

The Pastor's Corner

Last weekend, Opelousas Catholic was kind enough to provide us with a "service weekend". Each of the upper level classes at Opelousas Catholic "adopts" a parish and gives "work weekends" to the adopted parish. We were "adopted" by the freshman class. The freshman not only worked here last weekend, but will work another day on March 19, 2011. We certainly thank Opelousas Catholic for their generosity and service to our parish, and look forward to them returning next month. The freshmen were able to complete two big projects for us: First, they cleaned all the pews in the church, second, they cleaned the gardens in front of Valentin Hall. Both projects were well done. Many thanks to the OC students and the OC staff.

Speaking of "work days", we had to cancel the parish work day scheduled for February 5, 2011 because of the cold weather. We will have another parish work day on Saturday, March 12, 2011. As usual, it will begin with Mass at 8:00am. Work will begin after Mass at about 8:30am and continue until around 12:00pm, when we will have lunch together in Valentin Hall. Please mark your calendars and I look forward to seeing all of you who can make it.

Finally, as noted above, we had to cancel the February workday and modify our First Friday adoration last month due to the severe weather conditions. Obviously, the situation with the schedule had become fluid, in the sense that it changed over the course of a few hours depending on the weather. Because of the weather there were many phone calls about the First Friday and First Saturday schedule. We tried to update the answering machine as best as possible, but the very best way to keep up to date on our schedule when the timeline is short, is through our website and blog. Our news and schedule changes are sent to you automatically when you go to www.stlandrycatholicchurch.org and sign up to receive our notices. (This service is strictly informational and solicitations will not be made here). At the top right of the website page, under "Latest News", there is a link you can click to join our email notification list. By notifying us of your email address, we can keep you up to date (and for that fact, "up to the minute") on postings, schedule changes, and events happening around our parish. We would like to encourage ALL parishioners to join.

PS: As you might recall, we had four primary goals for our physical plant this year. The first was to remove a dying tree from the cemetery and to prune some of our beautiful oak trees in order to protect the roof lines of our buildings. This goal was accomplished last week. Much fun was had by our school children when they got to watch the dead tree felled, and the screams of "timber" were heard throughout the neighborhood. This goal was accomplished because of the work and generosity of several of our parishioners. We're ahead of schedule on our 2011 goals, and will move toward the next goal of re-installing a gutter system for Valentin Hall. Thanks so much to all who made this possible.

Fr. James Brady

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday, March 9

8:40am School Mass
12:05pm and 5:30pm

Thursday, March 10 through Wednesday, April 20

12:05pm Monday through Friday (in Church)

All Saturdays through April 16

8:00am in Valentin Hall Chapel

CONFESSIONS

Monday through Friday: 11:30am - 12:00pm
Saturdays: 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Way of the Cross: 5:15pm - All Fridays through April 15

REMINDER FROM FR. BRADY

Children, don't forget to get your bulletins from Fr. Brady after Mass.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of February 27, 2011

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Reading I Isaiah 49: 14-15

I will never forget you.

Psalm 62 "Rest in God alone, my soul."

Reading II 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

The Lord manifests the motives of our hearts.

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

Do not worry about tomorrow.

REFLECTION:

The scriptures today remind us that our Lord is in control. We are fast approaching Lent which will be a time to focus our attention on the role God plays in our lives. This role should affect our speech and our actions in a significant way. As we listen to today's readings, let us listen for the words that act as a barometer for our actions.

Parish Lenten Mission

Our Lenten Parish Mission will take place on March 14, 15, and 16, 2011. The theme of the mission is "The Mystery of Suffering: Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?"

The mission will be presented by Fr. Brady and will be introduced at the Sunday Masses on March 12 and 13, 2011.

The mission will begin each night at 6:30pm with Mass and the mission talk will take place after Mass beginning at about 7pm. Each talk will last 45 minutes to an hour, so the mission should be concluded by 8pm each evening.

The mission will address issues related to the mystery of suffering, beginning with how God created the world "good", the fall of mankind, suffering in the Old Testament, and how Jesus redeemed suffering in his life, death, and resurrection. Some of the topics addressed will be the fallacy of the gospel of prosperity, what does it mean when we say suffering is "redeemed", what does it mean when we "offer up" our sufferings, and what is the meaning of "sacrifice" in our lives.

Suffering is something we don't talk about enough, and at times may not be prepared to be more cognizant of God's love for us and each other in our suffering...

The mission will be recorded and will be available on the internet each evening, in case you are not able to make a night.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

Pope Benedict XVI's Intention for March

General: That the nations of Latin America may walk in fidelity to the Gospel and be bountiful in social justice and peace.

Mission: That the Holy Spirit may give light and strength to the Christian communities and the faithful who are persecuted or discriminated against because of the Gospel.

Bulletin Bites

"You cannot serve God and mammon."

Who or what is mammon? It can mean several things: our desire for physical pleasures, financial wealth, political power, the admiration and adulation of others, the unconditional love of the person or people we claim to love. Jesus tells us not to worry (obsess) about these things. His wise words seem contrary to the message we receive from our family and friends, culture, and the barrage of advertising that constantly assaults us. He clearly speaks of values that are the polar opposite of the modern standard: "The one who dies with the most things wins." G.K. Chesterton said, "The things that we cannot do without we do not possess, they possess us." That is a clever way of rephrasing the wisdom of Jesus that "You cannot serve God and mammon." The more attached we become to all the things God created for us, the harder it is for us to stay attached to the Creator of all things. Every day we must choose between God and mammon. Our eternal happiness depends on what we choose.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group IV..... Sarah Wagley, Week of Mar. 5, 2011

Group V Betty Leleux, Week of Mar. 12, 2011

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Feb. 26. 4:00 p.m. Jeanette Lalonde, Una Moreau

Sunday, Feb. 27 8:00 a.m. Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard, Youle and Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, Brian Dendy (Deployment), Gertrude A. Marks (BD), Tessie LaFleur Frost

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard, and Marian Smith, Terrell Wayne Fontenot, Frank Miller, Guy (BD) & Hattie Elder and daughters, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Irl White, Mary C. Crver and Russell Carriere, Ernie and Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly, Mickey and Joyce Hollier

5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, M/M Lee Martin, Marie Moreau Guidroz (DA)

Monday, Feb. 28. 12:10 p.m. Dotsy Edwards (DA)

Tuesday, Mar. 1 NO MASS

Wednesday, Mar. 2 12:10 p.m. Una Sylvester

Thursday, Mar. 3. 12:10 p.m. Geraldine Tweedel

Friday, Mar. 4 12:10 p.m. Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr.

Saturday, Mar. 5 4:00 p.m. Jeanette Lalonde, Ronnie J. Vidrine, M/M Robert Going Sr., James E. Martin

Sunday, Mar 6. 8:00 a.m. Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard, M/M John FaKouri Sr., John Jr. and Jacob, Youle & Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St.Amand, Brian Dendy (Deployment), Tessie LaFleur Frost

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

5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, 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 March 6, 2011

St. Landry Parish Maintenance Fund

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Your Stewardship To God

Regular Collection\$6,080.56
Maintenance/Repair Fund\$330.00
Bishop's Services Appeal\$10.00
Opelousas Catholic School\$772.78

Thank you for your generosity!

Every Gift Comes From Above.



REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, Feb. 27 10:55am Choir Practice for 10:00am Mass
6:15pm Confirmation and High School Rel. Ed.
Monday, Feb. 28 5:30pm Choir Practice for 5:00pm Mass
6:15pm Rosary at Monument
6:30pm Theology for Catholic families - Morality
Wednesday, March 2 6:30pm Parish Council
Thursday, March 3 5:30pm First Communion Class
6:30pm Pre-Baptism Class
Friday, March 4 7:00am First Friday Adoration
8:40am All. School Mass
Saturday, March 5 7:45am Benediction
8:00am First Saturday Mass

FREE INCOME TAX FILING

Tax-Aide Volunteers will be available to file your income taxes for the year 2010. This service is free.

Opelousas Public Library is the place and the starting date is February 14. Times are Mon. & Wed. from 1:00pm until 4:00pm and again on Saturdays from 9:00am until noon and 1:00pm until 3:00pm

It is very important that you bring the following:

- 1) Copies of your 2009 Income Tax Filing.
2) Social Security Cards for each member of the family.
3) All yearly income including W2s, 1099s (including your Social Security 1099) for year 2010.
4) Proof of Income from Interest or Dividends
5) Gambling Winnings and any other form of income you may have received.
6) Homeowner's Policy (the actual policy NOT your monthly payment account sheet.

Prayer Intentions

Betty Jane Andrus, Janet Andrus, Clifford and Jane Ardoin, John Aucoin, Gervis "BB" Babin, Anna Lee Beadle, Steve Biennu, Nita Bordelon, Jerry S. Bouchereau, Gerard Boudreaux, Wilbur Briley, Chris Brewster, Dr. Dan Buller, Holly Burleigh, Brandon Castille, Raylyn Chapman, John Clary, 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, Yvonne F. Pellerin, Ruby Pitre, Helen 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 7th grade students who qualified to take the ACT through the Duke University Talent Search: Adam Bernard, Olivia Buller, Peyton Hammond, Gabrielle Hansen, David Labbe, Gabrielle LaJack, Aaron Miller, Tiffani Smith, Abbey Warren and Shalyn Williams.

OC is grateful to parents Jill Purser, Ann Warren and the Academic Council for the remarkable Educational Extravaganza activities last week from the Johnette Downing performance to the Body Walk to the Health Fair and more...it was outstanding!

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.

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 Thomasee, 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.

A Eucharistic Pilgrimage to Alabama

Join us and Spiritual Director, Fr. Jared Suire, for a Eucharistic Pilgrimage to Alabama. Pilgrims will visit EWTN studio, the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of the Angels, St. Bernard Monastery, the Ave Maria Grotto and the new Lourdes Grotto. Don't miss out, space is limited. More info-291-1933!

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held in the Diocese of Lafayette on April 1, 2, and 3, 2011.

For more information, please visit www.rachelsvineyard.org or contact Karol Meynard or Trista Littell at 337-261-5607.

Theology for the Catholic Family!

Our next meeting is Monday, February 28, 2011 beginning at 6:30pm until 7:15pm in Valentin Hall.

Parents are invited to attend this informative series dealing with the issues of Morality for the Christian Family.

The facilitator is Mrs. Jennie Stelly and babysitting services will be provided by the Junior Catholic Daughters. Call Dwayne Joubert at 594-8408 or 308-0001.with questions.

THANKS

To the Friends of the Bereaved, Thank you so much for the mass for our Mama. Thelma Aucoin Istre. Bennie, John and Lonnie

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH...St. Landry Church nursing home residents.
CHAPEL.....Forgotten Souls in Purgatory