

The Pastor's Corner

The last few weeks have been busy for most of us, as with the late Easter Triduum, First Communions, Confirmations, graduations and all the other various awards banquets, recitals and tournaments that mark the end of the school year, very few of us did not have "extra duty" for attending these events and the receptions and/or post-celebrations. Whew...it's time for summer vacation! And hopefully, many of us will have the opportunity to take a break and enjoy our families and friends over the summer. That's a good and healthy thing. However, over the summer, remember we don't take a vacation from God. We've traveled through the disciplines of Lent and the joys of Easter, and hopefully have grown closer to God. The summer is not a time to allow the gains we've made in our relationship with God to dwindle. Regardless of the time of year, we do not take a vacation from God. How would we like it if He took a vacation from us? As we plan our vacations, wherever they may be, we should be sure to research not only the accommodations and activities during that time, but also how, when and where we will attend Mass. God wants to be with us at all times, the only question is if we want to remain close to Him, and are willing to let Him remain close to us!

Fr. James Brady

REMINDER FOR CHILDREN

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

Patriotic Rosary

Come pray the rosary for all those who serve in the US Military, elected officials, religious, and for each state of the Union. All parishioners are invited to join the Catholic Daughters in praying a PATRIOTIC ROSARY at the Fr. Verbis Lafleur monument in front of St. Landry Church on Memorial Day, Monday May 30 at 6:00pm.

Bring your lawn chair or a towel to sit on. WEAR RED, WHITE AND BLUE!!!

Debbie Fay---CDA President---942-9701

Stewardship Expressions

Think back to the wonders of youth in discovering the beauty and details of God's Creation. Recall the feel of grass between your toes, and pools of water following spring rains. Think of the scent of flowers blooming, in full arrays of color and beauty. Observe butterflies, newly emerged from cocoons, and other signs of new birth. Recall the hours of fun enjoyed playing out-of-doors on spring days. Listen to the sounds that come with seasonal changes.

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.

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

NOTICE

The La. Conf. of Catholic Bishops have declared, Friday, June 3, a day of Prayer & Fasting for protection from hurricanes.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of May 29, 2011

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Reading I Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Peter and John laid hands upon them.

Psalms 66 "Let all the earth cry out to God with joy."

Reading II 1 Peter 3:15-18 Christ suffered for sins to lead us to God.

Gospel: John 14: 15-21 I will give you another Advocate, the Spirit of truth.

Today's scriptures are filled with messages of inspiration for all of us. In the first reading, we hear remarkable stories of healing. In the second reading Saint Peter reminds us to be ready to let others know why we are people who live in hope. And in today's Gospel the Lord Jesus promises that he will send the Holy Spirit. As we continue our sojourn through the fifty days of Easter joy, let us acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit in the sacred word proclaimed this day.

Bulletin Bites

"I will ask my Father and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of Truth..."

Today's Gospel continues with the Last Supper Discourse. Jesus leaves no room for ambiguity: "If you love me you will keep my commandments." For his part, Jesus promises, "I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees him nor knows him." Our God created us; keeps us in existence; lived like us; died for us; rose from the dead as our guarantee of eternal life; and is with us always. Jesus is the model of Stewardship. As the popular song proclaims, Our God is an Awesome God. He reigns from heaven above, with wisdom, power and might. Our God is an awesome God. How can we respond to such an awesome God? Our response is to acknowledge, accept, develop, and use all that God created us to be for our own benefit and enjoyment, and for the benefit and enjoyments of others. If we listen carefully, we may be able to hear Jesus shout, "That would be awesome!"

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.

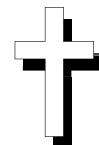
Special Needs Cursillo

Anyone who needs a slower pace Cursillo experience is invited to attend on August 4-7, 2011.

Accommodations are provided for the handicap and elderly as well as anyone who requires special attention. Nurses will be on hand to administer medication and to help the needy.

A sponsor who has made Cursillo is required and needs to apply for the candidate who wants to make the weekend. Contact person is Gloria Matte--896-0524

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANT



Saturday, May 28. 8:00am Father Brady Good Samaritan 4:00pm Father Brady Jeanette Lalonde, James E. Martin, Velma and Gail Boss, Ray Thibodeaux Sunday, May 29. 8:00am Father Brady Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard, Youle & Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St.Amand, Brian J. Dendy (Deployment) 10:00 a.m. Father Brady Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; Frank Miller; Marie V. Titard; Ezra & Velma (BD) Martin and Denise Hull, M/M Lee Martin 5:00 p.m. Father Brady St. Landry Church Parishioners, Harold Savoy Monday, May 30. 12:05 pm Father Brady Una Moreau, Sarah Guidroz (BD) Tuesday, May 31. 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon Special Intention, Maryina Thibodeaux Courville Wednesday, June 1. 12:05 pm Father Brady Tornado Victims Thursday, June 2. 12:05 pm Father Brady Alexis (DA) and Carl Lanclos. Irl White (BD) Friday, June 3. 12:05 pm Father Brady Mary Titard (BD) Saturday, June 4. 8:00 am Father Brady 4:00 pm Father Brady Jeanette Lalonde, Ronnie J. Vidrine, M/M Robert Going Sr., James E. Martin, Walter Baillio (DA), Ray Thibodeaux Sunday, June 5. 8:00 am Father Brady Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard, M/M John FaKouri Sr., John Jr. and Jacob, Alton, Elizabeth and Louis Vernon Joubert, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Martin J. St.Amand, Eddie DeKerlegand and Olivier & DeKerlegand families 10:00 am Father Brady Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Frank Miller, Bobbie and Julie Mouton, Steve and Ronnie Ardoin and the Rider family, M/M Lee Martin 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 Your Stewardship To God Every Gift Comes From Above. Regular Collection \$4,685.33 Endowment \$1,000.00 Bishop's Services Appeal \$786.53 Maintenance Repair \$111.00 CCD \$5.00 OCS \$1.00 Home Missions \$1.00 Thank you for your generosity!

Second Offertory Collection Today Tornado Victims in Southern United States Second Offertory Collection Week of June 5 St. Landry Parish Maintenance

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK Sunday, May 29 10:55am Choir Practice for 10:00am Mass 11:00am Memorial Day Service Monday, May 30 5:30pm Choir Practice for 5pm Mass 6:00pm Patriotic Rosary at Fr. LaFleur Monument 6:30pm Parish Council 6:30pm Pre-Baptism Class Wednesday, June 1 7:00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament Thursday, June 2 7:45am Benediction Saturday, June 4 8:00am First Saturday Mass

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 Courville, 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, George Gremillion, Craig S. Guillory, Hal Guillory, Ted Guillory Jr., Larry Hargroder, J.B. Hargroder, Margie Hebert, Roberta Johnson, Agnes Kidder, Vanessa Landry, Renella Lavergne, Brittany LeBlanc, Marcel & Pat LeBlanc, Norma Jean Leger, Dale Martin, Deacon John & Mrs. Laura Miller, Marguerite Miller, Brandy Monde, Julie Mouton, Lonnie and Cindy Ortego, Gil Ortego, Yvonne F. Pellerin, Ruby Pitre, Helen Richard, Joseph James Robin, Jimmy Roy, Lauren Sebastien, Novella Sebastien, Carrie Soileau, Patrick Steward Jr., Tommy Strange, Mamie Terbonne, Mary Thomas, James Touchet, Paul Vidrine, Lou Vidrine, Annette Voorhies, Gene Williams, Brandy Willingham, Warren Wyble, Mike Young

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

OC Corner Congratulations to the Opelousas Catholic top-ranking graduates; Courtney Arceneaux, Valedictorian; Eric Dupre, Salutatorian; Logan Doucet, Historian; and Dorian Durald, Recorder, along with all other graduates who worked hard over the last four years. The Scholastic Athlete Awardees are Olivia Artall and Eric Dupre. On the athletic side, OC is proud of the Lady Viking of the Year award recipient, Gretchen Soileau and the Viking of the Year, Dorian Durald.

Recently Celebrated Marriage Vows Derek Matthew Wyble and Sammye Jo Harbour May the love and trust you enjoy, grow evermore in your lives

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.

Returned to Christ through Death The St. Landry Church parishioners offer prayers and sincere condolences to the family of: Maryina Thibodeaux Courville O Lord, grant to those who have died the joy of your presence, and us who are living, the happiness of knowing this.

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.

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.

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.

SANCTUARY LIGHT CHURCH Therese Fontenot CHAPEL All Veterans, Living & Deceased

ALTAR SOCIETY Group III Irene Soileau, Week of June 4, 2011 Group IV Sarah Wagley, Week of June 11, 2011