

The Pastor's Corner

Over the last six months, there have been many changes here at St. Landry Church, and at this time of year, I thought it fruitful to let you know what has happened and what our vision is for the next year.

During the first six months, many projects have been undertaken and completed to improve and beautify our grounds. Initially, we had to address four major water leaks in our buildings.

Around the grounds, we have been able to clean up much of the things that were eyesores. We repaired, scraped, and painted the parking garage, pressure washed all of the buildings except for the church, and pressure washed all of the sidewalks around the church.

As pastor, part of my job is to discern what things we need to do as a parish and how it should be accomplished. The above projects were done by a combination of things: hiring of outside contractors, the generosity of outside contractors who gave their time and resources (especially in the renovation of the interior of the rectory), a parish work day, the generosity of parishioners giving especially their time and talents, inmate labor from the St. Landry Parish Correctional Center, and of course, work by our own staff.

This year, we will continue to undertake many of the smaller projects in a gradual way as resources permit. Many parishioners have volunteered their expertise and services to continue the work on the interior and exterior of the buildings. One of our goals is to have all of our closets cleaned and rooms in all buildings usable and in acceptable shape for use.

These undertakings are a bit ambitious for a years work. However, I believe that as a parish, it can be done and our grounds and buildings can be fully functional and beautiful by Christmas of 2011.

I again want to thank all who have contributed to this effort. It would not have been possible without parishioners dedicated to God, their Church, and their neighbors.

Fr. James Brady

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of January 9, 2011

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Reading I Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

Here is my servant.

Psalm 29 "The Lord will bless his people with peace."

Reading II Acts 10:34-38

God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power.

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

The Spirit of God descends like a dove.

THEME

We must do what God wants even when we do not understand it fully.

Sisters and brothers, listen carefully to today's first reading. Once again, we hear that the holy one of God will open the eyes of the blind and bring light to those who dwell in darkness.

The Baptism of the Lord

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am pleased."

A voice from heaven spoke those words after Jesus convinced John to baptize him in the Jordan River. We would all be thrilled to hear a voice from heaven say about us, "This is my beloved child, with whom I am well pleased."

Parents of Teens ages 12-16

Join us as we preview the video series: Theology of the Body for teens (as seen on EWTN)

We would like YOUR feedback as we consider rolling out this program to our Young Parishioners.

Facilitator: Mrs. Jenny Stelly Monday, January 24, 2011, from 6:30 - 7:30pm in Valentin For more info, contact Dwayne Joubert 594-8408 or 308-0001

Pope Benedict XVI's Intention for January

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

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, Agnes & Pat Doucet, Adolph, Umae and Peggy Dupuis

5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Marguerite D. Wyble, Joe Lalonde, Gloria Miller, M/M Lee Martin

Monday, Jan. 10. 12:10 p.m. Verlie Savoy (BD)

Tuesday, Jan. 11 NO MASS

Wednesday, Jan. 12 12:10 p.m. Terrell Wayne Fontenot, Perrault & Edwards families

Thursday, Jan. 13 12:10 p.m. Lee, Vivian, & Keith (DA) Artigue, Henry (DA) & Lellia Fontenot

Friday, Jan. 14 12:10 p.m. Una Moreau

Saturday, Jan. 15 4:00 p.m. Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Jeanette Lalonde

Sunday, Jan. 16 8:00 a.m. Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard, Eric Wayne Gautreaux, Youle & Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Mae H. Moore

5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, M/M Jesse J. Pitre, Terrell Wayne Fontenot, M/M Lee Martin

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 16, 2011

Opelousas Catholic Foundation

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Your Stewardship To God

Regular Collection\$6,584.30 Maintenance/Repair Fund\$2,308.98 Maintenance/Repair Endowment\$200.00 Opelousas Catholic School\$5.00 New Year's Day\$1,873.68

Every Gift Comes From Above.



Thank you for your generosity!

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, Jan. 9 10:55am Practice for 10:00am Mass 6:15pm Confirmation and High School Rel. Ed. Monday, Jan. 10 5:30pm Choir Practice for 5:00pm Mass 6:15pm Rosary at Monument Tuesday, Jan. 11 6:00pm CDA Wednesday, Jan. 12 6:30pm Altar Society Thursday, Jan. 13 5:30pm 1st. Penance Class 7:00pm KC Meeting Friday, Jan. 14 8:40am OC School Mass

Celebrate Mardi Gras in the Holy Land

This Mardi Gras (March 3 - 12) join Acadiana area pilgrims on a journey of a lifetime as we walk in the FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS and HIS APOSTLES!

Points of interest include Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Gethsemane, and Mount of the Beatitudes, Jordan River, Mediterranean Sea, Mount Tabor, Cana, and Jerusalem. Accompanied by a very knowledgeable, multi-lingual, and experienced Catholic pilgrimage guide. This experience is sure to be an opportunity to renew your faith.

The Spiritual Directors are Fr. Hampton Davis and Father Jerry Fagin.

ENGAGED COUPLES

Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend in preparation for your marriage. Upcoming weekend dates are January 21-23, March 18-20, and April 8-10.

For other dates and to learn more, visit our website at www.lafayettecece.org OR call 984-7954.

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 Duplechain, Kacey Dupre, Wanda Dupre, Shirley Emonet, Tristen Estes, Linda and Terry Fontenot, Paul Franks, Craig S. Guillory, Ted Guillory Jr., Agnes Kidder, Renella Lavergne, Brittany 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, 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

Congratulations to the Opelousas Catholic fifth grade students who recently completed the D.A.R.E. program. Essay winners included Courtney Thomassie & Victoria Mayer, 1st. place; Savannah Speyrer & Morganne Ned, 2nd place; and Lauren Miller & Madison Nicholas, 3rd. place.

Tickets for the O.C. Tasters' Dinner and Auction event set for February 2nd are now on sale through the O.C. Development Office; Piggly Wiggly on Heather Drive; St. Landry Homestead Bank; and Bodemullers.

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!!!

Welcome into our Catholic Family through the Sacrament of Baptism

Abram Jones Gates son of Adam Louis & Amanda Hoffman Gates

Doll and Toy Fund

On behalf of the Catholic Daughters, Court St. Landry #119, I would like to thank all who donated to the Doll and Toy Fund Christmas toy drive. Your generous donations helped us to give toys to 1,408 children on our list this year. We like to think the toys these children received also brought laughter and joy on Christmas morning.

Thank you for making this happen.

Janis Courvelle, Doll & Toy Fund Chairman

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.

Junior Catholic Daughters

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

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. In addition, CDs and books will be sold during the event.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCHVerlie Savoy CHAPEL.....Pro-Life

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group IV Sarah Wagley, Week of Jan. 15, 2011

Group V Betty Leleux, Week of Jan. 22, 2011