

The Pastor's Corner

This past week was designated "Vocations Week" by our national conference of bishops. Last weekend, in celebrating the Baptism of Our Lord, we discussed the fact that in our own Baptism each one of us is called to a Christian vocation, that is, a mission for Christ in our life here on earth. In the celebration of Vocations Week, we will focus this weekend on religious vocations, namely vocations to the priesthood, to religious life (sisters, nuns, brothers and other forms of consecrated life), and the diaconate. There is no doubt that over the last 50 years or so, in the United States (and the rest of the Western World) the number of those willing to fulfill a religious vocation has dropped dramatically. There are many different reasons for this drop in the number of men and women willing to consider and fulfill a religious vocation. However, one reason that cannot be dismissed is the state of our family.

As we discussed on the Solemnity of the Holy Family the day after Christmas, the health of our families has deteriorated over the last 50 years or so as well. The connection is not remote. Religious vocations are first and foremost a direct call from God to the person called. However, the seeds to consider and accept a religious vocation are planted within the family and nurtured there, hopefully falling on fertile soil. That fertile soil is the family living a Christian life in both word and deed. Every person called to a religious vocation comes from a family, some in better family circumstances than others. If that soil is not fertile, then the person called may not hear the call, or may dismiss it. In that regard, a prayer for the strength of our families is a prayer for vocations. It is true that God can call people from all different backgrounds to His service in religious life, and some may be able to fulfill such a vocation despite very difficult family and societal backgrounds. However, our full cooperation with the Grace God gives to each called and those who are charged with raising them in a Christian environment will produce more religious vocations to serve both the Church and Her faithful. This week, we pray for the health of our families and for more to respond to the call from God to religious life.

Fr. James Brady

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.

Walk for Life

The 24th annual "Walk for Life" will be held Saturday, January 22, beginning at Our Lady Queen of Angels on S. Union St. The Walk begins at 10am with a short program and proceeds to the New Life Center on E. Landry St., ending approx. at noon.

The Walk is held to promote public awareness of the tragedy of abortion and its aftermath, and to foster alternatives that respect the dignity and worth of every human being created by God. We encourage families of all faiths to participate and we welcome clubs, youth groups and other organizations to come take a stand FOR LIFE!!

Please, no children under 13 years of age unless accompanied by an adult. For safety reasons, and to emphasize that this is a solemn event, please DO NOT bring skates, skateboards or scooters. However, wagons or strollers for young children are welcomed. If you cannot walk with us, please consider joining us for the program in church.

For more information, call John/Jeri Miller at 948-9559

Please be aware that you will need to provide your own transportation back to the church.

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.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of January 16, 2011

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Reading I Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
 From my mother's womb, I am God's servant.

Psalm 40 "Here am I, Lord, I come to do your will".

Reading II 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
 Greeting to you, a holy people in Christ.

Gospel: John 1:29-34
 Behold, the Lamb of God!

THEME

God's plan in Christ begins to unfold in human history.

John the Baptist directs the attention of the gathered crowds to the Lord Jesus, whom John refers to as the "Lamb of God." Our attention is focused now on the Lamb who speaks a word that redeems us and calls us to more dedicated discipleship. Let us listen attentively to the word of God and pray that we will respond to that word with actions that help spread the good news of salvation.

Bulletin Bites

"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

Note that John says "sin of the world" and not "sins of the world". We all have free will and are capable of committing individual sins for which we must account and seek forgiveness. But what is the sin of the world? Did John observe in the people of his day a self-centeredness that is the opposite of being centered on God? Did John understand that such self-centeredness is at the heart of all sin in the world? John recognized Jesus as the Lamb of God, the person who would sacrifice himself to help us root out self-centeredness and become centered on God. Jesus did that with his life and his teaching, but He cannot do it alone. He needs our help. Because God has given us the great gift of free will, we must choose to stop being centered on ourselves and choose to put God at the center of our lives. When we are centered on God, we become a person for others. If everyone in the world becomes a person for others, would there be any sin of the world?

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

CDA COURT 119 ANNUAL BENEFIT GUMBO

Tickets will be sold after all Masses on the weekend of January 22 & 23 and tickets are \$5.00.
 The fundraiser will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2011.
 Contact Norma Hargroder @ 942-4807 for more info.

Returned to Christ Through Death

The St. Landry Church parishioners offer prayers and sincere condolences to the family of:

Daniel Simon "Danny" Misticr, Sr.

Lord, grant that we may hold dear the memory of your servant, never bitter for what we have lost nor in regret of the past, but always in hope of the eternal kingdom where you will bring us together again. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. AMEN

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Jan. 15 4:00 p.m. Walford LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Jeanette Lalonde, James E. Martin, Ronnie J. Vidrine
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, Harold Savoy
Monday, Jan. 17 12:10 p.m Bryce Boullion (B)
Tuesday, Jan. 18 NO MASS
Wednesday, Jan. 19 12:10 p.m. Sam & Helen Guillory, Chester, Maius and Myra Rozas, Olivier & Dully Fruge
Thursday, Jan. 20 12:10 p.m. Dr. Robert Trahan
Friday, Jan. 21 12:10 p.m. Pro-Lifers
Saturday, Jan. 22 4:00 p.m. Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Jeanette Lalonde, Frank Greco (BD), Ronnie J. Vidrine
Sunday, Jan. 23 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, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Mae H. Moore, Daniel and Louise Lagrange, Thomas Huckaby Sr. (DA) and Carriere family
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Terrell Wayne Fontenot, M/M Lee Martin, Harold Savoy

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 23, 2011
Church in Latin America

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Your Stewardship To God

Regular Collection	\$8,104.22
Maintenance/Repair Fund	\$386.00
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$1,098.34
Cemetery Fund	\$1.00

Every Gift Comes From Above.

Thank you for your generosity!

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, Jan. 16 10:55am Choir Practice for 10:00am Mass
 6:15pm Confirmation and High School Rel. Ed.

Monday, Jan. 17 OFFICE CLOSED
 5:30pm Choir Practice for 5:00pm Mass
 6:15pm Rosary at Monument

Thursday, Jan. 20 5:30pm 1st. Penance Class
Friday, Jan. 21 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. Call 337-291-1933 for more information.

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, 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, Yvonne F. Pellerin, Ruby Pitre, 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

Family and friends in the community are asked to pray for the OC Ministry Team and chaperones as they embark on their trip to Washington, DC for the National Right-to-Life March later this week.

Tickets for the OC Tasters Dinner and Auction event set for February 2nd in the Opelousas Civic Center are now on sale through the OC Development Office, Piggly Wiggly on Heather Drive; St. Landry Homestead Bank and Bodemuller. Plan to enjoy delicious food as well as silent and live auction items during the evening!

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

Holy Spirit Retreat with Sr. Briege McKinna

Join Sr. Briege McKenna and Fr. Kevin Scallon on January 21-23 at the Hilton Hotel in Lafayette for a Holy Spirit Women's Retreat.

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.lafayetteceee.org OR call 984-7954.

COME FOLLOW ME RETREAT for Priesthood Discernment

Come follow me Weekend is a vocation discernment retreat for single Catholic men who are high school students or college age and over, who have no dependents. It is hosted by diocesan priests and seminarians of the Dioceses of Lafayette, Baton Rouge, and Lake Charles.

The Weekend provides an opportunity to learn about serving God and the Church as a diocesan or parish priest., showing the joys, opportunities and challenges of priesthood without pressure for commitment. This is time to ask questions, reflect and put it all together. There is no charge for the weekend and transportation to and from the retreat is provided.

The Weekend is scheduled for Feb. 4-6, Friday evening to Sunday morning at St. Charles Center in Moss Bluff, La.

Any questions, call Fr. Aaron Melancon @ 261-5690 OR e-mail vocations@diolaf.org.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH.....All Ministry Teams traveling to DC for the National Walk for Life

CHAPELSouls in Purgatory

ALTAR SOCIETY

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

Group VI Norma Hargroder, Week of Jan. 29, 2011