

The Pastor's Corner

This weekend marks a very sad event, the anniversary of the United States Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade, which required abortion be legalized in our country. It is sad on many levels. First, for the tragic loss of human life, and the affront to our children's dignity. This is the first and foremost travesty of legalized abortion. The unnecessary death of innocent children must be first in our minds. However, we have also to think of the tragic consequences of abortion. The women who are wounded by abortion have to be healed, and the men who are complicit in abortion need healing as well. The doctors and nurses who participate are wounded, even if they do not know it. Our society as a whole needs healing from the societal sins that permit or even encourage abortion. This healing can only occur by God's mercy through His Church. We should always remember that no matter how great any sin, it pales in comparison to God's infinite mercy, which can overcome any sin we might commit.

This weekend, we have an opportunity to witness against the failure of our society to be just to the unborn. We can demonstrate peacefully for the protection of the "unborn." As a community, we can make sure that every child is welcomed by being generous with our resources and encouraging those contemplating abortion to choose life. This can happen in our support of the mother, our support of the child, and the pledge that every child who is brought into our world will be adequately cared for. We have much work to do.

For now, let us pledge to do all that we can to end legalized abortion, support those who choose life, and help all who need healing.

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.

Rachel's Vineyard

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held in the Diocese of Lafayette, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 1st., 2nd., & 3rd. For more information contact Karol Meynard or Trista Littell @ 261-5607 OR visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Hospice of Acadiana Center for Loss & Transition

The Center for Loss & Transitions offer confidential one-on-one counseling throughout the year at the Hospice of Acadiana Office. There are no charges for the workshops, support groups or counseling, however pre-registration is required at least 3 days before start dates. To schedule a Counseling appointment call Bereavement Counselors at 237-1332.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

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Reading I Isaiah 8:23-9:3 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Psalm 27 "The Lord is my light and my salvation." Reading II 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 Let there be no divisions among you. Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23 Andrew and Peter abandon their nets to follow the Lord.

THEME.

Jesus calls us to follow him, our lives will never be the same.

Today's first reading reminds us that we who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. To be children of the light of Christ means that we must work to break down the barriers that divide the human family. And to walk in the light means that we are disciples, willing to sacrifice the things of this world in order to follow Christ. Let us open our hearts to hear our names called by Jesus as he first called the disciples Peter, Andrew, James, and John.

Bulletin Bites

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Fishing is difficult work and can be very dangerous. Fishermen are a hearty group and tend to be very independent, but they are quick to come to the aid of someone in danger and are generous to people in need. Simon and his brother Andrew were partners with Zebedee and his sons, James and John in the fishing trade. They operated out of the small village of Capernaum on the northwestern shore of the Sea of Galilee. When Jesus challenged them to "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men", they may have thought, "Gee, that has to be easier than fishing for fish". Little did they know that the truth Jesus would reveal to them through his life and teachings would lead them into a life that was more difficult and dangerous than catching fish from the sea. But by leaving their nets and becoming imitators of Jesus, they challenge us to do likewise, to become fishers of men. Are we up to the challenge?

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

Opportunity of a Lifetime! With Spiritual Director Fr. Clint Trahan

This summer (June 17-26, 2011) 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, Mount of the Beatitudes, Jordan River, Mediterranean Sea, Mount Tabor, Cana and Jerusalem. The group will be accompanied by a very knowledgeable, multi-lingual, and experienced Catholic pilgrimage guide. Space is limited!! For more information, call 291-1933

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.

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Jan. 22. 4:00 p.m. Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Jeanette Lalonde, Frank Greco (BD), Ronnie J. Vidrine, Sr. Mary Joseph LaFond,DC, Didier LaFond and Juliette LaFond Kaufman, Coach L.J.Raymond 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, Frank Miller 5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Terrell Wayne Fontenot, M/M Lee Martin, Harold Savoy Monday, Jan. 24. 12:10 p.m. Bertha Reed and Family, Jacob Joubert (BD) Tuesday, Jan. 25 NO MASS Wednesday, Jan. 26 12:10 p.m. Perrault and Edwards Family Thursday, Jan. 27 12:10 p.m. Evelyn T. Batton, Eric & Alice (BD) Miller Friday, Jan. 28 12:10 p.m. Lucy St. Amand (BD) Saturday, Jan. 29 4:00 p.m. Jeanette Lalonde, Connie Danaher, Theresa Fontenot (DA), James & Mattie Martin (WA) Sunday, Jan. 30 8:00 a.m. Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard, Eric Wayne Gautreaux, Youle and Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand 10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Mae H. Moore, Frank Miller & Ray and Nancy Thibodeaux 5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, M/M Lee Martin, Terrell Wayne Fontenot, Harold Savoy

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

No Second Collection Week of January 30, 2011

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Your Stewardship To God Regular Collection \$4,710.12 Maintenance/Repair Fund \$420.00 Bishop's Services Appeal \$45.00 Cemetery Fund \$1.00 Opelousas Catholic School \$690.06

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Thank you for your generosity!

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, Jan. 23 10:55am Choir Practice for 10:00am Mass 6:15pm Confirmation and High School Rel. Ed. Monday, Jan. 24 5:30pm Nat'l Right to Life Walk 6:15pm Choir Practice for 5:00pm Mass 6:30pm Rosary at Monument 6:30pm Theology of Body Thursday, Jan. 27 5:30pm 1st. Penance Class Friday, Jan. 28 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, Nita Bordelon, Jerry S. Bouchereau, Gerard Boudreaux, Wilbur Briley, Chris Brewster, Dr. Dan Buller, Holly Burleigh, Brandon Castille, Raylyn Chapman, Lou D'Avy, 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, Callie Palmer, 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

Registration for the year 2011-2012 is beginning this week for current students. Registration for new students will start on Feb. 14th. For more information, contact the bookkeeper, Barbara Fontenot, at 942-5404 ext. 101. Congratulations to "OC's Students of the Year": McCall Thibodeaux, 5th grade; Camille Arceneaux, 8th grade and Courtney Arceneaux, 12th grade. Don't miss this year's Tasters' Dinner and Auction event set for February 2nd and celebrate Catholic Schools Week! Get your tickets this week!!

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 world's 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.

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 March 18-20, and April 8-10. For other dates and to learn more, visit our website at www.lafayettece.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 the 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.

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.

SANCTUARY LIGHT CHURCH Christian Unity CHAPEL Immaculate Conception Parishioners

ALTAR SOCIETY Group VI Norma Hargroder, Week of Jan. 29, 2011 Group VII Gwen Fruge, Week of Feb. 5, 2011