staff*

- Sunday, Jan. 2** 10:55am Practice for 10:00am Mass
- Monday, Jan. 3** 5:30pm Choir Practice for 5:00pm Mass  
6:15pm Rosary at Monument
- Wednesday, Jan. 5** 6:30pm Pastoral Council
- Thursday, Jan. 6** 6:30pm Pre-Baptism Class
- Friday, Jan. 7** 7:00am First Friday Adoration Begins
- Saturday, Jan. 8** 7:45am First Saturday Benediction  
8:00am First Saturday Mass  
8:00am FLY-Fest for  
Diocesan Youth Rally Begins

**Prayer Intentions**

Betty Jane Andrus, Janet Andrus, Clifford and Jane Ardoin, John Aucoin, Thelma Aucoin, Gervis "BB" Babin, 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 Duplechaine, Kacey Dupre, Wanda Dupre, Shirley Emonet, Tristen Estes, Linda and Terry Fontenot, Paul Franks, Craig S. Guillory, Ted Guillory Jr., Agnes Kidder, Renella Lavergne, 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, Vernita Stelly, Patrick Steward Jr., Tommy Strange, 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**

Opelousas Catholic will host the Diocese of Lafayette's FLY-Fest next Saturday (Jan.8th) in the OC gymnasium for junior high and high school age youth and parents. It begins at 8:00am and concludes with 6:00pm mass in St. Landry Catholic Church with Bishop Michael Jarrell. International artist John Angotti will be one of the featured musicians for the day. Call John Braham, OC religion coordinator, for more information at 942-5404 ext. 114.

The O.C. Tasters' Dinner and Auction event will be held on February 2nd in the Opelousas Civic Center. Tickets are now on sale through the O.C. Development Office, Piggly Wiggly on Heather Drive, St. Landry Homestead and Bodemuller. Make plans to attend!!

**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.

**Welcome into our Catholic Family through the  
Sacrament of Baptism**

**Mary-Paige Rae Shuman**

daughter of  
John Marion & Melissa Ann Faul Shuman

**Returned to Christ through Death**

The St. Landry Church Parishioners offer prayers and sincere condolences to the family of:  
**Antoine "Toe" Bajat Jr.**  
O Lord, grant to those who have died the joy of your presence, and us who are living, the happiness of knowing this.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

CHURCH.....A Blessed and Peace-filled 2011  
CHAPEL.....Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

**ALTAR SOCIETY**

- Group III** ..... Irene Soileau, Week of Jan. 8, 2011
- Group IV** ..... Sarah Wagley, Week of Jan. 15, 2011