

WELCOME TO ALL!!

Easter is such a wonderful and joyous time. One of the reasons for this joy is that our churches are full of worshippers, both Catholic and non-Catholic, to marvel at the Paschal Mystery and live the events that give rise to our salvation in the liturgy. This coming together of so many to worship God is a wonderful thing to see and experience.

With so many new worshippers present, it may be helpful to recall what is necessary to properly receive Holy Communion at Mass. Following the dictates of Sacred Scripture (1 Cor 11:27), the Church teaches that one should be properly disposed before receiving Holy Communion. In order to be properly disposed to receive Holy Communion, one must be Catholic and, after a reflective examination, not aware of having committed a serious sin. If a Catholic has committed serious sin, then Sacramental Confession should be made prior to receiving Holy Communion. One such serious sin is the failure to worship God by missing Mass on any Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation without good reason. After proper examination, if you know you are not properly disposed to receive Holy Communion, then one should make a Sacramental Confession prior to presenting oneself for Holy Communion.

Those who are not Catholic or are Catholic and not properly disposed to receive Holy Communion, if they so desire, are welcome to come up in the communion line and receive an individual blessing. They should put their index finger over their lips as they approach the minister to indicate their desire to receive a blessing.

Again, I am so delighted that you are with us during this special time. Together we rejoice in the Resurrection of Our Lord, the promise of our own resurrection, and what it means for all of us - the hope of eternal life!!

The Pastor's Corner

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!! Happy Easter to all of you. My hope is that after a well lived Lent, we can all marvel in the Paschal Mystery, recognizing God's infinite Love for us in Jesus' death on the Cross, and then rejoice in our hope for Eternal life by His resurrection. Over the next few weeks, we as a parish have great joy in celebrating two of the Sacraments of Initiation. First, next Sunday (May 1, 2011), First Communion will take place at the 10am Mass. Second, Confirmation will take place two weeks later (May 15, 2011) at the 5pm Mass. We are especially happy that our former pastor and Episcopal Vicar, Msgr. Robert Romero, will preside and preach at the Confirmation Mass. We welcome him back to St. Landry Church and look forward to him celebrating the Eucharist with us on such a special occasion. Both our First Communion and Confirmation classes have been preparing for many months in anticipation of receiving their respective sacraments, and we as a parish rejoice that they will receive God's Grace in such a special way. On this Easter Day, please keep our young people about to receive these sacraments in your prayers. Again, Happy Easter, and May the joy of Easter fill your heart during the Easter Season!

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

Divine Mercy Sunday

As many of you know, next Sunday, (May 1, 2011) is Divine Mercy Sunday. The Divine Mercy devotion includes Sacramental Confession. We will have Confession beginning at 3:00pm in the Big Church on that day, and confessions will continue at least until 3:30pm, or at the latest, until 4:45pm, (just prior to the 5:00pm Mass), depending on if there is a need. If you intend to seek Confession on that day, please be sure to arrive before 3:30pm.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

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"For they did not yet understand the Scripture, that he had to rise from the dead."

Simon Peter and John rushed to the tomb after Mary Magdalene told them it was empty. They had spent the past three years with Jesus watching as he healed the sick, drove out demons, raised people from the dead, and was transfigured in the presence of Moses and Elijah. They knew Jesus on a first name basis. Now they are confronted with the most important and revealing event in the history of the salvation of mankind - the Resurrection. It would take two visits by Jesus to the apostles locked in the upper room and a meal he served them on the shores of the Sea of Galilee for them to **begin** to believe Jesus was truly risen. Our own faith in the Risen Jesus is constantly tested. As good stewards of that faith, we must continue to grow in our awareness and appreciation of all that our Triune God has done for us. We must learn and love Scripture and Tradition. Our desire should be to get to know Jesus, our Risen Lord, on a first name basis.

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

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



Holy Saturday, Apr. 23 8:00pm 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, Wanda Greenwood, Johnny Pontiff, Francis Bertrand Sr., Beverly Faul, Harold Savoy
Easter Sunday, Apr. 24 8:00am 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, Berchman Hargroder (BD)
10:00 a.m. Father Brady
 Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Sam & Helen Guillory, Chester, Maius and Myra Rozas, Oliver and Dully Frunge, Nestor & Etha Joubert, Lucille, Walter, Mary and Cora Bailio, 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, Bobbie and Julie Mouton, Steve and Ronnie Ardoin, and the Rider family
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
Monday, Apr. 25 12:05 pm Father Brady
 Martin J. St. Amand (BD)
Tuesday, Apr. 26 12:05 pm Father Leger
 Ida P. Labbe, Bobbie & Julie Mouton, Ronnie (DA) & Steve Ardoin and the Rider family
Wednesday, Apr. 27 12:05 pm Father Brady
 Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr.
Thursday, Apr. 28 12:05 pm Father Brady
 Irene J. Pitre (BD), Cleo (DA) & ThelmaAucoin
Friday, Apr. 29 12:05 pm Father Brady
 Irene J. Pitre (BD)
Saturday, Apr. 30 8:00 am Father Brady
 Good Samaritan
4:00 pm Father Brady
 Jeanette Lalonde, Una Moreau, James E. Martin, Richard Savage, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, James (DA) and Callie Palmer
Sunday, May 1 8:00 am Father Brady
 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)
10:00 am Father Brady
 Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Marie Grace Stelly Soileau, Frank and Marguerite (BD) Miller, Bobbie & Julie Mouton, Steve and Ronnie Ardoin and the Rider family, Ervin(DA) & MarcyLee Thibodeaux (WA), Edward "Poochie" St. Cyr, Mary Lee Vidrine
5:00 p.m. Father Brady
 St. Landry Church Parishioners, Harold Savoy
****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 Every Gift Comes From Above.

Your Stewardship To God

Regular Collection	\$6,414.55
Maintenance/Repair Fund	\$330.00
Endowment Maintenance/Repair	\$75.00
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$2,781.80
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$10.00
Flowers	\$110.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Second Offertory Today
Opelousas Catholic Foundation
Second Offertory week of May 1, 2011
St. Landry Church Maintenance Fund and Catholic Home Missions

Cleanest City

Opelousas has won the District VII Cleanest City Contest, so, Opelousas will be in contention for State Competition. Judging will be held on April 29, 2011 at 2:30pm. We are asking all citizens and business places to clean-up, edge walks to make Opelousas clean, green, and beautiful.
 Mrs. Betty Foret, Opelousas Garden Club

Prayer Intentions

Ashley Allemond, 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, 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, D. 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 Wyle

It is Diocesan policy that to put someone on the Prayer List, you must first have his or her permission.

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, April 24	NO Religious Ed.
Monday, April 25	OFFICE CLOSED 5:30pm Choir Practice for 5:00pm Mass 6:15pm Rosary at Monument
Saturday, April 30	8:30am 1st. Communion Retreat
Sunday, May 1	10:00am First Holy Communion 10:55am Choir Practice for 10am Mass 6:15pm Religious Ed Class

OC Corner

OC recently received a check from Community Coffee for about \$900 on the UPC labels collected from family and friends. The school thanks all supporters and encourages everyone to continue sending OC these labels along with the General Mills Box Tops and the labels from Campbell's products.
 The Annual Angel Appeal Drive is underway! Please consider a gift for this year's effort to enhance the Foundation Trust Fund and to purchase more new desks for the new classrooms as well as playground equipment for the elementary campus.
 May God bless all, and HAPPY EASTER!!

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.lafayettecece.org OR call 984-7954.

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 Thomassee, 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

CHURCHMartin J. St. Amand
 CHAPEL ..Success of "Catholics Come Home" program

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group V Betty Leleux, Week of Apr. 30, 2011
Group VI..... Norma Hargroder, Week of May 7, 2011

The glory and joy of Christ's Resurrection is exciting to anticipate and celebrate. Stewardship expressions are reflections of the spirit and love of the person sharing them. We can continue Easter's rejoicing in the months ahead through our efforts...one moment at a time.
 Rejoice!!! Alleluia!!!
Father Brady and staff wishes all a very
HAPPY EASTER!!!