

The Pastor's Corner

As you all are aware, Immaculate Conception Church in Washington was tragically destroyed by fire a few weeks ago. The beautiful church was more than 150 years old and steeped in history. After the fire, we pledged to the parishioners of Immaculate Conception, through their pastor, that we would help in any way that we could. The pastor and people of Immaculate Conception have already begun the process of rebuilding their church, and we pray for the success of their work.

One thing that we at St. Landry Church can do for the people of Immaculate Conception is provide a proper church building (they are currently using their parish hall for Sunday Mass) for the administration of sacraments. In particular, many weddings had been scheduled in their church before the fire. Fortunately, we have been able to accommodate all couples who had wedding dates at Immaculate Conception with the same date and time here at St. Landry Church. However, one issue has arisen that needs to be explained in order to avoid misunderstanding about our wedding policy or the feeling that some people are unfairly being treated differently than others.

As many of you know, our wedding policy does not permit a Nuptial Mass for weddings scheduled on Saturday nights. There are several reasons for this, which include liturgical complications and regularly requiring the priest to celebrate a fourth Mass on Saturday, which violates canon law. Therefore, if a wedding is scheduled at St. Landry for a Saturday evening, it must be a wedding ceremony, and this is explained to the couple before they schedule the wedding date so that they can make the choice of date and the type of liturgy. Of course, there are other weekend times available when a Nuptial Mass can be scheduled.

Immaculate Conception has a different marriage policy than St. Landry. At Immaculate Conception, a nuptial mass can be celebrated on Saturday evenings. Fr. Nunez and I discussed what we should do in light of the different policies for the Saturday evening weddings originally scheduled at Immaculate Conception that are now scheduled at St. Landry. Knowing that the people of St. Landry would want our brothers and sisters at Immaculate Conception to use our church as their own while they rebuild, the decision was made to allow all the currently scheduled weddings at Immaculate Conception and those scheduled in the future by their parishioners, to follow the policy of Immaculate Conception when they use St. Landry Church during the rebuilding process. In this way, St. Landry Church can provide the parishioners of Immaculate Conception appropriate facilities and the same liturgy that was planned before the fire.

Please know of the gratitude of the pastor and the people of Immaculate Conception (especially the couples and their families who are to be married in St. Landry Church) for our accommodation of them. They have been most appreciative of our support in this way. Of course, please be sure to continue your prayerful support of them during this difficult time.

Fr. James Brady

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 February 6, 2011

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Reading I Isaiah 58:7-10

When your fasting feeds the hungry, a new day dawns.

Psalms 112 "The just man is a light in darkness to the upright."

Reading II 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul's message doesn't rest on his own wisdom but on the power of the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

THEME

The light of Christ shines brightly in today's scripture readings. At baptism, we were entrusted with a baptismal candle and told to keep the light of Christ bravely burning in our hearts. Today we are told not to hide that light, but to use it to help transform the darkness of this world. Let us pray that the word of God proclaimed this day will strengthen us on our earthly pilgrimage. May our light one day shine in the glorious radiance of the kingdom of heaven.

Bulletin Bites

You are the light of the world...

Just so, your light must shine before others."

We flip a switch when we walk into a dark room and it is filled with light. We press a button on a flashlight and we can see in the dark night. When the power fails or batteries go bad, we find ourselves in darkness and we cannot see our way. We may get frightened because we cannot see the world around us and we fear the unknown. When we are lost in the dark and we see a light in the distance we have reason to hope that the light will lead us to help. Jesus calls us "the light of the world" and instructs us, "your light MUST shine before others." The source of our "light" is the unique array of all of the talents, abilities and gifts that God has given to each of us. When we accept the responsibility to discover, accept, develop and use our unique talents, abilities and gifts to the best of our ability for our own benefit and the benefit of others, and imitate Jesus, our light is very powerful. Others can look at us and see the glory of God and have hope that they too can be all that God created them to be.

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, 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, Lucy St. Amand & family

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Frank Miller, Mae H. Moore, Bobbie & Julie Mouton, Steve and Ronnie Ardoin and the Rider family, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Irl White

5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, John Guidroz (BD), Terrell Wayne Fontenot, M/M Lee Martin Monday, Feb. 7. 12:10 p.m. Kylie Joubert (BD) and family

Tuesday, Feb. 8. NO MASS Wednesday, Feb. 9. 12:10 p.m. The Jenna Joubert family, Cora Baillio (BD), Pat Auzenne

Thursday, Feb. 10. 12:10 p.m. Evelyn T. Batton Friday, Feb. 11. 12:10 p.m. Joseph and Ruby Lalonde

Saturday, Feb. 12. 4:00 p.m. Jeanette Lalonde, Pap Roy (BD)

Sunday, Feb. 13. 8:00 a.m. Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard, Eric Wayne Gautreaux, Youle & Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, Koby Joubert (BD)

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Lee, Vivian (DA) and Kristie Artigue, Mae H. Moore, Marie Grace Soileau, Frank Miller, Manuel B. Requiso Sr., Dionecio L. Pilongo, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull

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.

Second Collection

Week of February 13, 2011

Bishop's Services Appeal

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Your Stewardship To God

Regular Collection\$5,117.20

Maintenance/Repair Fund\$512.00

Bishop's Services Appeal\$25.00

Opelousas Catholic School\$2.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Every Gift Comes From Above.



REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

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

Monday, Feb. 7 5:30pm Choir Practice for 5:00pm Mass 6:15pm Rosary at Monument

Tuesday, Feb. 8 6:00pm CDA

Wednesday, Feb. 9 5:15pm Altar Society

Thursday, Feb. 10 5:30pm Sacrament of 1st. Reconciliation in Church

Friday, February 11 7:00pm KC Meeting 8:40am High School Mass

Annual Day of Recollection at St. Edmund's Catholic Church in Lafayette, La.

St. Edmund Altar Society Day of Recollection at St. Edmund Church, 4131 W. Congress St. Lafayette, La. Donuts and coffee will be served in the Atrium beginning at 8:00am with the Rosary beginning at 9:00am in Church

Retreat Master is Father Jerry Mesley of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Eunice, La.

In addition to the conference and Mass, there will be a Rosary, Benediction and Way of the Cross.

Tickets are \$9.00 which includes lunch. Tickets must be purchased in advance, in order to make adequate arrangements.

Please mail your check payable to St. Edmund Altar Society by March 1, 2011, to:

Ticket Chairperson RaNelle Simon 116 Delmar Lane Lafayette, La. 70506

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 Courvelle, 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 Sebastian, 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 following honorees who were recognized during Catholic School Week: Andrea Vidrine and Tanisha Everett, Teachers of the Year; Ann Warren, Achiever of the Year; and Albert Taylor, NCEA Distinguished Graduate.

The high school and junior high "Book Fair" is being held this week. A financial aid workshop is set for senior parents on Thursday at 6pm. Registration for new students in 2011-2012 starts Feb. 14th.

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.

ANNUAL MEN'S SPRING RETREAT

The Spring Opelousas Men's Silent Retreat at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau will be held Thursday, March 3rd thru Sunday, March 6, 2011.

Call Andrew Guidroz II for information or registration at (337) 351-0732. OR you can e-mail him at andrew@the.cajun.com. A deposit is required to hold your room.

FRIENDS' DAY

Friends' Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 19th, 2011 at the Community of Jesus Crucified, 421 1/2 Carmel Drive., Lafayette, La. 70501.

The day begins at 9:00am with Mid-morning prayer and ends at 12 noon.

The theme of the day is "I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU VISITED ME." Deacon Frank Cormier is the guest speaker.

Registration is necessary. Call Gloria Matte (337) 896-0524 to register or for more information.

SANCTUARY LIGHT CHURCH.....Rene Fontenot & Harold Savoy CHAPEL.....John and Marie Guidroz

ALTAR SOCIETY Group I Alverda Deshotels, Week of Feb. 12, 2011 Group II Pap Roy, Week of Feb. 19, 2011