

The Pastor's Corner

Today we conclude the Easter Octave. Every day since last Sunday has been celebrated liturgically like Easter Sunday. This past week, my hope is that all of us have been able to meditate on the glory of Christ's resurrection and the promise that it holds for us, the promise of eternal life. It is fitting that today we also have the celebration of First Communion for 32 of our children at the 10am Mass. It is such a joy to see our young people receive Holy Communion for the first time. Our congratulations to them and their families during this very special time. We also want to thank those who participated in the First Communion classes to prepare them, especially Phyllis Guidry and Ann Purser.

Finally, today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Pamphlets explaining the devotion are in the racks at each door of the church. In accordance with the devotions, confessions will be heard in the church beginning at 3pm today. Once again, HAPPY EASTER, and may the Peace of the Risen Christ remain with you throughout the rest of the Easter Season and the rest of the year!

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 those who work in the media may always respect truth, solidarity and the dignity of each person. MISSION: That the Lord may grant the Church in China the capacity to persevere in fidelity to the Gospel and to grow in unity.

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 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.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of May 1, 2011

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Reading I Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 118 "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting."

Reading II 1 Peter 1:3-9

God has given us new birth.

Gospel: John 20:19-31 My Lord and my God!

In imitation of the first Christians, we now devote ourselves to listening to the teaching of the apostles. Let our hearts rejoice with glorious joy as we hear the familiar Gospel story of Thomas, the apostle who doubted. As we are nourished at the table of the word, let our response be the same as that of Thomas. With joy, let us acclaim the risen Christ with these words: "My Lord and my God!"

Bulletin Bites

"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

On the evening of that first day of the week" Jesus appears to his disciples who were in a room behind locked doors. He said, "Peace be with you" and breathes on them and gave them the power to forgive sins. He passed on to them the responsibility for fulfilling his mission and message. Since Thomas was not with them when the Lord appeared, he had some doubts. A week later they were still hiding behind locked doors, but now Thomas was with them. He saw Jesus and proclaims, "My Lord and my God." Jesus knew that Thomas and the others believed because they had seen. He also knew others who had not seen him would come to believe. That is us. Fortunately, we have the faith of Thomas, the other disciples, and billions who have believed in Jesus over the 2000+ years to support our faith in Jesus as our Risen Lord. What are we doing to deserve that faith? What are we doing to nurture our faith? What are we doing that will lead others to believe in Jesus because of our faith? What are we doing to carry on the mission and spread the Gospel of Jesus? As good stewards, we are called to fulfill the mission and message of our Risen Lord.

PARISH PICNIC

The St. Landry Church Picnic is 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.

There are sign up sheets on the tables near the confessionals. If you are planning on coming to the picnic, please put your name on the list as well as the number planning to attend. We need a head count to get an estimate of the number of people coming. We want to make sure we have enough food and drinks for everyone.

Please come with your lawn chairs 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

Mondays in May

Come honor the Blessed Mother during May and pray the rosary for world peace and an end to abortion. All are invited to join the Catholic Daughters in prayer at the Grotto behind St. Landry Church every Monday in May at 5:30pm. Bring your lawn chair or a towel to sit on. Debbie Fay---CDA President

What are you grateful for today? Have you expressed thanks to God for His love and gifts? How will you show appreciation? Rejoice with awareness of your blessings!! Celebrate the Risen Christ! Alleluia!

MASS INTENTIONS



AND CELEBRANT

Saturday, Apr. 30. . . . . 8:00am Father Brady Good Samaritan

4:00pm Father Brady Jeanette Lalonde, Una Moreau, James E. Martin, Richard Savage, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, James (DA) and Callie Palmer

Sunday, May 1. . . . . 8:00am 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 a.m. . . . . 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. . . . . Msgr. Melancon St. Landry Church Parishioners, Harold Savoy

Monday, May 2. . . . . 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon Callie Palmer

Tuesday, May 3. . . . . 12:05 pm Msgr. Metrejean Cleo (BD) and Thelma Aucoin

Wednesday, May 4. . . . . 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon Jesse Soileau

Thursday, Apr. May 5. . . . . 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon Cecile P. LeBlanc

Friday, May 6. . . . . 12:05 pm Father Brady Joseph & Ruby Lalonde

Saturday, May 7. . . . . 8:00 am Father Brady 4:00 pm Father Brady

Jeanette Lalonde, Jimmie Roland Greco (BD), Ronnie J. Vidrine, M/M Robert Going Sr., James E. Martin (DA), Sr. Mary Joseph LaFond, DC and Joseph LaFond, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and family, James & Callie Palmer, M.M Joseph LaFond

Sunday, May 8. . . . . 8:00 am Father Brady Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard, Irene J. Pitre, M/M John FaKouri Sr., John Jr. and Jacob, Youle & Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St.Amand, Noemie Greco and Laura Thibodeaux, Gertrude A. Marks and Maryina Courville, Janis and Rebecca Courville, Souls in Purgatory, Eddie DeKerlegand and Olivier & DeKerlegand families, Velma & Gail Boss, Brian J. Dendy (Deployment) and Dona H..Clary, Evelyn Arnaud

10:00 am . . . . . Father Brady Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Sam & Helen Guillory, Chester, Maius and Myra Rozas, Olivier and Dully Fruge, Nestor and Etha Joubert, Ludy David Latiolais, Alice Evelyn T. Batton, Marie Grace Stelly Soileau, Frank Miller, Joseph & Ruby Lalonde, Ernie & Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly, Joyce and Mickey Hollier, Vernita Stelly, Edward "Poochie" St. Cyr, Bobbie Mouton, Beverly Faul, Delores Ortego, Evelyn Batton

5:00 p.m. . . . . Father Brady St. Landry Church Parishioners, Ludy David Latiolais, Ann Tuminello, 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 Your Stewardship To God Every Gift Comes From Above. Regular Collection .....\$5,618.80 Maintenance/Repair Fund .....\$115.00 Endowment Maintenance/Repair .....\$200.00 Bishop's Services Appeal .....\$57.00 Opelousas Catholic School .....\$857.60 Good Friday .....\$786.25 Easter Collection .....\$1,225.00 Thank you for your generosity!

Second Offertory Today St. Landry Church Maintenance Fund and Catholic Home Missions

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

- Sunday, May 1 10:55am Choir Practice for 10:00am Mass Monday, May 2 8:30am OC High School Awards 5:30pm Choir Practice for 5pm Mass 5:30pm CDA Rosary @ Grotto 6:15pm Rosary at Monument Thursday, May 5 6:30pm Pre-Baptism Class Friday, May 6 7:00am First Friday Adoration 8:00am All School Mass and May Crowning Saturday, May 7 7:45am Benediction 8:00am First Saturday Mass

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, 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

The High School Awards Ceremony will take place on Monday, May 2nd at 8:30am in the St. Landry Catholic Church. Parents and family are encouraged to attend. In addition, the special "May Crowning" Mass is set for May 6th at 8:00am in church.

Parents, grandparents, alumni, family and friends are reminded of the 2011 Angel Appeal Drive now in progress. Please be an "angel" and consider a gift, large or small, for the children of Opelousas Catholic.

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 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.

Returned to Christ Through Death

The St. Landry Church parishioners offer prayers and sincere condolences to the families of

Jesse J. Soileau; Joseph D. Marks; Delores Ortego; Bertha Pavy and Ida Guillory

O Lord, grant to those who have died the joy of your presence, and us who are living, the happiness of knowing this.

Friends Day for May 21, 2011

Fr. Randal Moreau will present a morning of reflection on the topic of Dating and Waiting. This will be held at the Community of Jesus Crucified at 421 1/2 Carmel Dr. in Lafayette. The time is from 9:00am until 12:00noon.

For more information call Gloria Matte @ 896-0524.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH.....That all may be reconciled with Jesus & the Church CHAPEL.....Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group VI..... Norma Hargroder, Week of May 7, 2011

Group VII ..... Gwen Fruge, Week of May 14, 2011