

The Pastor's Corner

What a beautiful day it was last week for our parish picnic. It was great to see so many come out and enjoy the Church grounds and each other's company. Much work went into putting everything together. I want to thank all who helped set up, cook, and clean up. Particularly, I want to thank Dirk and Dee Boudreaux for heading up the organization of the picnic and our office staff and maintenance staff who put in extra hours to help things run smoothly. Finally, several local businesses and organizations helped us by providing equipment and food, and we sincerely appreciate their generosity. They are:

- Sheriff Bobby J. Guidroz
Tony Chachere's
Opelousas Fire Department
Lafond-Ardoin Funeral Home
Opelousas Police Department
Knights of Columbus - St. Landry Council
B&D Marble and Granite
Kane Hebert and Fun Jumps Unlimited
District Attorney
ABC Insurance
Mitch Olivier

Fr. James Brady

GRADUATION PRAYER

Dear God, bless our graduates. We are so grateful for them and for what you have accomplished in them. Yet your work is not finished. Continue to mold these graduates.

Help them give with their soul and not count the cost, to move from the sideshows of the world to the big "tent" of your kingdom, to toil and not crave rest, to fight and not heed the wounds, to dream and not just remember.

O, Almighty Father, help them use wisdom as a guiding star, courage as a secret fuel, strength as a virtue not as a virus, self-confidence as a guarantee of success.

Inspire them, O Lord, to will cultural enrichment not only wish it, to have convictions not only opinions, to be daring not only devout, to have commitment not only intellect, to have focus not only enthusiasm, to be a vessel not a vault.

Dear Lord, give them guidance to know when to rush and when to change, when to hold and when to risk, to be Your "salt of the earth" and Your "light to the world"!

We pray these blessings on them and on us, for we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

REMINDER FOR CHILDREN

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

Stewardship Expressions

We continue our celebration of Easter reflecting on the generosity of God's love realized in Christ's Resurrection. This is an awakening season for observation, reflections and outreaching stewardship expressions. Each of us has been created to manifest the glory of God that is within us. The Blessed Mother is especially honored throughout May as a role model for all. We celebrate other mothers too, remembering their stewarding efforts in nurturing life, fostering development and serving many and varied needs. Let us celebrate and show appreciation throughout the month of May for the love and gifts that surround us each day.

Pope Benedict's Intentions for May

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.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of May 22, 2011

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Reading I Acts 6: 1-7

They chose Stephen.

Psalm 33 "Lord, let your mercy be in us, as we place our trust in you."

Reading II 1 Peter 2:4-9

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone

Gospel: John 14: 1-12

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

For several weeks we have heard the story of the early Christian community's growth in faith and members. They faced a dilemma that we face today—the need for more ministers to spread the Good News. Let us listen attentively to today's scriptures. As we hear the Lord Jesus announce that he is the way, the truth and the life, let us pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. May many more people turn to the way of the Lord and respond by living lives dedicated to ministry in his name.

Bulletin Bites

"I came so that you might have life, and have it more abundantly."

The care of sheep in the Holy Land and elsewhere has not changed in thousands of years. Wherever you see a sheep you see a shepherd. Sheep have no natural defenses against predators, and might even die if not lead to food and water. Sheep know the voice of their shepherds and shy from strangers. When possible, sheep are kept in a pen with a gate. Jesus compares Himself to a shepherd, and it is the relationship of shepherd and sheep, and the function of the gate, that is important. Jesus, as true God and true man, is the source of all that we are, and have, and will be. He is our provider, protector and savior. It is our responsibility to know His voice and to respond with gratitude expressed in generosity to others. We pass through Jesus to a more abundant life by imitating Him and by loving one another as He loved us. That is the true meaning of stewardship, being grateful to God for His gifts and generously sharing them in justice and love with others.

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

Around the Diocese

- Upcoming Retreats: For women: June 2-5 July 7-10
Mid-week for Women June 27-29
Married Couples September 9-11 and October 28-30
Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House. For more information call (337) 662-5410 or visit our website www.ourladyoftheoaks.com

Come to the Well (A day of restoration for those who have suffered a loss.)

June 4 from 9:00am to 3:00pm in Marian Hall at Immaculata Center in Lafayette. This is a special day for those who has suffered the loss of a loved one or may be grieving any type of loss.

First Communion Pictures

First Communion pictures are ready to be picked up at the office in Valentin Hall. Please note the office hours are: Monday through Thursday—8:30am—Noon & 1pm 4pm Friday 8:30am---Noon

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANT



Saturday, May 21. 8:00am Msgr. Melancon 4:00pm Father Brady
Jeanette Lalonde, James E. Martin, James Kirt Cormier, Julius Lambert (DA), Ray Thibodeaux
Sunday, May 22. 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 Dendy (Deployment) and Dona H. Clary (DA)
10:00 a.m. Father Brady
Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; James D. "Robi" Robison (DA), Daniel & Louise Lagrange, Frank Miller, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Irl White
5:00 p.m. Msgr. Melancon
St. Landry Church Parishioners, M/M Jesse J. Pitre Sr., Miles Conner (DA)
Monday, May 23. 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon
Marie Virginia Titard & Louis Titard LaFond; Guy & Hattie (BD) Elder and daughters
Tuesday, May 24. 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon
Special Intention
Wednesday, May 25. 12:05 pm Father Leger
Marcylee Thibodeaux (BD)
Thursday, Apr. May 26. 12:05 pm Father Brady
Lois Harmon
Friday, May 27. 12:05 pm Father Brady
Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr., Eli (DA) & Theresa Speyrer and Agnelia (DA) & Sidney Munsey
Saturday, May 28. 8:00 am Father Brady 4:00 pm Father Brady
Jeanette Lalonde, James E. Martin, Velma and Gail Boss, Ray Thibodeaux
Sunday, May 29. 8:00 am Father Brady
Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard, Youle & Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, Brian J. Dendy (Deployment)
10:00 am Father Brady
Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Frank Miller, Marie V. Titard, Ezra & Velma (BD) Martin and Denise Hull
5:00 p.m. Father Brady
St. Landry Church Parishioners
**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\$5,946.97
Maintenance/Repair Fund\$126.00
Catholic Home Missions\$1.00
Bishop's Services Appeal\$1,072.00
CCD\$235.00
Black & Indian Fund\$10.00
Every Gift Comes From Above. Thank you for your generosity!

Second Offertory Collection Today Opelousas Catholic Foundation
Second Offertory Collection Week of May 29 Tornado Victims In Southern United States

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK
Sunday, May 22 10:55am Choir Practice for 10:00am Mass
Monday, May 23 5:30pm Choir Practice for 5pm Mass
5:30pm CDA Rosary @ Grotto
6:15pm Rosary at Monument
Wednesday, May 25 Happy Ordination Anniversary Msgr. Melancon!!
Thursday, May 26 8:30am K – 5 Awards

Prints of Immaculate Conception Church
Art prints of the Immaculate Conception Church in Washington are available in Valentin Hall for \$10.00 each. Also, note cards (8 in package) are available for \$10.00. Please make checks payable to Immaculate Conception Restoration Fund. The prints are signed and numbered by the artist, Ted Bertrand.

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, June Carriere, Brandon Castille, Nelson "Shorty" Castille, Raylyn Chapman, John Clary, Maryina Courvelle, Lou D'Avy, Robert Danaher, Glenn Derington, Dr. Seldon Deshotels, Harley Doucet, Olivia Doucet, Lane W. Dugas, Vickie Duplechain, Kacey Dupre, Shirley Emonet, Tristen Estes, Linda and Terry Fontenot, Craig S. Guillory, Hal Guillory, Ted Guillory Jr., Larry Hargroder, J.B. Hargroder, Roberta Johnson, Agnes Kidder, Vanessa Landry, Renella Lavergne, Brittany LeBlanc, Marcel & Pat LeBlanc, Norma Jean Leger, Dale Martin, Deacon John & Mrs. Laura Miller, Julie Mouton, Lonnie and Cindy Ortego, Gil Ortego, Yvonne F. Pellerin, Ruby Pitre, Helen Richard, Joseph James Robin, Jimmy Roy, Novella Sebastien, Carrie Soileau, Patrick Steward Jr., Tommy Strange, Mamie Terrebbonne, 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

Angel Appeal gifts are still coming in! Those received by June 17th will be acknowledged by name in the summer SAGA newsletter. God bless our angels!

Parents are encouraged to attend the following year-end programs: Pre-school Awards, Thursday, 8:30am in the gym and Kindergarten through 5th grade, at 8:30am in St. Landry Church. ID pictures for next year will be taken Friday morning for those in grades 5—11. May everyone have a safe and relaxing summer!

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 next scheduled weekend is 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.

2011 Hurricane Prayer Service

Hurricane season will begin June 1, 2011. Four regional Hurricane Prayer Services are planned in the Catholic Diocese of Lafayette. An Ecumenical Prayer Service is scheduled in the North Region at St. Mathilda Catholic Church, 800 Laurel, Eunice on Thursday, May 26, 2011, 6:30pm. For more info. Call Jackie Griffin at 831-2621.

Memorial Day Ceremony

The American Legion Post 45 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2483 will conduct a Memorial Day Ceremony after 10:00am Mass on May 29. The ceremony will take place in front of Father Joseph V. LaFleur Monument. All veterans are urged to attend. For more information contact Ken Thibodeaux at 942-2736.

SANCTUARY LIGHT
CHURCHVelma Martin
CHAPELAll newly confirmed

ALTAR SOCIETY
Group II Pap Roy, Week of May 28, 2011
Group III Irene Soileau, Week of June 4, 2011