

The Pastor's Corner

Today is Laetare Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent. It marks "half-time" in our yearly Lenten journey. Laetare means to rejoice, and this Sunday is a time when we, in the middle of our Lenten journey, joyfully anticipate the Easter mystery celebrated in the liturgies of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter).

Also during this midpoint of Lent, we should reaffirm our commitment to our Lenten disciplines. If we have been successful, we should thank God for the Grace to succeed in our discipline, and if we have not been successful, we should in humility ask God for the graces to succeed. In either case, we have the second half of Lent to live and hopefully grow closer to God during these last few weeks of Lent. Know of my continued prayers that all of us have a spiritually fruitful Lent, and please be sure to keep your pastor and fellow parishioners in your prayers!

Fr. James Brady

LENTEN REGULATIONS

During Lent, the Church requires us to participate in worldwide Lenten disciplines in unity as a Church. These disciplines are considered a minimal response to the call of Jesus to go up to Jerusalem with Him in order that we might experience true Christian conversion in our lives. Of course, we should always be looking to do more, and not less, to cooperate with God's Grace in our continuing conversion. The following are our universal disciplines for Lent:

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence from meat. Therefore, no meat should be consumed (abstinence) on this day and there is a limit of one full meal and two smaller meals that do not constitute a full meal together (fast) on this day. Abstinence applies to all who have reached 14 years of age, and fasting applies to all those who are between the ages of 18 and 59 years of age.

All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence, so no meat should be consumed by those who have reached 14 years of age.

Of course, those who may have health issues associated with their diet are exempt from these Lenten disciplines, but are encouraged to replace them with other appropriate disciplines during the season. Those who are exempt from Lenten disciplines because of their age are certainly able to join with the Universal Church by freely embracing these disciplines, so long as it does not endanger their health.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- PALM SUNDAY: April 17, You may bring your Own palms to be blessed.
CITYWIDE PENANCE SERVICE HERE: April 18 6:30pm, April 19 7:00pm
PASSION PLAY: April 18 6:30pm, April 19 7:00pm
HOLY TRIDUUM: Holy Thursday April 21 7:00pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday April 22 10:30am, Way of the Cross for children
Good Friday Services 3:00pm
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) 8:00pm
Easter Sunday Masses April 24 8:00am; 10:00am; 5:00pm

TidBits

We're part way through Lent, with time to renew our intentions and efforts. It's not too late to start from this point forward to make a new ending to our weeks preparation for Easter.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of April 3, 2011

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Reading I 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Psalms 23 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Reading II Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Bulletin Bites

"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?" John 9:1-41

Jesus answered: "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." Blindness or birth defects were thought to be punishment for either the disabled person or the parents. Most disabled people had to beg. In parts of the world they still do. Jesus cured the man's blindness, which caused fear among the Jewish leaders. They realized Jesus was demonstrating that the man's blindness was not a sign of his sin or his parents, but that his need to beg was a sign of the sin of the many people, particularly the Jewish leaders, who refused to be good stewards and share God's gifts to help the blind man. Jesus has an unpleasant encounter with the Pharisees and concludes by saying, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see,' so your sin remains." They suffered from a self-inflicted spiritual and moral blindness. There are none so blind as those who will not see. Now, do we see??

Man to Man Conference

We are honored to have the blessing of Bishop Michael Jarrell to hold our 3rd men's conference. His support contributes enormously to the success of the conference.

The 2011 conference will be held at the Cajundome Convention Center on Saturday, April 30, 2011. Guest speakers include Rudy Ruettiger, Fr. Larry Richards, Jesse Romero, Fr. Ted Broussard and Rick Cambre. Registration is \$30.00 and you can register on-line at www.mantomance.com. You'll laugh, you'll learn, You'll be inspired!!!

Unveiling the Social Consequences of Pornography

This will be held on Friday, April 8 from 9am to 3pm at the Petroleum Club of Lafayette. The conference will teach you how we can have a positive impact helping Acadiana, especially our young, to steer clear of the hidden dangers of pornography and its addictive forces.

Guest speakers include: Heath Evans, Fullback for the New Orleans Saints, Marl Houck, co-founder/President of The King's Men, Peter Kleponis, Ph.D., Mary Anne Layden Ph. D., and Damian Wargo, Co-founder and Director of Operations for The King's Men.

This conference is being sponsored by Rucks Family Foundation. For more information or to receive a registration packet call 261-5653.

REMINDER FROM FR. BRADY

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

Pope Benedict's Intentions for April

GENERAL: That the Church may offer new generations, through the believable proclamation of the Gospel ever-new reasons of life and hope.

MISSION: That missionaries, with the proclamation of the Gospel and their witness of life, may bring Christ to all those who do not yet know Him.

European Trip

This summer join Fr. Josh Guillory for Heart of Italy, A Pilgrimage to Rome, Florence and Assisi. The date is June 10 through the 19th, 2011. Space is still available. Call 337-291-1933 for Pilgrimage Details.

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANT



- Saturday, Apr. 2. 8:00am Father Brady In Chapel 4:00pm Father Brady
Sunday, Apr. 3. 8:00am Father Brady
Monday, Apr. 4. 12:05 pm Father Brady
Tuesday, Apr. 5. 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon
Wednesday, Apr. 6. 12:05 pm Father Brady
Thursday, Apr. 7. 12:05 pm Father Brady
Friday, Apr. 7. 12:05 pm Father Brady
Saturday, Apr. 8. 8:00 am Father Brady
\*\*Celebrants subject to change

Confessions, Saturdays 2:30-3:30 p.m. 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

- Your Stewardship To God
Regular Collection \$5,738.28
Maintenance/Repair Fund \$305.00
Opelousas Catholic Foundation \$534.40
Bishop's Services Appeal \$895.41
Eastern Europe & Africa \$124.00
Flowers for Easter \$20.00

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Second Offertory Today St. Landry Parish Maintenance

Second Offertory Week of April 10, 2011 Catholic Relief Services

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

- Sunday, April 3 10:55am Choir Practice for 10:00am Mass 6:15pm Religious Ed.
Monday, April 4 5:30pm Choir Practice for 5:00pm Mass 6:15pm Rosary at Monument
Thursday, April 7 5:30pm 1st. Comm. Class 6:30pm Pre-Baptism Class
Friday, April 8 5:15pm Way of the Cross
Saturday, April 9 8:00am Followed by soup and bread in Valentin Hall Mass in Valentin Hall

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. The upcoming weekend dates are April 8-10; May 13-15 and July 15-17. For other dates and to learn more, visit our website at www.lafayettecee.org OR call 984-7954.

Attention Jr. Catholic Daughters

There will be a short meeting in the South Sacristy immediately following the Way of the Cross on Friday April 8. The Way of the Cross is at 5:15pm in Church.

Prayer Intentions

Betty Jane Andrus, Janet Andrus, Clifford and Jane Ardoin, John 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, John Clary, Maryina Courville, Lou D'Avy, Robert Danaher, Glenn Derington, Dr. Seldon Deshotels, Harley Doucet, Vickie Duplechain, Kacey Dupre, Wanda Dupre, Shirley Emonet, Tristen Estes, Linda and Terry Fontenot, Craig S. Guillory, Ted Guillory Jr., Larry Hargroder, Lillian Hooks, Roberta Johnson, Agnes Kidder, Renella Lavergne, Brittany LeBlanc, Marcel & Pat LeBlanc, Norma Jean Leger, Deacon John & Mrs. Laura Miller, Charlene Mistic, Julie Mouton, Lonnie and Cindy Ortego, Gil Ortego, Bertha Pavy, Yvonne F. Pellerin, Ruby Pitre, Helen Richard, Joseph James Robin, Jimmy Roy, Novella Sebastian, Carrie Soileau, Patrick Steward Jr., Tommy Strange, Mary Thomas, James Touchet, Paul Vidrine, Lou Vidrine, Annette Voorhies, Gene Williams, 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

OC takes pride in senior student, Gabe Stelly, who currently serves as State President of the 4-H Executive Board where he works with board members in planning state events and even presents programs at conferences outside of Louisiana.

Congratulations to the students who had "Superior" marks at the District Speech Rally held at LSU-Eunice: Shelbi King in Extemporaneous Speaking; Allison Wilson in Original Oratory; Jacob Hidalgo in Interpretative Reading; and Samantha Darbonne in Interpretative Reading.

Pray for our Troops

Jonathan David Ardoin, Christopher Briley, Brandi Darbonne, Jacob DeKerlegand, Brian James Dendy, Dakin Doyle, 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.

Around the Diocese

Trip to Angola: Have a loved one at Angola? Want to visit? A bus will be leaving from St. Paul's Catholic Church in Lafayette at 7am on April 10, 2011. To reserve your seat or for more information, call Ed Boustany at 337-261-5545.

Upcoming Retreats: For women: April 18-20, 2011 May 5-7, 2011 Married couples: April 29-May 1, 2011 Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House. For more information call (337) 662-5410 or visit our website www.ourladyoftheoaks.com

Mother's Day of Reflection: Will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2011, from 8:30am to 2:00pm in the Fusilier Auditorium Immaculata Center Building. Pre-registration is required by noon on Monday, April 18, 2011. The registration fee of \$35.00 includes a catered lunch, supplies and books for each participant. For more information call 261-5653.

Be a Heart Starter

Seventy-Five percent of all sudden cardiac arrests happen at home and many times nobody knows how to administer CPR. A free event to train people to administer CPR will be held on Saturday April 9, at the Cajundome. This is available to everyone who is middle school age and older. There will be two two-hour sessions that will be conducted at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.. To get trained at this event you can register by calling toll free 877-242-4277 or online at the "Be a Heart Starter" website www.heart-start.org.

A Reminder From St. Landry Church History

On April 2, 1909 the first Friday of April, the first mass was said in the current church.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH.....For our homebound parishioners CHAPEL.....For our nursing home parishioners

ALTAR SOCIETY

- Group II ..... Pap Roy, Week of Apr. 9, 2011
Group III ..... Irene Soileau, Week of Apr. 16, 2011