

The Pastor's Corner

Next weekend we will continue our efforts, as a parish community, to beautify our premises and buildings with a parish work day on Saturday, February 5, 2011. The focus of the work will be areas that need to be scraped, sanded and painted on the rectory, garage and Valentin Hall. The day will begin at 7:45am with Benediction, followed by 8am First Saturday Mass. We will then begin work around 8:30am and finish with lunch around noon. All are invited to participate in all the events. Even if you are unable to attend, we will be in need of some additional electric sanders and extension cords. If you are willing to bring that equipment on February 5, or are willing to lend it to the parish for the day, please call the office and let us know so we can make plans for the work day. Of course, your help is very much appreciated.

On another note, I have been appointed Defender of the Bond in the Marriage Tribunal of our diocese. In this office, I will be able to assist in the process of annulments for the faithful of the diocese. This assignment will require some time being spent in Lafayette at the Marriage Tribunal and additional office work here in the parish. For now, it is the plan that Thursdays will be dedicated to my duties as Defender of the Bond, so I will try to refrain from regular parish work or appointments on this day except for emergencies.

Finally, I was out of the parish the week of January 18th to January 21st to participate in a program titled "Good Leaders/Good Shepherds." Bishop Jarrell encouraged all young priests to participate in this program, and after consultation with the parish council and the trustees, all agreed that it would be good for me to attend the program. The program is designed to help me be a more effective pastor and thereby better serve you. The bulk of the cost is paid by the diocese, and both the parish and myself pay a smaller portion of the expenses. The program will have six more meetings over the next 18 months or so. The first meeting was very fruitful, and I believe the program will help me to serve you better. I want to thank Bishop Jarrell, the diocese and you for making my participation possible.

Fr. James Brady

Parish Work Day

Next Saturday, February 5, 2011 we will have another parish work day. The day will begin with Benediction (to close out our First Friday Adoration) at 7:45am, followed by First Saturday Mass at 8:00am. We will then begin work around 8:30am, and our work will focus on sanding, scraping and painting areas of the rectory, garage and Valentin Hall. All are invited. We are in need of electric sanders and extension cords for the work. If you are able to bring this equipment, or even if you can't make it Saturday but are able to lend the parish the equipment for the day, please call the office this week so we can plan for the day. The work day will end with lunch provided by the parish, around noon, in Valentin Hall. As always, thanks much for your help in maintaining and caring for our premises.

Military Mass

A Military Mass, sponsored by the North Region of the Diocese of Lafayette, is scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2011, 6:30pm at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, 1432 W. Landry St., Opelousas.

The Mass will be a tribute to our military, for families of all who are currently serving our country, especially in Afghanistan and Iraq as well as our veterans, those who have died, and those who are wounded and disabled. All are invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Jackie Griffin at 337-831-2621.

Pope Benedict XVI's Intention for February

General: That the family may be respected by all in its identity and that its irreplaceable contribution to all of society be recognized.
Mission: That in the mission territories where the struggle against disease is most urgent, Christian communities may witness to the presence of Christ to those who suffer.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of January 30, 2011

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- Reading I Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13**
 Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth.
Psalm 146 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, the kingdom of heaven is theirs!"
Reading II 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
 God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise.
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a
 Blessed are the lowly, the sorrowing, the poor in spirit.

THEME.

The Beatitudes –a way of life—a map to happiness

The prophet Zephaniah calls us to seek the Lord, to seek justice, and to seek humility. This call is echoed in the beautiful words of today's Gospel, as Jesus preaches the Beatitudes, the central part of his sermon on the mount. The Beatitudes offer us a recipe for living lives of faithful service to God and to others. Let us be attentive to God's saving word and pray that our reward in heaven will be great.

Bulletin Bites

"Blessed are ..." Matthew 5:1-12

The people gathered on a hillside on the northwestern shore of the Sea of Galilee were probably surprised by the kinds of people Jesus describes after saying "Blessed are ..." But Jesus is describing characteristics that God intended for all of us to have. Imagine a world in which everyone is poor in spirit, rather than selfishly materialistic, mourns the pain and loss of others, rather than causes it, is meek, rather than proud and boastful, hungers for what is right, rather than ignores or tramples on the rights of others, shows mercy, rather than seeks vengeance, has a pure heart, rather than seeks their own pleasure at the cost of others, makes peace rather than cause conflict, accepts rejection for doing what is right, rather than retaliates against those who do wrong, endures insults and persecution without bitterness, for imitating Jesus. If we all accepted the responsibility to be the person God created us to be, wouldn't we be blessed?

**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

**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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

- 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, Mary C. Cryer
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
Monday, Jan. 31. 12:10 p.m. Lois Joubert (BD), Jane Savoy (BD)
Tuesday, Feb. 1 NO MASS
Wednesday, Feb. 2 12:10 p.m. M/M Jesse J. Pitre Sr., Katherine Reed (BD) and Sol Reed
Thursday, Feb. 3 12:10 p.m. Marie Moreau Guidroz (BD)
Friday, Feb. 4 12:10 p.m. Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr.
Saturday, Feb. 5 4:00 p.m. Jeanette Lalonde, Ronnie J. Vidrine, M/M Robert Going Sr., James E. Martin, Harold Savoy (DA)
Sunday, Feb. 6 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, Mary C. Cryer
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Frank Miller, Mae H. Moore
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, John Guidroz (BD), 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 February 6, 2011
 St. Landry Maintenance Fund**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION
 Your Stewardship To God**

- Regular Collection\$5,538.49
 Maintenance/Repair Fund\$306.00
 Bishop's Services Appeal\$20.00
 Opelousas Catholic School\$5.00
 Latin America.....\$943.59

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Thank you for your generosity!

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

- Sunday, Jan. 30** Catholic Schools Week Begin
 10:55am Choir Practice for 10:00am Mass
 6:15pm Confirmation and High School Rel. Ed.
Monday, Jan. 31 5:30pm Choir Practice for 5:00pm Mass
 6:15pm Rosary at Monument
Wednesday, Feb. 2 6:00pm OC Tasters Luncheon
Thursday, Feb. 3 5:30pm 1st. Penance Class
 6:30pm Pre-Baptism Class
Friday, Feb. 4 First Friday
 8:40am OC School Mass
Saturday, Feb. 5 7:45am Benediction
 8:00am First Saturday Mass
 8:30am Parish Workday

Junior Catholic Daughter Meeting

Date: Sunday February 6th
 Time: 3:00 PM
 Place: Valentin Hall
 We welcome new members.

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

- Landon James Devillier
 son of
 Brandon J. & Courtney R. Boudreaux Devillier
 Conner Seth Alfred
 son of
 John R. and Catherine M. Auzenne

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, Maryina Courville, 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, Rose Mary R. Richard, Joseph James Robin, Jimmy Roy, Novella Sebastien, 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

It is "Catholic Schools Week", and the OC Tasters' Dinner & Auction even is part of the celebration this Wednesday, Feb. 2nd, in the Opelousas Civic Center. Call the school at 942-5404 ext. 105 to see if tickets are still available.
 The high school and junior high :Book Fair: is set for February 7-11.
 Registration for new students for the year 2011-2012 starts Feb. 14th.
 For more information, contact Barbara Fontenot, bookkeeper, at 942-5404 ext. 101

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.

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.lafayettecee.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, Joshua Thomasse, 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
 CHURCHKatherine Reed
 CHAPELFor all those facing challenging illnesses

ALTAR SOCIETY
Group VII..... Gwen Fruge, Week of Feb. 5, 2011
Group I..... Alverda Deshotels, Week of Feb. 12, 2011