

The Pastor's Corner

Today, we begin the most sacred time of our church year – the time when we celebrate the immediate events that give rise to our salvation: the institution of the Eucharist, and the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we begin Holy Week, hopefully all can make plans to attend the liturgical services this week. Our bulletin insert contains the dates and times of all events scheduled in our church this week. My hope for all of us is that we penetrate more deeply the Paschal Mystery, understanding the depth of God's love for us in Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. In order to penetrate the Paschal Mystery, we must first have true repentance for our sins and seek God's mercy and forgiveness, and true sorrow for our sins as the cause of Jesus' death. This will lead to a deeper appreciation of God's Love for us in continuing to offer us the hope of eternal life with Him despite our unworthiness. How great God is to each and every one of us!

Fr. James Brady

REMINDER FOR CHILDREN

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

PARISH PICNIC

As was noted in last week's bulletin, the St. Landry Church Picnic has been scheduled for Sunday, May 15, 2011 here on the church grounds. There will be lots of food and fun for children and adults of all ages. The picnic will begin after the 10:00am Mass that morning and will continue until 2:00pm. After Easter we will provide sign up sheets so we can get an estimate of the number of people to make sure we have enough food and drinks. Please come out to join us in our ongoing celebration of Easter! Many thanks to all those who are helping to make this event possible.

Fr. James Brady

CONFESSIONS

The last day for confessions before Easter is on Wednesday before Mass. Confessions will resume before Mass on Monday, April 25th.

An Examination of Conscience for "Good People"

The following is taken from a bulletin from another parish by Fr. Sensat, and is for people who need help figuring out what to confess, because they've moved past most of the "big stuff". Most of the things on this list are not grave sins, but they're still almost always sins. Maybe you see yourself in one or two (or more) of these things?
 Pride---Self-reliance---Presumption (I'm rarely wrong) --- Lack of effort in prayer---talking too much---always being the center of attention---Luxury---(having more than I need)---Eating/drinking more than is healthy---Often being late to Mass---often leaving Mass early---gossiping---judging---prejudice---envy holding impure thoughts---holding impatience---not giving to the Church/poor---abandoning parents/grandparents in the nursing homes---always wanting to "get something" out of prayer---not holding to all of the Church's teaching spending too much time watching TV or on the internet---watching the wrong things---being self-centered---not teaching my children/godchildren about the faith---publically disagreeing with the Church---not putting the love of God first in ALL things---lack of gratitude to God---not forgiving those who've hurt us---caring more about the externals of the faith than conversion---always trying to get the best for myself---not praying for those in my care (children, friends)---caring too much about my appearance---being stubborn.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

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- Reading I** Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22 My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
Reading II Philippians 2:8-9
Gospel: Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

Bulletin Bites

"Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet, not as I will, but as you will".

Prayer is not so much about what we say to God but about what we are willing to hear from God. When we are in true communion with God to discern his will for us he may ask us to do something difficult or unpleasant, something we have not done before, something that may antagonize our family and friends, or something involving financial or physical risk. And it is okay if our first answer is no. But if we are good stewards of our prayer life, growing constantly in our communion with God to discern his will, we must ultimately say yes to God. Only a fool would want to accept the cup that Jesus knew was in front of him. Jesus was no fool. But Jesus was not willing to destroy the communion he had with the Father, so he was willing to accept the cup. What are we willing to hear from God? When God places a cup in front of us that we would rather not accept, how will we respond?

Lenten Expressions

Connect daily with Jesus...trust in the Lord...strive for obedience [to God]...listen as God speaks to you...feel His presence in your daily life...learn about faith from others...set aside quiet time to reflect on Jesus' journey to Crucifixion...never lose hope...receive the gift of the Eucharist hearing Jesus say, "Do this in memory of me"...all as ways toward personal spiritual and faith development this Lent.

Around the Diocese

- Mass for the Elderly:** Join the Diocese of Lafayette in honoring all Senior Citizens at a Mass with Bishop Michael Jarrell. The Mass is to be held on Sunday, May 1 at 2:00pm in Immaculata Chapel, 1408 Carmel Dr., Lafayette.
 For more information, please call the Office of Justice and Peace at 261-5545.
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.
Upcoming Retreats: For women: 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
Office of Vocations
 Vocation supper for young men on Wednesday, May 11 at 6:30pm at Bishop Jarrell's residence.
 Deadline to register is Wednesday, May 4. Call Fr. Melancon at 261-5690 to register.
A Day Retreat for Women
 Listening with the Heart—a day retreat for women, to be held on Tuesday, May 17 from 9:00am- 3:00pm., at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau.
 Robin Hebert and Lyn Holley Doucet are the presenters with the cost being \$25.00.
 Call 662-5410 for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANT



Saturday, Apr. 16 8:00am Father Brady
 4:00pm Father Brady
 Jeanette Lalonde, James E. Martin, Dr. & Mrs. Henry Kaufman and Clara Fontenot, Richard Savage, James and Callie (BD) Palmer, Wanda Greenwood, Johnny Pontiff, Francis Bertrand Sr.
Sunday, Apr. 17 8:00am Father Brady
 Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard, Youle & Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St.Amand., Eddie DeKerlegand and Olivier & DeKerlegand families, Brian J. Dendy (Deployment), Willie Lavergne
10:00 a.m. Father Brady
 Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Daniel and Louise LaGrange, Frank Miller, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Allen & Priscilla Pommier, Edward "Poochie" St. Cyr, Carl (DA) and Alexis Lanclous, Dr. & Mrs. H.G.Kaufmann Jr., Clara J. Fontenot
5:00 p.m. Father Brady
 St. Landry Church Parishioners, Terrell Wayne Fontenot
Monday, Apr. 18 12:05 pm Father Brady
 Gervais Leon Guidroz (BD)
Tuesday, Apr. 19 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon
 M/M Jesse J. Pitre Sr., Ervin Thibodeaux (BD)
Wednesday, Apr. 20 12:05 pm Father Brady
 Casey Olivier
Holy Thursday, Apr. 21 7:00 pm Father Brady
 Msgr. Emery Labbe (DA)
Good Friday, Apr. 22 NO MASS
Holy Saturday, Apr. 23 8:00 pm Father Brady
 Jeanette Lalonde, James E. Martin, Ernie & Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly, Mickey & Joyce Hollier, Richard Savage, Velma and Gail Boss, James Kirt Cormier, Raymus, Mary, Beedy and Geraldine Herpin, The Hoffman family, Armand and Jeanne Bellard, Claiborne Ryder
Easter Sunday, Apr. 24 8:00 am Father Brady
 M/M Jesse J. Pitre Sr., Carol Pitre and M/M E.J.Leonard, M/M John FaKouri Sr., John Jr., and Jacob, Ernest & Basilese Fontenot and family, Louis & Emma Brown and family, Arthur Fontenot, Youle & Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, Eddie DeKerlegand and Olivier & DeKerlegand families, Jerry FaKouri, Brian Dendy (Deployment) and Dona H. Clary, Evelyn & Lloyd Arnaud, Hilary Dupre & Carolyn Arnaud, Mayance Dupre
10:00 am Father Brady
 Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Sam & Helen Guillory, Chester, Maius and Myra Rozas, Oliver and Dully Fruge, Nestor & Etha Joubert, Lucille, Walter, Mary and Cora Baillio, Frank Miller & family and Mae H. Moore, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Kossuth Doucet family, C.O. Martin family, Irl White, Vernita Stelly, Allen & Priscilla Pommier, Edward "Poochie" St. Cyr, Novella F. Reed, Charles & Odette Prejean
5:00 p.m. Father Brady
 St. Landry Church Parishioners, Guy & Hattie Elder and daughters, Lee, Vivian and Kristie Artigue Joseph & Ruby Lalonde, James Roland Boone
****Celebrants subject to change**

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

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Your Stewardship To God
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 Maintenance/Repair Fund\$437.00
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 Opelousas Catholic Foundation\$4.00
 Bishop's Services Appeal\$48.00
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Second Offertory Today
Bishops Services Appeal
Second Offertory week of April 24, 2011
Opelousas Catholic Foundation

Pray for our Troops
 Jonathan David Ardoin, Christopher Briley, Brandi Darbonne, Jacob DeKerlegand, Brian James Dendy, Dakin Doyle, Clint Duhon, 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.

Prayer Intentions

Ashley Allemond, Janet Andrus, Clifford and Jane Ardoin, John Aucoin, Gervais "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, Lane W. Dugas, 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, Vanessa Landry, Renella Lavergne, Brittany LeBlanc, Marcel & Pat LeBlanc, Norma Jean Leger, Deacon John & Mrs. Laura Miller, Julie Mouton, Lonnie and Cindy Ortego, Gil Ortego, Bertha Pavy, Yvonne F. Pellerin, Ruby Pitre, Helen Richard, Joseph James Robin, Jimmy Roy, Novella Sebastien, 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

Family and friends are invited to see the "Passion Play" by the OCS senior class on Wednesday in St. Landry Catholic Church for Holy Week. Performances will be held at 9:00am and at 7:00pm. Congratulations to leaders recently elected to serve in 2011 – 2012; Peyton Taylor, Student Body President; and Class Presidents N'Kendra Kimble, 12th grade; Caroline-Cosgrove-Richard, 11th grade; Emily Vidrine, 10th grade and Savanna Fontenot, 9th grade. Best wishes to all other officers also chosen.

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, April 17	10:55am	Choir Practice for 10:00am Mass
	6:15pm	Religious Ed.
Monday, April 18	5:30pm	Choir Practice for 5:00pm Mass
	6:15pm	Rosary at Monument
	6:30pm	City wide Penance Service
Wednesday, April 20	6:30pm	Parish Council
	7:00pm	Passion Play
Thursday, April 21	OFFICE CLOSED	
	7:00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration until 10:00pm
Friday, April 22	OFFICE CLOSED	
	10:30pm	Children's Way of the Cross
	3:00pm	Good Friday Services
Saturday, April 23	8:00pm	Easter Vigil
Monday, April 25	OFFICE CLOSED	

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 May 13-15 and July 15-17. For other dates and to learn more, visit our website at www.lafayettece.org OR call 984-7954.

Thank You Friends of the Bereaved

The Mass offering for my mother, Eva Johnson, is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated by my family.
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Donations for Flowers

Last day for receipt of flower donations to be published in the Easter bulletin is Monday, April 18.

Altar Society Reminders

Spy Wednesday @ 1:30pm—See about flowers in Valentin Hall
 Holy Thursday @ 8:00am
 Good Friday @ 9:00am
 Holy Saturday @ 8:00am

SANCTUARY LIGHT
 CHURCH.....In Thanksgiving
 CHAPEL.....Souls In Purgatory

ALTAR SOCIETY
Group IV..... Sarah Wagley, Week of Apr. 23, 2011
Group V..... Betty Leleux, Week of Apr. 30, 2011